



Jim Self

May 14, 1941 - December 13, 2020

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James Dean Self was born on May 14, 1941 in the Bisbee hospital, the first born son of Herman Dean Self and Winona Elizabeth Wilson- Self. Shortly after he was born his parents moved him to St. David where he spent his childhood with his mother and later his younger brother Don while his father went into the Navy in World War II. Some of his fondest memories as a child were of times spent living with his grandparents James and Rose Wilson. He spoke often about his childhood memories as a young boy and all the interesting things he learned from both his grandmother and his grandfather which he believed help make him the man he later became in life.

As a young man, Jim's aspiration in life was to be a cowboy like his uncle Ruben Wilson. He broke and trained his first horse at the age of 13. He quickly gained a reputation among some of the local ranchers for being a "good hand" and was hired to break and train their horses. The local ranchers soon realized that Jim was not only a good hand with a horse, but a hard worker and was hired by many of the local ranches to help during branding and gathering season to include the Kartchner Ranch, Post Ranch, Haverty Ranch and Horse Camp Ranch at the age of 14.

He attended St. David High School where he excelled in sports. He loved playing basketball, football, and competing in track. He was tall, athletic and a star player for St. David High School in the mid to late 1950's. When he was

17 he applied for a job with the Forest Service in the Santa Rita Mountains as a Fire Guard. He had to tell them he was 18 to get the job but he needed work and knew he would not let them down. During this time he met the love of his life, Linda Burkett of Benson. They fell in love and were married in Benson, AZ on January 26, 1962. Jim went to work for the Sands Ranch when they married and then went to work for the Little Boquillas Ranch. Jim and his wife Linda had 3 daughters while working for the Boquillas over a 10 year period. They lived at the Whetstone Camp, Herford and Fairbank Headquarters where Jim was the Foreman. Jim loved ranching, and being a cattleman and teaching younger men how to be a true American Cowboy. He loved raising his family on the ranch and having his younger siblings and family come out to ranch and share his ranching experiences and lifestyle with them. He built a solid reputation throughout Cochise County for his sincere honesty, integrity and hard work ethic. So much so that in the early 1970's the Sheriff of Cochise County, Jim Judd, contacted Jim and asked him to come to Bisbee to talk with him about becoming a Deputy for the Cochise County Sheriff's Department. He joined the department, moved his family to Willcox and attended the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy where he graduated with honors. He worked for the Cochise County Sheriff's Department from August 1, 1973 to October 26, 1992 when he retired as the Sergeant. Shortly after his retirement, he and a group of his fellow officers collaborated to form a Law Enforcement Rodeo Association known as the L.E.R.A. Jim and his wife Linda participated in the L.E.R.A. rodeos held all over the state of Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada for many years and built lifelong friendships and memories along the way. Jim considered these times as some of the best in his lifetime. During his retirement he ventured back into the cattle business and partnered with his brother Don Self on building a 100 head cow/calf operation. Jim was happy being back in the saddle and being a cowboy again. He also went to work for the Arizona Department of Agriculture as a part-time Brand Inspector. He enjoyed going out to all the local ranches and visiting with them and spending his Wednesday's and Thursday's at the Willcox Livestock

Auction checking in cattle and visiting with all the patrons of the livestock sale. When he wasn't working for the State, or working on his ranch, he enjoyed team roping with friends, attending the L.E.R.A rodeos with Linda, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a friend to everyone he met. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and grandfather. He was our hero and our foundation and he will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Self, his daughters Penney Hubbard, Jackie Tomaszewski, and Katie Musselman. Grandchildren Tyler and Shellby Deitering, Edward Musselman and Latisha Skellen. Great grandchildren Averyanna Musselman, Jacob Musselman, Autumn Skellen, Arya Musselman and Noah Knightglaz. Brothers Steve and Scott Self, sisters Rosemary Arnold, Fonda Nicholls and Vicky Kartchner. He is preceded in death by his parents Herman and Winona Self, brothers Rex Self and Don Self.

Memorial services for Jim Self will be held on January 2 at 12:00 p.m. at the Willcox Quail Park Arena located at 801 N. Quail Dr. & Ft. Grant Road, Willcox, AZ followed by a luncheon (approximately 2:00 p.m.) at the LDS Church at 900 S. Encanto St., Willcox, AZ.

