



Timothy James Hegedus

September 10, 1949 - April 30, 2021

Tim Hegedus, 71, passed away at home surrounded by his family on 4-30-21 after a short 2 month battle with cancer.

He was the son of Don & JoAnne Hegedus of Longview, WA. He attended CWSC in Ellensburg where he met his wife Jackie. Upon graduation they moved to Vancouver where they built a life they loved. He began a career at the VSD as a teacher, friend, coach, & mentor. He always said he would quit teaching when it wasn't fun anymore, that's why he was working in some capacity for over 45 years. CR was his second home and family and he will always be a Chieftain.

Tim loved everything about the outdoors & win or lose, the Seahawks were his team. He was so proud of the cabin he & Jackie built at the beach. Lots of fun times & memories were made there with family & friends. Most of all he loved his family, whether by blood or extended. He loved planning trips for the whole family, Disneyworld, Alaska, Lake Shasta, Hawaii, Spring Training, Bahamas, Mexico, and many more.

Anything he could do for his family or friends he would without thinking twice. Drives to college, putting in lawns & decks, rototilling, food trips, Seahawk games, or just listening & giving advice.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jackie, children Brent Hegedus & Jennifer & Matt Dockter, grandchildren Makensie & Timothy Belmont, Taylor Dockter, & Maya Hegedus, mother JoAnne, sister Kim, sisters-in-laws Marjorie, Connie, & Judy & numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Tim's wish was for people to make a donation to the Columbia River Athletic Hall of Fame Fund at the Community Foundation for SW Washington at <https://www.cfsww.org/>

"The little boat of you & me went sailing on the deep blue sea. We weathered winds & crashing waves and we were strong & true & brave. And we were still in love so we kept sailing on the deep blue sea. The little boat of you & me."

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ RIP, You will always be remembered, such an awesome teacher, Mr. Hagedus I was able to graduate because I was able to go to zero period. Thank you Mr. Harris for all your support always in my heart and memories❤️



Morris Sales - May 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ This was a hard event to hear. Time seems to stand still and go fast all at once. 22 years ago Mr. Hegedus had me as his aide for his senior class. He kicked me because I distracted too many other kids, He made me run for catching me smoking cigarettes and the first time I met him he called me soap dish because he said I was the size of one. He was one of the few teachers who understood me and understood who I was. He impacted so many lives and I feel privileged to know I was blessed to be one of them. Thank you Mr. Hegedus, you will be missed.

Sophia stalliviere - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Tim was the first neighbor I met when we moved in across the street from him almost 27 years ago. Over the years we'd meet frequently in the middle of our dead end street and share family updates and laugh at the lists our wives would give us for things they wanted us to do around the house. I'd often walk out to see Tim cleaning a fish on the tailgate of his truck after a good morning on the river. I will miss his laugh and the conversations we shared. I will miss you my friend!

Kevin Hayden - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mr. Hegedus was one of my absolute favorite teachers! He always made classes fun and was never afraid to roust you for things. One of my favorite times this happened was senior year the Superbowl was the Steelers v. Seahawks. Me being a die hard Steelers fan decided that Friday before the game I would wear all of my Steelers gear to school. I walked in the door to his class and his response was "GET OUT!" Of course I didn't actually leave and he proceeded to give me a "0" on my current events that week and wrote "GO SEAHAWKS!" underneath. Then later on my report card was going home and he crossed out my A and wrote "changing to F, Steelers fan" on it. Then one at graduation he had to get in one last jab and as I'm walking across the stage to get my diploma he's standing there, shakes my hand, then puts his arm over my shoulders and under his breath mutters "did you hear about Ben Roethlisberger's motorcycle accident, sounds like it was rough". He was such a unique soul and I treasure those memories because he was the only teacher that would dish it back as much as we gave it.

Kari Schroeder - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Hi Courtney. Class of 2011 here, which is when he retired. That Twinkie tradition carried all the way through to his retirement. I love to see how long that tradition was for.

