



## James Ronald Fenner

October 8, 1941 - June 25, 2016

James Ronald Fenner (Jim) , 75, of Fort Collins, CO went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 25, 2016 following a lengthy illness; by his side were his loving family and best friends, Ron and Sherry Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Margaret Fenner. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Fenner (Kragenbring), three daughters; Dawn (Jay) Fischer, Denise Vondra (Michael), Darcy Peterson (Mike), brother, Ken Fenner; seven grandchildren, Aaron, Cody, Samantha, Amanda, Andrew, Abigail, Johannah; four great-grandchildren, Elijah, Makayla, Braydon, Matthew; nieces, nephews, and many friends .

Jim knew no stranger, without any hesitation and apparent ease, he would strike up a conversation with anyone with whom he made contact; he was known for sharing his love for Jesus in these encounters, then offering a visit to his church home. Jim rarely left home without his faithful boxer, Gunther, with whom he felt certain was welcome at all the local businesses.

Jim spent the first half of his life in MN and the latter in CO, though his passion for fishing was the same, whether for walleye in MN, or trout in the Colorado Mountains.

The majority of Jim's career was devoted to the insurance and investments industry. Prior to this, Jim spent a few years as a radio announcer and worked as a break man for Great Northern Railroad. Jim had the professional

credentials of LUTCF, CSA, earning numerous sales honors and awards. He was past President of the Fergus Falls and the Colorado Life Underwriters Association. In Jim's twenty five year career with Lutheran Brotherhood, he was consistently one of their top producers. He then joined the Principle Group, where he spent ten years as a financial consultant. Jim ended his career with Ohio National when poor health forced his retirement. He was proud to have achieved life and qualifying membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Throughout the course of his forty year career, his wife, Bonnie was not only his partner in life, but also his career partner.

Jim served as the President of Jaceeys while residing in Fergus Falls and participated in countless community service events through this organization. He served as Elder and Church Council President in numerous Lutheran churches he would call home.

While his successful career was an important aspect of how he spent his time, when asked, "what's really important Jim?" Without hesitation he would reply, "If it has nothing to do with salvation, it doesn't matter" and holding your attention, he would share accomplishments and character traits of the people he loved the most, his family. He loved his three daughters and grandchildren with zeal and adoration (noted by his vanity plates, OPAX7), but never hesitated to fulfill his role as the leader when one needed redirection. Eternal Salvation was all that mattered and the family has found enormous peace with the certainty that Jim's new residence is with Jesus.

Memorials may be given to Redeemer Lutheran Church (<http://www,redeemerconnect.com/>) and/or Lives Matter (<http://bluelivesmatternyc.org/pages/donate>)

Jim's memorial service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO on Tuesday, June 28th at 11:00 am with a lunch to follow. The

Reverend, Timothy Runtsch will be officiating.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
7755 Greenstone Trail  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ronald Fenner*



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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - June 28, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ *James Ronald Fenner*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Thinking of you this day and every day. Wishing you a Blessed & Happy day after Merry Christmas! You are thought of so many times with the Highest regard. Much love to You Jim from Michael & I. Always in our hearts!*  
*Blessings,*  
*bobbi*

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**bobbi crow** - December 26, 2017 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ *The most beautiful things in this world can not be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart! This is what Jim did for everyone he met. Our sincere condolences to all the family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will have him forever in our hearts! Blessings~*  
*Bill & Bobbi Crow*

Bill & Bobbi Crow - July 03, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Ronald Fenner.*



July 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM

KL

“ *Bonnie & family, Our deepest sympathy. We have many memories, and I (Darlene) was confirmed with Jim at St Paul's Lutheran. We will keep you in our prayers, Blessed be his memory. Karl & Darlene*

Karl & Darlene Lundin - June 29, 2016 at 07:10 PM

JJ

“ *Bonnie, Nick and I are thinking of you and know all the good memories of Jim will help you through this sad time. The video was so nice and will be there to share and enjoy the happy times.*

*Judy and Nick Johnson*

Judy and Nick Johnson - June 29, 2016 at 02:24 PM

TH

“ *Bonnie & Family*  
*Jim's life is now a memory*  
*A memory turns to a treasure*  
*To be cherished now and forever!*

*What a remarkable life he lead. We lit a candle to shine bright with peace.*

*Rob & Theresa Hable*  
*Jeff and Amanda*  
*Ben and Andrea*

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**Theresa Hable** - June 28, 2016 at 01:24 PM

DB

“ *We will forever fondly remember our first neighbors in our first house. Starting families at the same time. And we happily partied together too. So sorry for the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather.*

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**DeVonna and Richard Boline** - June 27, 2016 at 07:01 PM

AT

“ *God bless each of you in the Fenner family. Jim and Bonnie and their entire family were dear friends of Gene and me since we moved to Colorado in 1997. We enjoyed many times together, cheering on the Broncos, watching fireworks on the 4th of July, enjoying dinners together, so much more. Now Gene and Jim are together with their Savior Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.*

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**Anna Belle Thiemann** - June 27, 2016 at 06:05 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Spike sent a virtual gift in memory of James Ronald Fenner*



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**Melissa Spike** - June 27, 2016 at 05:50 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of James Ronald Fenner*



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**Chrissy** - June 27, 2016 at 11:29 AM