



James P. Massa

October 14, 2021

James P. Massa, 68, of Laporte, CO, passed away at sunset on October 14, 2021 at his home. Jim was born in Mansfield, OH, to Paul and Gladys (Downs) Massa. As a child, he was very fond of the small town atmosphere where he grew up. After graduating college, he got the travel bug, and went on to live in Washington D.C, Germany, and eventually landed in Colorado in 1981. His career in finance with the federal government spanned 41 years.

Jim loved his soulmate Janet, and his three sons and two grandkids. He always tried to put his family before himself and pushed himself to be better constantly. He was a voracious reader and curious about everything. He enjoyed live music, great food, and sports. He ran 30 marathons and was a member of the Fort Collins Running Club. He completed Ride the Rockies six times and the Pikes Peak Ascent 19 times. In 2018 & 2019 he completed the ascent and marathons back to back making him a “double doubler”. In his retirement, he became an active volunteer for the Colorado Democratic Party.

Jim is survived by his partner, Janet Roderick, of La Porte, CO, sons Nick Massa of Colorado Springs, Tim Massa of Mandeville LA, and Chris Massa of Ventura CA, granddaughter Adelina, and grandson Porter, as well as his siblings Theresa, Paula, Rene, and Gerry. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Steve Massa.

A visitation will be held Friday, October 22, from 5 – 7 pm at Goes Funeral Care. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 23, at 2 pm with lunch provided at 1 pm, at Primrose Studio at Reservoir Ridge, 4300 Michaud Ln in Fort Collins. You are encouraged to carpool if possible as parking is limited.

Viewing Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/52ww6nn4>

Celebration of Life Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/c83wmj86>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ft. Collins Running Club in Jim's name at <https://fortcollinsrunningclub.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Goes Funeral Care & Crematory

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Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Primrose Studio

4300 Michaud Ln

Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *James P. Massa*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sending this in memory of my dear friend Jimmy. From the Granville days and beyond.*

Kind, ridiculously fun and one of the coolest cats I've ever known.

RIP Jimmy

Debbie Ackerman-Marriott

Deborah Ackerman - October 22, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Janet Roderick - October 19, 2021 at 10:48 PM



Jimmy was such a fun and sweet guy! I enjoyed seeing him and having him over for a big family Christmas. He made Janet very happy, and that's a wonderful thing to do. He will be missed.

Kellie - October 23, 2021 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ I feel incredibly blessed and grateful to have known Jim these last 3 years.

There's only one true soulmate.

He opened up my world, brought sunshine and joy and always fresh flowers because he liked them as much as I did. I loved his passion and dedication to running and everything outdoors. There were so many adventures. We had plans to keep on running until we were 100 years old. Don't think I'll make it without you Babe but I'll keep trying.

Jim was the kindest most generous man. His family was so important to him. He never stopped offering his 'researched' advice and life wisdom. He so wanted more time with Addy and Porter. I loved Jimmy's wit and humor. He was a natural born conversationalist. I marveled at his ability. He said his Mom told him once that he could tell someone to go to hell and they wouldn't know it..

Rick said we were two peas in a pod. So very true. We connected from the beginning.

I miss your voice Jimmy. I choose to believe that our souls will meet again as we are truly soulmates.

Love you Babe! I'll see you later!

Janet

Janet Roderick - October 19, 2021 at 10:29 PM

JR

“One of my favorite things about Jim was his gift of story telling. His stories always entailed subtle antidotes -- some moving and others just down right funny. And he would never fail to crack me up about talking about his "Arch nemesis's" in the running world -- aka other guys in his age group running a similar pace to him. I love and respect how he played the long game in running -- and I'm sure he carried that into life as well. I wish I could replicate his patience and attention to the small details and data. He was consistently showing up in high spirits, never late and usually with a book about running in hand. I miss him.”

*Niki Veldman, Trainer
Raintree Athletic Club*

Janet Roderick - October 19, 2021 at 10:08 PM

MM

“Nick, Tim, Chris...I have fond memories of seeing your dad out for late afternoon runs to the zoo. May he be granted eternal peace, and may God surround you with comfort. Marcie Miller

Marcie Miller - October 19, 2021 at 10:02 AM

WK

“Willie Downs Cousin From Ky lit a candle in memory of James P. Massa



willie downs cousin from ky - October 18, 2021 at 07:18 PM