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James M. Oldfield was never known by his given name, he was known by friends and family as Barney. Barney was born on January 17, 1937 in Marion, Indiana. He was one of four children born to James and Alta Oldfield. He came to San Diego in the early years of his marriage to Flora M. McLaurin who also never used her given name. She was called Donnie by those that knew and loved her. Dad and Mom raised their family of five in Poway, California on the best street in the town. It wasn't the best because of the address, it was the best because of the people. We are proud that my parents were a part of such a strong-knit community that valued friendship and family above all else. We all have fond memories of our house being the gathering place for children and adults, under the huge pine tree there was plenty of laughter and I am sure gossip. All of us children have deep regret that we have not been able to find a clone of Erin Lane on which to raise our children. Dad will be missed by all that knew him, but most especially by his family. We know that he is in a better place and has been rejoined with the love of his life, whom he has been without since November 3, 2005. But we will always regret that we didn't have more time with him. He is survived by; his brother, Tom Oldfield of Escondido; his oldest son, James Oldfield of Escondido; his only daughter, Cheryl Oldfield Cook, her husband Jason of Vista, his granddaughters Kaitlin Cook of Vista and Cassandra Cook Porrazzo and his great-grandson Nicholas Porrazzo of Murrieta; and youngest son, David Oldfield, his wife Karin and his grandson Daniel of Wildomar. Our Dad was considered quiet, of course that may have been because those around him were certainly not the quiet types. But he was known for having a great sense of humor and would often drop "bombs" when no one was expecting it, causing quite the uproar. He was also known as the "fix it" man in the neighborhood. He was always working on some kind of project, I think he was a frustrated inventor. He never throw anything away, so if you needed something, he was the man to see. Our Dad always had five things with him



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wherever he went; his cell phone, a pocket knife, a small notepad, a pen, and a flashlight. He really had an unhealthy obsession with lights, we are not really sure how that came to be but it is gloriously documented by the plethora of lighting that was attached to anything that he owned. Thank you for being our Dad, Brother, Friend and Confidant. You will be missed.



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DC

Dorothy Courtney posted:

As one of the Erin Lane Family I can attest to the wonderful afternoons when we gathered under that pine tree. As well as the fun times in the desert riding dirt bikes with the Family. That was indeed the village we raised our family in. Barney and Donnie will long be loved and remembered by the friends and family left behind. They will live on as we tell the stories to grandkids and great grandkids. We will meet again under the Pine tree in heaven. Love you all Dottie & Jeff Courtney

September 26 at 5:00 PM

KO

Karin Oldfield posted:

Farewell my Friend and Father In Law you're leaving it's time for you to go, Things I feel so most deeply are the hardest things to say. My Dearest Barney, I love you in a very special way. Your friendship was a blessing and I will miss you so. We've shared so many secrets and at times we've laughed and cried. You've taught me so much and brought me happiness with your kind and caring ways. I don't think you could ever know how much you've touched my life and just how special you were. It was so hard to 'Let You Go' and when the time came and I finally did, I knew God would be there to catch you. A part of my heart you took with you but your love you left me to keep. So we never really parted. The bond between us is just too deep. I LOVE you dad! Your Daughter In Law & caregiver, Karin Oldfield

September 26 at 5:00 PM

JL

Joseph Lemon Jr posted:

God bless you family of Mr. Oldfield. He would be very, very proud of you, as am I.

September 25 at 5:00 PM

DO

Diane Oldfield posted:

As Barney's (I called him Jim) future sister-in-law, Tom and I spent many evenings with Jim and Donnie in their cozy home in Poway, mostly talking. When Tom got out of the Navy, he lived with Jim and Donnie. Whenever I called to talk to Tom, Jim would answer and, not being able to tell their voices apart - I made several dates with Jim instead of Tom!! Finally I became suspicious whenever I spoke to him! He was a great kidder! I will miss his teasing and his kind heart! Diane Oldfield

September 25 at 5:00 PM



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EP

Eddie Panko posted:

Whenever I think of Barney I always remember his big brown Ford Pickup, with running boards, and lights...and more lights. Yes, the man did love his lights! But mostly I remember his and Donnie's kindness and helpfulness to me with my many extended visits to their homes in Poway and Escondido. Some of the best memories of my life are from those visits. Barney was always wanting to help me work on my car, at times much more than I did. One summer I drove out from Oklahoma in a car that had been stored for quite some time, by the time I returned at the end of the summer Barney had that car rehabbed better than new! He taught me how to change fluids, belts, hoses, filters, you name it. I was able to drive that car for years afterward due to his help but I really think he did it just so he could make fun of me later trying to get the grease and oil out of my fingernails! I regret that I will not be able to attend his memorial service. My condolences to you all.

September 25 at 5:00 PM

CC

Cheryl Cook posted:

A friend of mine after hearing about Dad's passing told me that I was one of the lucky ones. She is right. Dad showed me what it was to take pride in a job well done, showed me how a real man takes care of his family above all else, and showed me romantic love between a husband and wife. Really what else is important? The life I have now is because of him and Mom, and I will be forever grateful. My heart is broken, but it will mend and I will have great memories of my father to share with others. I love you Dad.

September 24 at 5:00 PM

JA

Judy Apodaca posted:

my condolences go out to you all.he sounds like a wonderful man. much wonderful memories. my thoughts and prayers are with you all

September 24 at 5:00 PM

DO

Daniel Oldfield posted:

Dear Grandpa Barney, I miss you and I love you so much. I remember helping you build and paint the birdhouses. We also put together the airplane model and the dirt bike one too. I was so glad when you moved into the house because then I could see you everyday. My favorite thing we did was plant strawberries and tomatoes in the garden together. I used to like to bring you diet 7-Up and read books to you. I will miss going desert camping without you. Now you will be closer to our kite when I'm flying it.Love Your Grandson,Daniel (age 7)

September 23 at 5:00 PM



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JS

Jan Simpson posted:

I appreciate the times I saw Jim (called that at the OTHER Barney's house!) while visiting my sister Diane at family gatherings. He was the quiet brother who would slip in a "zinger" unexpectedly with his dry sense of humor and crack us all up. Diane's sister Jan

September 23 at 5:00 PM

KO

Karin Oldfield posted:

Father In Law stand for:F flashlightsA andT toolsH He'sE EverR ReadyI IfN NeededL Lovingly LendingA AW Wrist and a Wench!!Love Ya DadKarin

September 23 at 5:00 PM

TT

Terry Trudo posted:

So many cherished memories. Loved our special times meeting in the desert before our kids came, having lunch, ice cream bars and chit chat. When we had Daniel, just being grandparents together. How you delighted in that little boy!!! Loved when you came to my Moms and you would count how many rolls she ate with such a grin on your face. What a special man and how you will be missed as we loved you so. Thank you for being you!!!Terry and Howard Trudo the other Mom and Dad

September 22 at 5:00 PM

GJ

Greg Jewell posted:

Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.

September 22 at 5:00 PM



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