

## Carl (Jody) Joseph King Class of 1980



Carl Joseph King, affectionately known as “Jody King” was a record setting high jumper for the Cavemen. Jody grew up in the Grants Pass area and attended Grants Pass High School for four years (1976 - 1980). At 6 foot 4 inches tall, he was a tremendous athlete who excelled in football, basketball, and track, lettering in all three sports his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Jody is well known for his high jumping skills and charismatic personality. He was the Southern Oregon Conference Champion for 3 years (1978, 1979, 1980). In 1980 he was the State Champion and set a new GPHS and State Class AAA record at 6 '10 ½” for the high jump. Jody still holds that record at Grants Pass High School today.

He also received a Certificate of Award from “Who’s Who in Oregon Track” All -State Team in 1980 and was presented with a plaque from the U.S. Coaches Association honoring him as a prep All-American.

After high school, Jody moved to the Portland area and attended community college for a couple of years while he worked for General Distributor and Pepsi-Cola. Jody’s passion for sports never waned. He became an excellent skier and naturally transitioned into a ski instructor. He shared his knowledge and skills in hopes that others might experience the joys of skiing as he did. He became a member of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol which was dedicated to rescue, emergency care and public safety for the Mt. Hood recreational community. His warm heart fueled his desire to help.

Later Jody became a certified scuba diver where he had great fun exploring underwater environments. He was always looking for an opportunity to participate in various sports. He even took up hunting. He was an athlete to the core of his being. He was also a dog lover, and his boxers held a special place in his heart. After Jody moved to Arizona, he became an avid golfer. This proved to work out well for his 15 years as district manager for Coca-Cola. He was often sent out to do a day’s work on the golf course with clients or business partners.

Jody also had a passion for being of service. Every year he looked forward to being a volunteer bell ringer for the Salvation Army. His neighbors and friends have endless stories of him pitching in to help them on different occasions. He rarely met anyone who did not become his friend. He was a glass half full kind of guy always looking for the best in people. Being inducted into the GPHS Caveman Hall of Fame is truly a great honor.

