



## James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II

November 21, 1960 - December 1, 2016

### James Clifford Ascough II

James C. Ascough II (Jim), beloved husband, father, and friend passed away suddenly on December 1, 2016. He was born on November 21, 1960, in Morgantown, WV. He also lived in Georgia before moving to West Lafayette, IN. He graduated from Purdue University with Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in Agricultural Engineering. After a brief time at Oklahoma State, he returned to Purdue and met his wife, Lois Deer-Ascough, who survives. Jim and Lois were married at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, IN, on June 3, 1989. They moved to Fort Collins in 1994 when Jim accepted a position with the USDA-ARS as a research scientist. He was currently a Hydraulic Engineer with the USDA-ARS Water Management and Systems Research Unit.

Jim was a sports fan who loved playing and watching all sports, with his favorites being those his kids played. He enjoyed riding his bike everywhere, hiking, fishing, and being outdoors. He especially enjoyed sharing God's creation with his children, son, Thomas James (TJ) and daughter, Katherine (Katie Ann). Jim is also survived by his parents, Sue Ann Ascough of West Lafayette and James C. Ascough, also of West Lafayette and his brother, Tim H. Ascough (Ybee) and nephew Ymar of San Diego.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8th at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Fort Collins. Visitation will be held from 9:00

until time of service. Burial to follow, 1:00 PM at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins.

Please visit [www.goesfuneralcare.com](http://www.goesfuneralcare.com) to leave condolences and share memories.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Faith Evangelical Free Church  
3920 S Shields Street  
Fort Collins, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am very much shocked and saddened to learn Jim's death. I met him during a conference trip at Germany in 2011. He is a very kind, caring and lovely person. I feel honored to have met him. His passing is a terrible loss to your family and the research community. My deepest condolences.*

*Wenyan Wu from Adelaide, Australia*

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**Wenyan Wu** - November 01, 2017 at 10:58 PM



“ *I am very sorry and saddened to hear about your loss, Ascough family, friends and loved ones. He was always a pleasant smile at soccer games and a proud father to Katie, When our oldest daughter had problems with one soccer team he advocated for her and was so kind and caring. Lois and Katie from me and Mariyah, our deepest heartfelt condolences.*

*Briauna Souders  
Briauna@comcast.net*

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**Briauna Souders** - January 25, 2017 at 05:09 PM



John Shutske

“ Jim and I were grad students together at Purdue and shared many of the same friends and colleagues. It's been a LONG time, but there were also many parties, picnics, ASAE meetings, etc. Jim had such a friendly and sweet demeanor. I probably last saw him at an ASABE meeting (perhaps Minnesota in 2007?). He was always quick to run across a crowded room to shake my hand or even give me a big bear hug. MY thoughts and prayers go out to Jim's family. We will continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers through this holiday season. God Bless,

*John Shutske*

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**John Shutske** - December 26, 2016 at 09:47 AM



LO

*Of course, I remember you, John. Thank you for your kind words, thoughts, and prayers.*

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**Lois** - December 26, 2016 at 08:14 PM



EF

“ To the Ascough family, Our thoughts are with you. TG you were one of my favorite players, your growth as a student and person was why coaching meant so much to me. Your father put it in a letter to me at the end of the year party, I'll cherish his thanks forever. Coach Fletcher

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**Edward Fletcher** - December 10, 2016 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ Lois,

*I want to express my sympathies to you and your two children. We have not seen each other since you left Purdue for Fort Collins. Jim was the person Dr. Delleur told me to go see to do research at the erosion lab, in 1995. I ended up working on something different than what Jim had in mind but it was all for the better and I think we were all happy with the result. I am deeply sorry about your loss and I think about your children. I know the hole Jim leaves feels enormous. We all lose a friend and a good colleague.*

*Claire B, Columbia, MO*

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**Claire Baffaut** - December 08, 2016 at 03:53 PM

DR

“ Lois,

*I just learned of Jim's passing and wanted to send my condolences. I was one of the OSU gang of PhD graduate students with Jim in the late 1980's. He was definitely a ring leader of livening up the otherwise routine days of class and study. He was also the organizer of many dart tournaments held during that time period. I only crossed paths with Jim occasionally at professional meetings after graduation, but when we did, we always had engaging conversations but, unfortunately, we never had a chance to have a dart re-match, since the last one at OSU in 1988!*

*My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.*

*Dan Rogers*

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**Danny H Rogers** - December 08, 2016 at 10:41 AM

DF

“ 1 file added to the album Jim - 1995 to present



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**Dennis Flanagan** - December 08, 2016 at 06:01 AM

MV

“ Dear Lois, TJ and Katie,

*Jim was loved by me and so many others who were fortunate enough to have worked with him. He will be missed greatly by all of us. I will especially miss going for walks with Jim at noon and talking about science, hydrologic modeling and the business of leading an ARS research unit. It will be difficult in the coming months for me and all of us who worked with him to not be able to see him face to face and to talk to him (face to face), to enjoy his smile, his laugh and his intensity. I am truly thankful that I was gifted with knowing him and I am privileged to be able to say that Jim was my friend who I will miss greatly.*

*Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss during this difficult time.*

*Dr. Merle F. Vigil*

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**Merle F Vigil** - December 07, 2016 at 04:07 PM

