



James Edward Steiner

October 3, 1947 - March 31, 2013

JAMES EDWARD STEINER October 3, 1945 ~ March 31, 2013 James E. Steiner, "Big Jim", of Vancouver, WA, died on March 31, 2013, from complications of cancer. Jim was a retired Army signal officer and also retired from the Small Business Administration office in Portland, OR. Jim is survived by an uncle, John Steiner, of Federal Way, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held on Sat., April 20, 2013, 12:30 pm, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684. Memorial remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society .

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Jims life was all about service. I knew him from his arrival at SBA Portland in 1996 through his post-retirement weekly Friday visits to counsel for SCORE. He always wanted to help, starting early in the morning and finishing late in the evening. He shared many late evening chats with me at work, which are some of my fondest memories of him. Many of Jims vacations were also of service, from helping older relatives with computer needs to cleaning graves on Veterans Day. Every Saturday until his dad passed, he and his dad would go out for breakfast and then do laundry and other chores. Even after Jim took ill, he still came in to SCORE when he could to counsel. This world was a better place from having Jim in it.* ”

Sue Pickgrobe - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ *'Paying it forward' was the ruling guide for Jim's life. Unfailingly helpful, generous and kind, he also knew his stuff. There was no finer colleague during my work with SBA in Portland.* ”

Inga Fisher Williams - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Big Jim, you are gonna be missed. From all of us at Catworks, a huge thank you! See ya someday on the other side...* ”

Mike Nieto - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ You were one of the nicest persons that we have ever met, you will never be forgotten. I will always remember breaking bread with you, even if it was Pizza; and how you always left the door of opportunity open as you encouraged us and many others to follow their dreams and walk through it. I will always remember your kindness and willingness to help others and us included, we will truly miss you.

Kent & Donna Boeglin - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

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TS

“ The SBA family is really going to miss Jim. He was always friendly and willing to help. Sorry to hear the news. Codolences to the family.

Ted Schinzel - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim was a great friend to SCORE, its clients, and its members. He helped me personally on numerous occasions and he will be greatly missed.

Jim Heath - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I am so very sad to learn of the passing of Big Jim Steiner. I first met Jim when I was the SBA Regional Administrator and had responsibility for Oregon. Jim was such a delightful man with his beaming smile. He was also a great employee. Big Jim Steiner will be greatly missed!! Thank you for allowing me to sign this guestbook. Sincerely, Norm Proctor Boise District Director U.S. Small Business Administration 380 E Parkcenter Blvd Suite 330 Boise, ID 83706

Norman Proctor - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Big Jim was a true champion for small businesses. He always went above and beyond to assist, with determination and a cheerful attitude. He was a good man and will be missed by so many. Rest in peace, Big Jim.

Nancy Porzio - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Jim, your heart was the biggest I had ever known - you gave so much to so many. May God use you in heaven to your fullest potential. Say hi to my daughter Taylur. I will always remember you.

Harry DeWolf - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ "Big Jim", a favorite within SBA. Worked with him in the early '90s in Washington DC Metro Office and kept in touch all these years. A really nice guy.

Mike O'Neill - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Jim, I always admired you for among many other things, you reminded me of the "Eveready Bunny" who goes on and on and on. So we were counting on you Jim. What happened? Even though you officially retired from the SBA, the next day you were at the SCORE. As late as just a few months ago, you helped me over the phone, that too on a weekend. You didnt stop until the job was done! You were the walking encyclopedia on small business matters. You always made our dreams appear within reach and counseled so many of us, the small business owners from the bottom of your heart so we could achieve those dreams. No one could miss that big voice of yours, integrity, dedication, intelligence, that humorous twinkle in your eyes and the magnanimity of your heart in helping so many of us including myself whose life you touched. I think your middle name should have been Big (Heart) Jim!! I will miss you dearly. I am sure you are still watching on us with a remote session. Take good care.

Vijay Deodhar - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I worked with Jim Steiner for many years at the Portland Oregon SBA Office. He was such a wonderful friend and mentor. Jim was a genuine person that placed helping others first in his life. He made this world a better place. Even though we lost Jim sooner than had expected, I am so blessed that I had the opportunity to have such a great friend. Sue Richardson

Sue I. Richardson - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ "Big Jim": you will be missed. I hope and trust your family knows how much your life's work has impacted (in a good way) everyone in the small business and veterans organizations you worked with.

Tim Shea - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Big Jim was always a great supporter of veterans. Our veterans have lost a good friend. I'm am so sorry to hear of his passing.*

Mary J. Merrill - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Big Jim will always be my greatest hero. Always helping so many, asking nothing in return. I am proud to say that I did reply to his thousands of emails. I will forever will cherish our Sunday breakfasts. Evergreen is a beautiful resting place we visit every May- should any of you pass by each year then and see Wild Indian Paintbrush or Rhododendron, know that it came from a silly mountain girl that is now a successful CEO with the help of Big Jim Steiner!*

Kim Erion - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I got to know "Big Jim" through the SBA 8(a) program. Through the years in working with him, I was awestruck by the amount of time and effort he put in to working to help other people. He helped people not only in his place of employment, but also in his free time. I rememeber calling him one time on a Sunday morning, and he was in the middle of fixing a computer for an elderly woman at her house. That has always stuck with me and made me realize that his life really was helping other people. I will miss him. Todd Carson*

Todd Carson - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Dear Mr. Jim I only met you once at a Native PTAC meeting held months ago in Beaverton. But frequently heard about you from Small Businesses in the area. I too discovered how outspoken you were in support of the Small Businesses, had a big heart, and was very knowledgeable about all the small business programs offered to economically disadvantage small businesses. You taught me so much during the short time at the Native PTAC meeting. Thank You for all your caring and I dearly hope and believe so your goodness will come back to you. Your family must be proud; meanwhile we will all miss you dearly. May our Heavenly Father watch and care for your/your soul as you sleep awaiting the return of Jesus Christ.

Lea Zumwalt - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim Steiners passing away. He was a very dear person to me, the most dedicated government professional I have ever met. He had been assigned to our company as a Business Development Specialist so I had the privilege of working with him for over 5 years. Jim was so knowledgeable in everything pertinent to federal contracting. I learned so much from him. He will be greatly missed.

Carmen Nazario - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I will always miss your big smile and the wonderful laugh of our "Big Jim". He was a wealth of knowledge and always ready to help anyone with anything he could. He is one of the most wonderful people I have ever met! Marta Clifford (GCAP)

Marta Clifford - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HS

“*“Big Jim” was always available for me and other SCORE members...He helped me so many times, that my wife Petra 'baked him a bread' for his services rendered! Howard & Petra Shapiro*

Howard Shapiro - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*Thank you Big Jim! I was new at government contracting and you showed me kindness and patience. You always took the time to share your knowledge with me. Hugs, Lisa Brookshier*

Lisa Brookshier - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“*One of the greatest people I've met in my life. He was a great friend, mentor, and educator to me as well thousands of people whose lives he touched. "Big Jim" will be remembered for many years.*

Carroll Bernard - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM