

Jim Hoey's Passing



Christian Shane writes: "Sad news to share: Jim Hoey passed away July 13, 2020 in his Colorado hospice room from heart failure.

His daughter Kim shared that she talked to him yesterday, and he was in good spirits. There's not much to tell yet about a memorial service in the fall due to COVID. She thinks his ashes will be spread out in the Colorado Mountains and streams.

"For those of you who didn't know Jim, he owned Hoey's Fly Shop in the North Hills, and was well known in the Pittsburgh Fly Fishing and tying community.

Bob Bukk reports: "Jim was a humble and truly wonderful man.

"I loved my visits with him at the shop. He was always ready and willing to swap stories. He will be missed.

Here is his wife's information if you'd like to send condolences:

Shari Hoey
5353 Palomino Ranch Pt, Unit 204
Colorado Springs, CO 80922-6117

Jim wrote many articles for Hatches and Rises. One of Jim's poems:

"Beneath a cold refracted sun
A lens and covering of ice abounds
Diffusing light to dappled depths below
To rocks and pebbles – through ripples
and runs.
Thoughts and dreams are carried on
descending rays
To wintering trout, so still ... contained
Yet we know with lengthening days
They will be the measure of our times –
The resonance and refrain"

- Jim Hoey

This update from David Vitipal (7-17-20):

I have been a good friend of Jim Hoey for many years. I will miss him. His wife Shari called me today to share some info. She is staying with her daughter for a while and letting her granddaughter and her friend rent her home. So if anyone wants to send a card or letter there is a new address you can use:

Shari Hoey
7955 Swan Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80908.

She said she will still be able to pick up mail at the house as well.

Shari is planning a MEMORIAL
SERVICE in PITTSBURGH:

Date October 3rd at 1:30 PM
Location: Ross Community Church 4501
Nelson Run Road 15214.

All of this is dependent on the Covid Virus. She will keep me posted if things change. There will be light refreshments following the service. If you feel you cannot attend the service you may send a letter to her and she will read it at the service.

Shari wanted me to pass this along because she knew that Jim had many friends back in Pittsburgh.

David Vtipil for Shari Hoey