



James (Jim) Lawrence LaClare

May 13, 1939 - January 14, 2024

James (Jim) Lawrence LaClare, age 84, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024 in St. George, Utah. He was born on May 13, 1939 to Lawrence and Beulah LaClare. He married Connie Rae Christiansen LaClare in Salt Lake City on June 6, 1969.

Jim was raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from Harvard University. He started his career at Boise Cascade, and later served as the Regional Sales Manager for the O.C. Tanner Company in northeastern Ohio for over thirty years. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he served in many capacities over the years, including as Bishop (congregational leader) of his ward, and as Stake Young Men's President (leader of a group of around 200 teenage boys). Jim enjoyed jogging, skiing, golf and traveling with his family.

He is survived by: spouse Connie; children Michael (Lauren) of Gilbert, Arizona and Jon (Julie) of Castle Rock, Colorado; 8 grandchildren; and brother Charlie. Jim was preceded in death by his brother David.

The family would like to thank all those who cared for him, including those at the Beehive Home and Zion's Way hospice, as well as doctors, nurses, friends and family members.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, those attending the funeral consider making a small donation towards the funeral costs to help them honor the loss of Jim, in accordance with his wishes.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11:00am in the chapel located at 1762 S. River Road in St. George, Utah 84790. For those who are interested, a visitation will be held at the same location from 10:00am to 10:45am

To attend by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95876074708>

Internment of his ashes will be held later in the Spring at the Vine Bluff Cemetery in Nephi, Utah.

Family and friends are invited to share any tributes online at www.SerenitySTG.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

1762 S. River Rd.
St. George, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of James (Jim) Lawrence LaClare*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - January 16, 2024 at 01:53 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - January 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

TO

“ *I enjoyed the funeral service but cried through most of it. I learned a great deal about my good friend. Most of the things I didn't know I am not surprised about because they confirmed what I already knew. That he was an amazing husband, father, grand-father, friend and a really good person.*

I know some great things about him that his family doesn't know, but they would not be surprised because that is how he was. I too will miss him, but I will never forget him and always be grateful for the many special experiences we shared.

Tom - January 20, 2024 at 02:19 PM

TS

“ Jim was an amazing man in many ways. We served together, played golf together, went on trips together (with our wives, his Connie and my Sandra), had many dinner and a movie double dates. I never saw Jim get angry or upset, maybe once or twice on the golf course, but only with himself.

“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.” ~ Flavia Weedn Jim and Connie were that kind of friends to us.

To Connie. This quote helped me when Sandra passed away on October last year.

“You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly-that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp” ~ Anne Lamott

Tom Stubben - January 19, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JC

“ Jim will always hold a special place in my heart. He was always so kind to me. He made me feel better about myself. Anytime I shared my testimony Jim would go out of his way to thank me. We had the opportunity to take a pathway class together and I learned to appreciate and love Jim even more. He was always so positive and so sincere. He genuinely cared about others. He was never too old to keep pushing himself and learning. He has been such a great example to me! The Heavens are truly blessed to have such an amazing man that doesn't have to suffer anymore. Sending love to his sweet wife and family! Love, Joy Carroll

Joy Carroll - January 16, 2024 at 10:19 PM

SB

*Sending love to Connie and family. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Love, Stacey Barrett*

stacey barrett - January 17, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MA

Jim was the true example of a GENTLEman-loved, respected and admired by those who knew him. He will be remembered for his kind heart and the compassion he showed for others. We will miss him.

Madelyn - January 17, 2024 at 12:22 PM

JC

Heartfelt condolences to Connie and Jim's family. It was my privilege to know both during their time in Ohio. Jim was a member of the High Council and Connie and I were part of the Cleveland Ohio Stake Relief Society Presidency. It was an honor to work with both of them. Jim was an easygoing person and always had the time to help others. I have thought of both of them many times over the years since their move. God be with all of you! Prayers of comfort. 🙏🙏

Joyce Chapman - January 17, 2024 at 02:19 PM

DW

Dear Connie: Julie & I will always remember sitting behind you and Jim in Sacramento Mtgs for many years and enjoying greetings and conversation before and after. I am so sorry Jim has suffered in recent years with health issues and has caused both of you grief and sorrow. So glad you found each other many years ago. Jim was always willing to do whatever he was asked inspite of needing to work many hours a day and evenings. He always took his responsibilities very seriously and was one who could be relied upon for whatever he was asked to do. We have the highest respects for both of you and I am glad you are still a good friend of Julie's. I wish for you peace in the fact that Jim was very faithful to the end and still a bright future for you both in the future. Thanks for your true friendship. Dan & Julie

Dan & Julie Wood - January 20, 2024 at 11:59 AM