



## James Edward Bonneville

March 20, 1980 - August 9, 2025

James Edward Bonneville, 45, of Ephrata, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 9, 2025. He was diagnosed in January with metastasized bile duct cancer.

James was born on March 12, 1980, in Houston, TX. He and his brother, Brian, grew up surrounded by loving parents and grandparents, enjoying family camping trips, cross-country travel, Boy Scouts, and playing the trumpet in his school band.

We often encountered calamity on our trips but our “Bonneville humor” always came through and supplied many stories to share. James could repair and solve any strategic problem. He would simply look at a crossword puzzle piece or damaged engine and know the solution. He and his brother helped roof many homes with dad and grandpa.

After high school graduation, James joined Job Corps at Fort Simcoe. He completed their culinary class, then cooked three meals a day for students and staff. He completed their diesel mechanic course, taught by the local White Swan Operator-Engineer school.

James’ first job was welding rod iron fencing at The Links at Moses Point. He worked road construction and repaired diesel equipment around the state for Central Washington Asphalt. He worked 13 years for Randy’s Auto Parts and Towing, and then continued employment at NAPA. Employers and customers relied on James’ expert mechanical knowledge and customer service. He loved working the pits with the Hector family at race events and target

shooting with family.

James married Shasta Hatcher at the Hitching Post in Coeur d'Alene, ID on November 2, 2002. They were the most unorthodox but loving family around! They enjoyed swimming at Billy Clapp Lake, sledding behind James' Blazer (before law enforcement arrived), playing canasta, and barbequing at family events.

James was a loving son, father and grandfather to his "chicken nuggets". He was a caring and supportive friend to so many.

James is survived by his sons Matthew (Cecilia) and Dayne; parents, Dwight and Linda Bonneville; his brother, Brian; in-laws, Greg and Connie Turcotte; six grandchildren, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shasta, in 2017, a beloved grandchild in 2021, and his grandparents, Mike and Evelyn Lannigan, and Roy and Madge Bonneville.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 10 am, United Methodist Church, 117 C Street NW, Ephrata. An informal reception will follow, allowing friends to share fond memories.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (PT)

United Methodist Church  
117 C Street NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall

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“ He was such a good man. So funny so kind would do anything for anyone. He called me his sour patch kid and I called him Grandpa tow (tow mater) he would always do anything for anyone I'll never ever get a friend like him again.

Bree Musser - August 14, 2025 at 11:49 PM

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“ James was the epitome of the word friend. It didn't matter the time, nor day, if you needed him, he was there. Im so thankful for the memories of raising the kids together and will never forget all of our 3am conversations while i was at work & he was out being batman. I will also forever be thankful for the opportunity to help walk him home. James, thank you for you. Thank you for your friendship, your knowledge, your sons and your family. You are loved. Then, now & always. ☐

Kimberly Lynn - August 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM

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“ James was a beautiful little boy who grew onto an amazing man. Love found a way.

Linda Klein - August 13, 2025 at 02:35 AM



“ I've known James since he was a little boy I just seen this on Facebook I'm so sorry to his family he was a great guy my thoughts and prayers for everyone who loved him



Michelle Dellsite Brown - August 13, 2025 at 01:28 AM

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“ *Im sorry for your loss. James will be missed by so many. James had a heart of gold and a giving soul. Rest in peace My Friend*

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**Julie** - August 12, 2025 at 10:07 PM