

## James (Jim) Sanford

April 22, 2023

James Duane Sanford was born August 1, 1937, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He began his education in the public schools of LaCrosse, completing a bachelor's degree in 1960 with honors at the LaCrosse State Teachers College. (Name changed later to the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse).

Jim married LeeAnn Shafman in 1959 and was drafted into the army soon after graduation. He spent two years at Ft. Riley working on getting the payroll out for Big Red 1, and then four years in the army reserves.

Upon completion of his years in the army, Jim began his lifetime career in medicine working for the UpJohn Company as a sales representative in Minnesota. His later years with UpJohn were spent working as a liaison with doctors administering new treatments for infectious diseases. Jim enjoyed his career with UpJohn, winning many awards, thus enabling him to travel and meet many interesting people throughout his working years.

Jim participated in various community groups during his working years. He was honored as a distinguished Toastmaster from his Toastmaster speaking group. He was an active member of his preferred political party, and he became president of three community homeowner associations thereby giving of his time to better his community.

Jim has been a strong follower of Jesus and has been a part of his local churches.

On June 19, 1987, Jim married Helen Marie Olson in Burnsville, Minnesota. Both Jim and Helen continued on their career paths and spent their leisure hours traveling, hiking, golfing, and skiing.

Jim is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters, Laura Lee Borski and Sara Kathryn Pacholke; son Paul James Sanford; grandchildren; brothers, Kenneth David Sanford (Julie Ann) and Allen Roger Sanford (Maxine).

A memorial service will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023, at Timberline Church (East Auditorium), 2908 S. Timberline Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus  
2908 S Timberline Road  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

JG

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**John Groth** - September 04, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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**John Groth** - September 04, 2023 at 02:26 PM

KH

“ *Helen, May the love of those around you, help you through the days ahead. Thinking of you, BSK Wealth Management ~*

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**Kathy Handel** - May 03, 2023 at 01:23 PM

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“ *You two were a dynamic duo! What adventures you have had. We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Will and Sharon Tracz*

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**Sharon Tracz** - May 01, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JL

“ My husband Gary & I loved sharing with Jim & Helen at Faith Church. I'm praying for you

Julia Larrew - May 01, 2023 at 06:23 PM

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Thoughts and prayers for you as you go through this difficult time. Remembering all our fun times we shared together with our spouses..  


Barbara Urynowicz - May 04, 2023 at 01:00 PM

KH

Thank you for letting Rusty & Bernice Opland know of Jim's passing. They always enjoyed his visits back to WI and to the home farm. His smile and laugh will be remembered. With deepest sympathy from the Opland family.

Karen Opland Hauser - May 16, 2023 at 05:38 PM

JG

Helen, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May he rest in peace and hope to meet him again in a better place. We grew up two houses apart in La Crosse. His mother Margaret was a saint, raising four boys in a one bedroom house. Orley his father taught many of us in the neighborhood how to take care of our cars. Jim was the outstanding product of great parents. We went to college together, Jim was smarter than me, he took all the tough science courses, and got top grades, while I struggled with economics and business. Many a Sunday afternoon we sat on the front porch of his house with some Old Style and listened and cheered on the Packers. Jim was godfather of my oldest daughter Ruth Ann and she sends her condolences. Love John Groth

John Groth - September 04, 2023 at 02:14 PM