Ashley Walker - May 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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DA

“ Tim was a great mentor, friend and fisherman. Because of Tim, Boyle and Zahler, I will be forever know as "Mop Squeezer." I couldn't have had a better group of teachers and friends as a Rookie teacher at Columbia River. Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. Tim, you will be missed.

David Armstrong - May 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Steve Wallace let me know Tim had passed, such sad news! I have known him since Brent and I played T-ball together. From the baseball fields, to the swimming pool, and the classroom, Hegedus was a great person to be around! Fishing at Zahler's place on the Kalama River...awesome memories! During my Sophomore year, O'Day talks me into joining the swim team... during one of our conditioning days Hegedus yells at me, "Rosen, the butterfly stroke is like having sex, c'mon, what is wrong with you?!!!" My reply, "Uh coach, as much as I would like to say I know what you mean..." His reply, was his shit eating grin he had and shaking his head. One night during a party, a bunch of us decided we would TP his house, he waited until we finished, then came outside and admired our work, and then tell us to clean it up. In 1991 when I was home from the Marine Corps on leave after the Gulf War, I had spent the previous night out with friends partaking in a few adult beverages, and showed up to talk to his CWP class the next morning about Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait...the entire time he sat in the back of the class with Brian Bailey making faces at me and to make sure Brian did not say anything (Brian was with me the previous night). To the Hegedus family, I am sorry for your loss, The Chieftain Tribe has lost a very good man, who inspired many, challenged even more, and definitely left his mark on each an everyone of us. Rest in peace Hegedus!

Mike Rosen - May 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So glad that we got this picture with him our senior year 04 we framed it for him and gave him a gift as well. I have so many amazing memories of being in his class and him as a teacher. He was one of a kind and every person that got the chance to know him or being on the presence of him I'm sure their lives were better because of it mine sure was. I had to post this you will be dearly missed Heggie.

Sherry kelly - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Mr. Hegedus was one of my favorite teachers. I wasn't the best student but I actually did well in his class and enjoyed having him for the dreaded CWP we were required to take to graduate, even though you loved to try and embarrass me by telling me to quit sucking face and get my butt to class when I was saying goodbye to my boyfriend. A few years years after graduating we briefly became related by marriage. I remember him telling me I could call him Tim. I had no problem saying Tim and Jackie but Tim.... you'll always be Mr. Hegedus to me. Jackie, Brent and Jennifer, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I know what a close family you are and how crushed you must feel. Losing someone you love so much is just hard. 😊* Kristi Arant Gates

Kristi Gates - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Mr Hegedus will go down as my favorite teacher of all time. I remember my senior year (2002) me and AJ skipped his class and went fishing. Word got back to him as to where we were. He had Brenda watch over his classroom while he came looking for us. I remember looking down the trail near the pond we were at, and seeing him walk towards us! He said if we didn't beat him back to school, we'd both be getting a Saturday school. That moment, and the smile he had on his face, and the jokes that were made because of that is something I'll never forget. He was one of a kind!*

Ray Croon - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ There was another time he and I decided to race back to school from lunch. We lived very close to each other, so we'd always see each other coming and going from lunch. Anyways, we were next to each other at the stop light and knew it was on. We took off from the light, only to see a motorcycle cop at the bottom of the hill. Cop pointed for me to pull over, while Mr Hegedus was allowed to keep going!! I ended up with a ticket over it. I got back to school and he was waiting for me. He felt so bad, and gave me a big hug, all while holding back from laughing! Mr Hegedus touched the lives of many. The impact he had on my life is something I will never forget.

Ray Croon - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Oh heggie, how dearly you are missed. I hope you're surrounded by a sea of twinkies up there! I will miss your kindness and your ability to make anyone smile, even after doing a grueling swimming warm up. Rest In Peace, heggie.