The family of Jim would like to thank Dan Douglas and the Westlawn Chapel for their compassionate service, the Cochise Community Hospital and all the staff for the loving care they gave Jim during his last days and all of the friends and loved ones who have sent their many heartfelt condolences and blessings. We are touched and grateful to you all. Linda, Penney, Jackie & Katie. The family would appreciate that contributions be made in lieu of flowers to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Road, Tampa, Florida 33607 or on line at lovetotherescue.org

Previous Events

Memorial service

JAN 2. 11:59 AM (MT)

Quail Park Rodeo Arena
1138 N. Quail Drive
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Self*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Hello, my name is Hector Celaya, class of 1959, St. David Arizona. Jim was a classmate of mine. He was the nicest person, good personality, very congenial. Often wondered what happened to him & the rest of my classmates. Of course 1959 was a long long time ago. I know the Lord Blessed him !*

Hector Celaya - January 07, 2021 at 04:40 PM



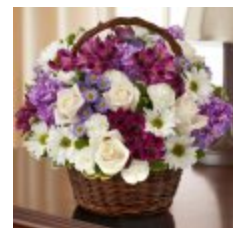
“ *Rich and Lois Voss*



Rich and Lois Voss - December 30, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Jim Self.*



December 29, 2020 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ Our love and prayers are with you. We have very fond memories of Jim and he will be missed
Danny and Judy



judy chastain - December 29, 2020 at 03:50 AM

GA

“ *Gussie And Sharon Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Gussie and Sharon Arzberger - December 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

RH

“ *Richard And Dorothy Hoyler lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Richard and Dorothy Hoyler - December 26, 2020 at 03:53 PM

TD

“ *We are so sorry for this loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to Linda and Family. May you rest in peace Jim.*



Tony and Wendy Davis - December 22, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JD

“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers for Linda, family, and all your loved ones.



John and Jacque Diaz - December 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM

KC

“ Kelly Colbert lit a candle in memory of Jim Self



kelly colbert - December 22, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy and love to all the family . . . Paul & Jackie Lee



Jackie Lee - December 19, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Will always hold memories tight, and loved ur spunk. Always so caring and forever grateful you touched my life. Linda will always be in our prayers.

Amber Mills - December 19, 2020 at 12:26 AM

LW

“ *Lina Martinez Weaver lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Lina Martinez Weaver - December 17, 2020 at 12:33 AM

DD

“ *Delrena Dabovich lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Delrena Dabovich - December 17, 2020 at 12:10 AM

CW

“ *Claude And Sissy Walker lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Claude and Sissy Walker - December 16, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Self.*



December 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



kathy thatcher - December 16, 2020 at 09:26 AM

LB

“ *I will treasure many memories of a wonderful man! My love and prayers to Linda, the girls and all his family and friends!*



LaDonna Burgess - December 15, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *Linda, Jackie, Penny and Katie, our deepest sympathy. Jim was an awesome man, we loved him dearly. So many memories too many to mention. We'll miss him dearly. Your in our thoughts and prayers*



Chad, Carol & Dylan Case

Carol Case - December 15, 2020 at 06:59 PM

SH

“ *Linda, Penny and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Paul really enjoyed visiting with Jim.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Paul and Shannon Bales*

Shannon - December 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Rob Clark lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Rob Clark - December 14, 2020 at 07:22 PM

GE

“ *We are so sad to hear the loss of a wonderful man who shared so many good stories of love for his family. God Bless this family. Heavens lucky to get this cowboy. RIP The Ely's*



Gary Ely - December 14, 2020 at 07:03 PM

CM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jim will be missed by many. He was such a loving father and husband.*

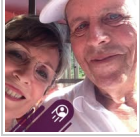


Candy morgan - December 14, 2020 at 12:03 PM

LH

“ *My prayers for the family. Jim you will be missed by many.*

LisaMarie Humphries - December 14, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Our condolences and love to all of the family... We are very sorry for your loss. Paul and Jackie Lee*



Jackie Lee - December 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

KS

“ *Kevin Schmelzla lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Kevin Schmelzla - December 14, 2020 at 09:35 AM

SA

“ *We were so very sorry to hear this sad news. Our love and condolences to the Self family.*



Susan&John Arbuthnot - December 14, 2020 at 08:09 AM

JI

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - December 14, 2020 at 06:33 AM

ES

“ *Edna Scott lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Edna Scott - December 13, 2020 at 11:30 PM

RM

“ *Robin And Tommy Miller lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Robin and Tommy Miller - December 13, 2020 at 10:58 PM

AT

“ *Angela Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Jim Self*



Angela Torres - December 13, 2020 at 10:44 PM

CB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort in the midst of your sorrow.*

Marty and Cheryl Bowlby

Cheryl Bowlby - December 13, 2020 at 10:04 PM

GM

“ *Gus & Rita Morales lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Gus & Rita Morales - December 13, 2020 at 08:26 PM

HF

“ *Jim Rest in Peace....
Jesus M Figueroa & I loved you.
Please say hi to Jesus for me in Cowboy Heaven...*

Hector Figueroa - December 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM

BA

“ *Betsy & Cary Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Jim Self*



Betsy & Cary Ajeman - December 13, 2020 at 07:16 PM