PA

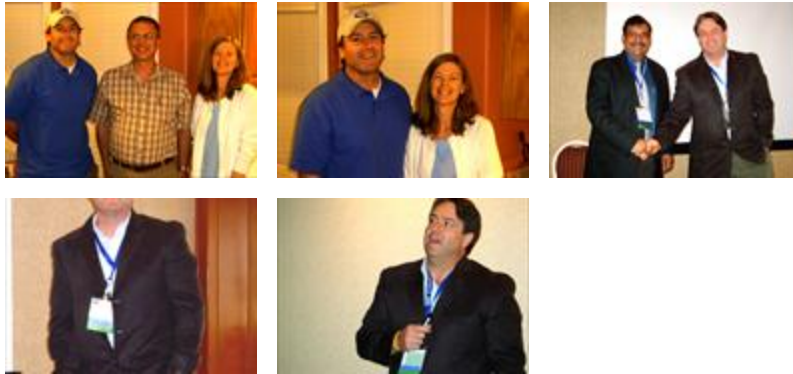
“ Lois,  
*I'm very sorry for you and your family's loss. I have wonderful memories of his days in Stillwater. Jim was a great guy...!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
Paul Weckler

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**Paul** - December 07, 2016 at 01:55 PM

DF

“ 8 files added to the album Jim - 1995 to present



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**Dennis Flanagan** - December 07, 2016 at 01:29 PM

FL

“ *From his loving Family: Mom, Dad, Tim, Ybee, Ymar, TJ, Katie, and Lois purchased the A Life Loved Casket Spray for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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**From his loving Family: Mom, Dad, Tim, Ybee, Ymar, TJ, Katie, and Lois** - December 07, 2016 at 12:47 PM



FA

“ 52 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Family** - December 07, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.



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December 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.



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December 07, 2016 at 11:57 AM

TT

“ *As I gaze at the snow this morning I remember a snowy morning in February when Robert was out of town and Jim and Katie came over to help me with my driveway. Jim was a very giving and thoughtful man. He will be remembered in our hearts always.*

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**Tina Tray** - December 07, 2016 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ *Dennis, Chi-hua, Stan, Jim, Scott, Nancy, and Dawn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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**Dennis, Chi-hua, Stan, Jim, Scott, Nancy, and Dawn** -  
December 07, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 07, 2016 at 09:54 AM

NH

“ I will always be thankful for the help Jim gave me when I worked at Colorado State University. Jim and I advised several graduate students together as we sought to advance understanding of dryland agriculture. His ability to use computer simulation modelling of complex systems was a gift and his work has left a permanent mark on the science. I am proud to have shared some publications with Jim. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Ascough family.



Neil Hansen - December 07, 2016 at 09:48 AM

WL

“ Wes Lloyd lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II



Wes Lloyd - December 06, 2016 at 11:27 PM

LF

“ Larry and Kay Ascough & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.



Larry and Kay Ascough & Family - December 06, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



December 06, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Friends at ARS - Temple, Texas purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



**Friends at ARS - Temple, Texas** - December 06, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim was very helpful to me when I was deciding whether to pursue a Ph.D. and was instrumental in the subject matter and approach I took to successfully completing my degree. He will be missed.*  
*Cole Green*



**Cole Green** - December 06, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



December 06, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 06, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Mark Nearing purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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**Mark Nearing** - December 06, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 06, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ *Lois, I can't imagine how difficult this is for you and the family. So suddenly and so, so too soon. I wish you the strength, courage, and support to get through these hard times. Jim was such an amazing, caring, and talented person. He is greatly missed.*  
*Mark Nearing*



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**Mark** - December 06, 2016 at 09:52 AM

SD

“ I loved Jim's stories about his adolescence. Less important than the naughty things he may have done was the juxtaposition of his perfectly normal adolescent high jinks with his usual earnest, cautious, and hardworking adulthood demeanor. He was a good man, and he will be missed.

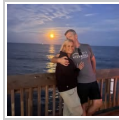
Shannon Donnan - December 06, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Christy Herbert Carter lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II



Christy Herbert Carter - December 06, 2016 at 08:57 AM



Lois, TJ, and Katie - we are so saddened by the news of Jim's passing.. My heart aches for you. He always had a kind word of encouragement for us. prayers for healing... We are so sorry. Christy, Alex, and Noah

Christy Herbert Carter - December 06, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JD

“ *Lois, TJ and Katie Ann, We are so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Martin enjoyed coaching soccer with Jim when Henry and TJ were in elementary school, and there were always a lot of laughs between the two coaches.*

*We will remember Jim as a lovely, fun and gentle man. Our deepest condolences to his entire family. May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.*

*The Dooleys, Joan, Martin, Henry and Matthew*

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**Joan Dooley** - December 06, 2016 at 08:30 AM

FM

“ *Families of Cindy Richardville, & Robert, Roger, John and Barry Moss purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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**Families of Cindy Richardville, & Robert, Roger, John and Barry Moss** - December 06, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 06, 2016 at 01:19 AM

DT

“ We heard of your loss today, and our hearts are with you.....may your faith help you stay strong through this challenging time.

*Our condolences  
Dawn and Elizabeth Thilmany*

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**Dawn Thilmany** - December 05, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 05, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II.*



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December 05, 2016 at 06:48 PM

JA

“ *Jan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II*



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**Jan** - December 05, 2016 at 05:39 PM



DF

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Lois, T.J., and Katie. Jim was a great friend and will be missed so much.  
- Dennis & Diana Flanagan



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**Dennis Flanagan** - December 05, 2016 at 04:22 PM

DS

“ Diane Stott lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II



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**Diane Stott** - December 05, 2016 at 04:05 PM

JZ

“ John Zhang lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II



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**John Zhang** - December 05, 2016 at 03:46 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Clifford Ascough II



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**Chrissy** - December 05, 2016 at 01:04 PM