Audra M. - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Tim was one of River's best and I will miss him. He always had a smile and a good thing to say- and I loved his wicked sense of humor! I loved hearing his stories about his weekend fishing adventures. My condolences to his family.

Janine Blackwell - May 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Hello - I was one of Heggie's many many swimmers at Columbia River High School. I was actually an Art Schooler to chose to swim for River. He was a phenomenal coach and person. He brought humor and joy, and made us get the work done when we needed to. As someone who automatically felt like an outsider joining the team, he helped me feel included and at home. Every year for his birthday, which was always toward the start of the season, every swimmer would buy him a box of twinkies and hand it to him as we got on the bus. He saw potential in me when I didn't, believed in me when I didn't, and gave me opportunities I don't think I would have had if I had swam elsewhere. Words can't describe the impact he had on the youth of Vancouver, and words can describe how much he will be missed by all who loved and cared for him. His memory will live on in all of us <3 Courtney Miller - Class of 2007

Courtney M - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ As a teacher at River the past 8 years, Tim was always a smiling face when I would see him subbing. He always asked how I was and you knew he cared in how you responded. I will miss chatting with him about his family and his trips. My condolences to Tim's family. He was SO proud of all of you.

Julie Christian - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I got to know Tim because Jenn and Matt were my neighbors for almost 19 years. I had the honor and pleasure to spend time with this very kind, funny and devoted family man. Whether it was a day of fishing on Matt's boat or simply a conversation near the mailbox, I always enjoyed Tim's sense of humor. Whether the conversation was about the Hawks, Mariners or fishing it didn't matter. I'm saddened by the loss of this great man who served his community with dedication, loved his family greatly and always had time fo talk to a friend. May God Bless Him and Keep him forever. Seth Klein

Seth Klein - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My heart is saddened by the loss of such an amazing man. I'm honestly not sure I would have graduated high school without his help. He was loved by many. I will miss running into him in the mornings at Arco. It always put a smile on my face to see him.

Maggie - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Mr.Hegedus not only had my mom for his student but my older sister too, when asked which one of us was his favorite he said me because I always made his day by telling him to smile and of course bringing him Kripsy kreme donuts since I worked there in high school. He was my absolute favorite teacher I still talked to my children about him. He lived right down the way from my grandparents and I would see him drive by from time to time. He will absolutely be missed sending my condolences and love to his family, friends and all the many lives this wonderful man touched. I was lucky to have known him and have him in my life in high school because he absolutely was what made my senior year the best.

Sherry Kelly - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Tim (aka Mr. Hegedus) was one of a kind and such a great man. I remember him always being so positive and his big smile and even larger signature laugh. It was a pleasure to work with him as a fellow teacher and swim coach. Loved seeing him at River any day and just chatting. Such a wonderful man who will be greatly missed by many.

Jamie Keiser - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I remember Heggy having to leave early one day In our CWP class at Columbia River HS. I was a senior of course. Class of 04'. He Looks at us all, me in particular; dead In the eyes and says. Do not leave this classroom. So what do I do, I skip class and go play Bball in the small gym as he leaves. Of course He comes and tracks me down. Says, "Tallmadge get your ass back to my classroom your in deep shit. As hes banging on the window near the stairs to the locker room. Pointing at me and mouthing (ur mine as well) haha, Never a duel moment with Mr. Hegadus. Always so colorful even in 6th period when you would think he didn't care to teach. But never him. True legend At CRHS. I send my condolences his wife who I knew from Jason Lee and his family. Heggy, you ole chip off the ole block. You will be missed my friend!!!

Matthew Tallmadge - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Mr. Hegedus was one of my absolute favorite teachers. During senior year his class was the one that I most looked forward to each day, and some of my all time favorite high school memories took place in his classroom. He fostered an environment that was full of laughter and fun, and he took a genuine interest in the well-being of each of his students. We could banter with him in a way that we couldn't with other teachers, and it meant a lot to all of us. My condolences go out to his family and friends on their enormous loss.*

Rachel Tumbleson - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM