



James Lafferty

January 18, 1935 - October 18, 2009

James (Jim) E. Lafferty, beloved father and husband, passed away October 18, 2009 in Fort Collins, Colorado with family by his side after a long illness. Jim was born on January 18, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea for three years. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Jim returned home to Philadelphia and attended La Salle University, graduating in 1965 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. While completing his degree at La Salle, Jim worked as a salesman for Weyerhaeuser Corporation in New Jersey. It was at Weyerhaeuser where Jim met his wife of 43 years, Judy. They were married in Riverside, New Jersey at St. Peters Church on June 20, 1964. In 1972, Judy and Jim purchased and moved to an 80-acre farm in central Pennsylvania near Gratz. Throughout the years, Jim worked as a farmer and salesman. After retiring, Jim and Judy sold their farm in 1993 and moved to Philadelphia to be closer to family. After their retirement they enjoyed traveling and visited various countries including Russia, China, Kenya, Holland, Mexico, Israel, and Egypt. Judy and Jim moved to Fort Collins in August 2005. Jim was a compassionate person who was always willing to help others. He was very generous and believed in the power of a bouquet of flowers to brighten someone's day. Jim always had a story to tell and an ear to listen when someone had a problem. He will be missed by all those whose life he brightened with his sense of humor and ready smile. Jim had a way of making those around him feel special with small gifts and more

importantly with the gift of his attention. Jim was a dedicated father and grandfather and he will truly be missed by his family. Jim is survived by his daughter Faith Hann and son-in-law Mike Hann of Phillipsburg, New Jersey; his daughter April Lafferty and son-in-law Dan Cenderelli of Fort Collins; and his grandchildren Taryn Hann, Paige Hann, Caleb Cenderelli, and Kira Cenderelli. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Judy, and his parents, Gertrude and Edmund Lafferty. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Jim at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins. Graveside services will be at Northwood Cemetery in Philadelphia at a later date. The family would like to give special thanks to Pathways Hospice and Rehabilitation and Nursing Center of the Rockies for the care, compassion, and comfort they provided. The family also appreciated the care and kindness the nurses and staff of Good Samaritan Village and Centre Avenue Health and Rehabilitation provided Jim in the past few years. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in Jim's name to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Lafferty*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am honored to have known Jim. He was a great man and a caring friend. Not a day went by that he didn't brighten someone's day or offer a compassionate ear or few words of advice or support. He will be sorely missed.*

Timothy Hopler - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Jim while I was working at Good Sam's. He was out-going and friendly with the residents and staff. Jim always had a smile on his face; he was a bright spot in my day. May his family experience God's peace, which truly surpasses all understanding.*

MaryBeth Hunn - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of caring for Jim several times over the past few years. Jim was a wonderful person. He was very caring and had a great sense of humor. He loved helping others and making people happy. He made the world a brighter place.*

Merrie Durbano - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I saw a notice and picture in the Phila. Inquirer of the passing of a Jim Lafferty, formerly of Phila. and the picture certainly looked enough like the Jim Lafferty I knew as a boy scout in Troop 7, located at the Germantown Boys Club in Phila. We lived in the same neighborhood, Nicetown, and were in Troop 7 for several years, I guess in the late 40's or early 50's. Jim was a great guy and we had a lot of fun, attending scout meetings, camping at Silvermoon Lake, etc. I still have some old photos that I would be glad to share with Jim's family. Just E-mail or call me. I will keep Jim in my prayers.

John E. "Obie" O'Brien - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear April, Faith and Families, Many are the fond memories we shared with your parents. The Renaissance Fair at Mt. Hope, the Balloon Fest at Hershey, or the chance meeting at Mt. Gretna. The times were good for they were two very special people. May you take comfort in knowing they are not forgotten and we still think of the farm as the Lafferty Place. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Blessings & Love, Ray & Jean.

Ray & Jean Deppen - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I noticed the obituary in the Express-Times (Easton, PA) I'm sure it is the same Jim Lafferty I met in the military, U.S. Army, either at Fort Dix, NJ or Fort Devens, MA. in 1956. I remember him as an affable and outgoing person (and Irish-Catholic) from Philadelphia. We never communicated after that but as soon as I saw the notice in the paper I realized that it must be the person I knew. I am sorry for your loss and I will pray for Jim.

Bill McD

Bill McDonald - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I saw this notice in the morning paper and am trying to find out if this is the same Jim Lafferty that I knew back in 1953-54. We went to School at Banks Business College. I remember he moved to Gratz.Pa and we used to send Christmas cards for a while. We lived in Cinti. Ohio then. I lost contact many years ago. If this is him please let me know.

Louis Schiliro - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM