



James Gregory Lucero

November 28, 1961 - March 25, 2026

James Gregory Lucero, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away on March 25th, 2026.

Born on November 28th, 1961 to Frank and Agnes (Medina) Lucero in Monte Vista, Colorado, Jim was the youngest of 7 children. He grew up and attended high school in Monte Vista, where he pursued a love for sports playing both football and baseball. Jim was a first-generation college student who earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Colorado State University in 1986. He went on to build a distinguished career in international supply chain management, having worked for Anheuser Busch, Advanced Energy, Woodward and Otterbox. He retired in 2021. During his career, Jim traveled to many countries, including the Netherlands, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and China. He especially loved getting to walk the Great Wall of China.

In his free time, Jim greatly enjoyed listening to music, learning about history, golfing, refinishing antique decorations and working in his yard. Jim had a youthful spirit, finding joy with fun holiday lawn inflatables and collecting Hot Wheel cars. The Hot Wheels were just the start, as Jim was an avid car enthusiast and especially loved visiting vintage car museums, attending car shows and cruising around in his prized Shelby GT Mustang.

Yet his greatest passion in life was his wife, Connie (Espinosa). Jim and

Connie's love story spanned six decades, starting when they met in the third grade to dating in high school to tying the knot on July 2nd, 1983. They settled down in Fort Collins shortly after, where they raised two wonderful boys, Matthew and Scott, and gained a daughter-in-law Valerie (Hisam) in 2012. Although Jim and Connie traveled to many fun cities around the United States, their favorite location they returned to time and time again was Hawaii. From parasailing to hiking volcanoes to walks on the many beaches with their favorite shave ice, "Tsunami Jim" loved telling family and friends about their adventures on the islands.

To know Jim was to know that he cared deeply for his family. He was always on the phone with his mom or one of his siblings, playing VR golf with his brother Paul, and never missed a family get together. Jim loved creating photo slide shows for family celebrations and he had an ability to captivate an audience with his storytelling. Jim will be fondly remembered for his kindness, joy in meeting new people and his unwavering love for his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Frank "Sonny" Lucero Jr. and brother Michael Lucero.

A memorial service for family and friends will be scheduled for summer 2026. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made in Jim Lucero's memory to the Autism Society of Colorado.

https://donate.autismspeaks.org/page/FUNRPKVSDQE?utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_source=bing&utm_campaign=IS-branded-conv&utm_content=IS-wam-4x&msclkid=e7579f6446d5161c4cd6f6a960b4b60b

Tribute Wall

GI

“ Blessings to you Connie and your family. It has been a long time since our paths have crossed. I always admired you and Jimmy and the strong loving bond you have. He'll always be with you. Peace be with you, Gigi Dennis- Lounsbury

Gigi - April 18 at 01:13 PM

LB

“ Connie, Matt, and Scott. Im so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. My thought's, prayers and hugs go out to you all. I always enjoyed being around Jimmy, he always made me smile. I loved his fun personality and that he was always so kind to others. We love you all and are thinking of you in this difficult time.
Love Lynell and George.

Lynell Rene Baca - April 02 at 01:38 PM

CJ

“ RIP Jim. I always enjoyed conversations with a fellow Industrial Tech CSU alum. We shared time at Woodward and it never felt like work when Jim was around. What a bright personality!

Craig Jarvi - April 01 at 05:39 PM

JE

“ My heart hurts hearing this news! I worked with Jim at AE for 13 years and it was an honor to call him my friend! Jim was the best storyteller know one could tell stories like him.... I enjoyed his warm personality and kind heart. Jim I miss you dearly and may you rest in peace.

Connie and family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Remember the good times it will bring joy back into your hearts. Jim was a great person to have around!!

Jeanine Emory

Jeanine Emory - April 01 at 05:32 PM

SP

“ Sorry to hear about Jim. I met him years ago at the pharmacy. It was always a pleasure to wait on him. RIP Jim!

Schanna Preuit - March 30 at 04:40 PM

MT

“ I had the chance to work with Jim a number of years at Woodward and he was such a pleasant person to be around, his easy going laugh is seared into my memory!

My condolences to Connie and the rest of the family!

Mike Thieme - March 30 at 12:48 PM

DD

“ My heart is broken learning the world does not have this wonderful human in it 🙏
I worked with him at 4 different places and knew him for some 25 years or more!
He was one of the most kind and positive people and a joy to be around.
God bless his family and know how special we that knew him loved him ❤️

deb Dahlinger - March 28 at 11:17 PM

CM

“ May God send His Healing Angels to lift you up as a Family at this most difficult time. May His Love, Grace and Mercy be sufficient to sustain you through it all and may the memories of your Beloved Jim always reside fondly in your hearts. Sending our Heartfelt Condolences, Love and Prayers, Michael Walker and Connie Mallory 🙏🙏

Connie Mallory - March 28 at 05:17 PM