



James Lott

July 15, 1942 - October 26, 2014

Dr. James Arnold Lott, 72, lost his battle with cancer on October 26, 2014 at his home in New Harmony, UT. He leaves his wife of nearly 51 years, Sandra (Miller) Lott; his daughter Kim (Jeff) Gardner of Colorado Springs; daughter Kelli (Manuel) Ramirez of Phoenix; son Jason (Christine) Lott of Dallas; grandchildren Celine, Makayla and Vanessa Ramirez and Ethan and Cade Gardner; brother Tom Lott; sister Pam (Roger) Allen; many friends, co-workers, and students.

Dr. Lott was born and raised in Hill City, KS, the second son of Clarence Lott and Vera Venlan Johnson Lott. He attended Fort Hays State College where he met his wife Sandra and received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Chemistry. James and Sandra were married on December 22, 1963 in Phillipsburg, KS. In the fall of 1964, the couple moved to Moscow, ID so he could attend graduate school at the University of Idaho. He graduated with his PhD in Chemistry and then was hired as an Assistant Professor at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU) in Maryville, MO in the fall of 1968.

During the 30 years he lived in Maryville, Dr. Lott was promoted to full professor and proudly educated thousands of students through his innovative and engaging approach to education. He drank coffee out of a beaker, squatted on lab tables and challenged students to think outside of the box. He was as unique as the pheasant feather in his hat!

Additionally, James established a successful plumbing and electrical business and served his community. In 1999, he retired from NWMSU and moved to

New Harmony, UT where he began teaching at Dixie State College until his second retirement in December 2006. He loved living "in the country" and served on the Harmony Farms water board for 12 years, including many years as President of the board. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar City, UT.

James had many passions throughout his life: hunting, fishing, metal detecting, talking on the CB radio, and camping with his family. Once he moved to Utah, he developed a passion for gardening and worked tirelessly in his greenhouse and around the property. During tomato season, he would pick up to 40 pounds of tomatoes every three days! He was preceded in death by his mother Vera, father Clarence and step-mother, Elsie Lott, who raised him.

Services for Dr. Lott will be held next summer in Phillipsburg, KS, where he will be laid to rest.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com Arrangements are under the direction of the Cremation Center of Southern Utah, 986-9100.

Tribute Wall

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“ James and I went to Fort Hays Kansas State University together in 1960-62. We were best friends and I really enjoyed to talking to him and I actually at the same rooming house in my senior year. In 1962, I went to Kansas University to get my PhD in Chemistry and we kept in contact with each other by email until he moved to Utah, occasionally we would update each other. James was truly a great friend and I was able to talk to Sandra after his passing. I miss him. James may you rest in peace and maybe some day, our spirits will cross paths
Larry Becker

Larry Becker - June 10, 2015 at 02:56 PM

PF

“ Wow, i never knew growing up with you guys on W. 3rd St. that James was a Dr. of Chemistry! Always just remember him either kicked back in his chair talking on the C.B. or working outside in/around his van. Although he was a "hard" man, i also remember him being kind to us kids also, especially when we got to spend the night with you all, you guys always had the best treats like ding-dongs, ho-ho's, and twinkles! lol. He will be missed.

Best Regards,

Pastor Chad S. Ferguson

Pastor Chad S. Ferguson - November 03, 2014 at 12:02 AM

BT

“ My first memory of Dr. Lott was from a very young age. Our kitchen sink was plugged and we were unable to rectify the problem ourselves. My mom called Dr. Lott to come to our rescue that late evening and that he did. I will never forget this guy showing up in that hat with the feather in it, hanging what seemed to be about two feet behind him. I thought that was so cool!

He was a very engaging man, who seemed to have as much time for me, a little twerp full of questions, as he did the grown ups around.

The thing that I remember most about him was his contagious smile. That smile persisted for as long as I knew him, which spanned from that first meeting, I was maybe ten, until I was in college and a student of his in chemistry class at Northwest.

He was a great man! Full of energy, enthusiasm, humor and grace. These characteristics were all reflected in his wonderful family which I was fortunate to be acquainted with through my youth in Maryville.

Many prayers are with you all and may Dr. Lott rest peacefully. God bless you all!

Brad Twaddle

Brad Twaddle - November 02, 2014 at 10:05 PM