James Joseph Sutherland  

**His Legacy...** James (Jim) Joseph Sutherland, 52 passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord on Sunday September 22, 2013 in Oroville California. Jim was born on August 8, 1961 in San Jose California. Jim’s 30 year career as a Caltrans Engineer allowed him to use his exceptional math skills which he shared with so many children over the years at Stanford Avenue School where they called him “Big Jim”. The children summed up their feelings for Jim on a poster they gave him recently that said “Joyful - Intelligent - Man of honor”. He will be remembered as a kind, loving, big hearted teddy bear that could hug like no other.

**His Family...** Jim’s love will be continued through Carol, his loving wife, and his beloved children Nicholas (20), Kevin (16), Benjamin (12), Emma (9), and Rebecca (8) as well as a multitude of children of his heart. Jim was loved by all who met him, and touched the lives of many. He was an amazing Daddy, husband, friend, and, as his friends would say, “an all-around exceptional person”. Jim was anywhere he was needed. At the ball park with Junior Giants or making snow cones for hundreds of kids even if it was 110 outside! He taught Sunday School at Foothill Community Church where he shared his deep love of God. He will be sorely missed but lovingly remembered.

**His Farewell Service ...** Jim’s wish was that we “not morn his passing but celebrate his life.” We will do that on Saturday October 5, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Foothill Community Church 2475 Foothill Blvd., Oroville sharing fond memories with laughter, “happy tears” and lots of food because as Jim says “that’s what Italians do...Manga!” Jim insisted that “if someone wants to send flowers, tell them that I would rather they make a donation to Stanford” Avenue Elementary School 1801 Stanford Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

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