



## James Peter Petersen

February 16, 1938 - November 7, 2017

James Peter Petersen, 79, passed away November 7, 2017 surrounded by family at UCHealth ICU. Jim was born in Harlan, Iowa to Rose and Horace Johnson, the 5th child of the couple's eventual 13 children on February 16, 1938. Grandma Rose and Horace instilled the value of family and Jim loved his mom's Cinnamon rolls, still a family favorite. He attended Harlan High School where he played football and ran track. After graduation, he headed West to Colorado to work in the flooring industry, and married Marilyn June Maul. They later divorced. Bradley and Julie Lynne were born to the couple in 1960, and 1964, respectively. In 1994, he and Alveta were married at Chapel of the Pines on Lake Tahoe. They had many good times traveling abroad and visiting friends in Michigan and Iowa. After retirement, they enjoyed their time in Bozeman, golfing and enjoying grandchildren at the Sweet Pea Festival.

Jim loved the Broncos and attended many Super Bowls as well as golfing with his buddies at Pebble Beach and other exciting sites. He was an entrepreneur and owned Petersen's Flooring for 40 plus years, as well as the Palomino Motel, and Golf Discount. Real estate was a hobby and he owned many farms and acreages with partners along the years. A member of the Loveland Fort Collins Water Board and Soldier Canyon, a favorite memory is of his grandson, Evan, campaigning door to door for him and being reelected. As a young man, he coached Little League and valued his trophies as memorabilia from that time. Jim was an incredible grandpa and loved his grands. He also enjoyed his time with his buddies at the Broiler. A magnetic personality, we never met anyone who didn't love Papa.

Jim is survived by his wife, Alveta Frank Petersen; his children, Bradley Petersen and Julie Petersen Gilmore; step children, Lauren Shafer and Brett Shafer; grandchildren, Amber Gilmore, Aaron Petersen, Alexander Gilmore, Evan Steele, Caidin Steele, and Delainey Shafer; great grands, Jaydin, Coby, and Danika, Braydin, Van, John Solano, Jamia Johnson (Ryan), Abbey McCormick, and Dannika Solano. He is also survived by three sisters, Lile Petersen (Richard), Verta Mae Larsen, and Frances Gran; and hundreds of nieces and nephews throughout the country. Jim was preceded in death by brothers, Gene, Carl, Tim, and Clem and sisters, Irene, Carol, Mary Ellen, Norma, and Linda. A Celebration of Life will take place July 28 at 2:00 pm at the Fort Collins Country Club. This

was Jim's wish as he did not want loved ones traveling in winter conditions.



# Comments

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“ Brad, Julie and The Petersen Family,  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. Jim was such a sweet man. When Brad and I were teenagers he kept a eye on us, even when we didn't know it. He and my father Harold were good friend, he will be truly missed be many. I will be always grateful for his help after my brother Steve passed.  
God bless you all,  
Leslie (Lockwood) Smith

**Leslie Smith** - December 23, 2017 at 03:15 PM

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“ We were so shocked to hear about Jim's death. What a wonderful, generous man with a great sense of humor. Our association with Jim goes far back, and the great times are too numerous to list here but what wonderful memories they are. We have a special bottle of Dewer's that we were saving for him but never had the chance to give it to him. We will bring it to the Celebration of Life in July. In the meantime, know that we send our love to you, Alveta, and to the whole family. We, among so many others, are sure gonna miss that guy!  
With love, Ken and Jeni

**Ken and Jeni Forbes** - December 15, 2017 at 03:46 PM

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“ Jim "Rugger" Petersen  
Our condolences to the family and want to let you know he was a wonderful person and a pleasure to work with. Jim and I worked together for over 40 years in development and construction industry. From small tenant finishes in the original Foothills Fashion Mall (1970's) to large school and office projects, he always performed in a professional matter.  
Also, we managed to get a few rounds of golf each year.  
Dennis & Rosalie Sinnett

**Dennis Sinnett** - November 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

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“ Was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. As his chiropractor for the past 20 years we had a lot of great conversations and lots of laughs when he was in for treatment. I will miss those times as we loved to talk about golf and life. It was always a pleasure to see Jim.

**James E James, DC** - November 19, 2017 at 06:22 PM

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“ Jim was a great guy, and he will truly be missed. I cherished reconnecting with him and Alveta these past years. Jim was one my dad's close friends and I always felt so good when I was around him....sort of a “dad thing”. They were in so many ventures together...I suppose if there are deals to be had in heaven, Jim will find them and he will be back in business with my dad again!

**Kathy Fearnot Umbaugh** - November 19, 2017 at 04:44 PM