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Jim Nelson

BIRTH	21 Mar 1941 Boise, Ada County, Idaho, USA
DEATH	11 Mar 2010 (aged 68) Seattle, King County, Washington, USA
BURIAL	Unknown
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Jim Nelson was a risk-taker. His family and friends all understand why he chose stem cell transplant when he was diagnosed with MDS, Myelodysplastic syndrome in June 2009. Although he was not a high risk patient, for reasons unknown, the transplant failed miserably. He passed away at 11:25 p.m. on March 11, 2010 in UWMC hospital in Seattle, Wash. A man known for his vitality, intellectual curiosity and social adeptness, he wanted to continue his life just the way he had lived it. It was all or nothing. Boise was his home base. He was born here on March 21, 1941. He attended Boise High School, then graduated from Brown Military Academy in California. In 1965 he graduated with a BA in English from Columbia College in New York City. Travel was one of Jim's favorite past times, but he was always excited to be home again; to have breakfast with friends, dinner with the grandkids and go to his morning taekwondo. Some of the places he and his wife, Karin, and assorted friends visited over the years are numerous: Argentine, Chile, Galapagos, Educardo, Panama, Morocco, Nepal, Vietnam, Dubai, France, Germany, Italy, China, Turkey, England, Norway, Africa, Greenland, Mexico, and most of the United States and on and on. One of his latest undertakings was driving his VW bud to Guatemala to learn Spanish. He also grabbed a friend and drove to Cabo St. Lukas and back. Travel was only part of Jim's passions. The Boise community benefited greatly through his generosity. Some of his endeavors are lasting legacies. Raising money for the Morrison Center was one of his friend involvements. Then the greenbelt was his focus, and when BSU needed an outdoor amphitheater, he and Ron Yanke built in single handedly. More contributions were to follow: For many years he served on several boards. West One Back, BSU Foundation, Boise Art Museum, St. Luke's Hospital, past president of Hillcrest Country Club, past president of the Associated Contractors of affection. It is ironic the Idaho Statesman once called him "the great polluter" because of his mining interest, while he is now know for his interest in saving the environment. Life was not all fun and play, there was work to be done. For more than 30 years, he was president of Nelson Construction which was a major Idaho employer. Before settling in Boise and becoming the man we know today, Jim enlisted in the military and served three years in the army intelligence corp. In 1967, while in Europe, he met his future wife Karin Blom. His father, Rudi Nelson, had to bail them out with a plane ticket to Boise. He started work with his father and eventually Nelson Sand and Gravel became Nelson Construction. Jim's sisters, Bobbie Miller (Ray) and Pat Roehl (Ray) always said he was born under a lucky star. The star may have faded now but he was lucky after all. He lived a good life and had a loving family and lots of great friends. Jim's two children and their families live in Boise. How lucky is that? Chris Nelson married a Norwegian girl, Tove, and they have two children: Emma 11, and Epsen 8, (on March 28.) Angela Nelson Edwards married Chris from Boston and they have two boys: Nick 11 and Ben 8. Grandpa was so proud of them, and hopefully they will remember the Sunday night dinners with him, which were always such a special event.

A memorial service will be held at the Peregrine Fund, Monday, March 22, 2010 starting at 3 p.m. It is located south on Cole Road to where the road turns. There is a gate at the right. Go up the hill to the top. Contributions may be made in Jim's name to the Peregrine Fund: 5668 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709

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