



James L. Watt

May 3, 1931 - June 4, 2013

James L. Watt, 82, of Fort Collin, Colo. passed away June 4, 2013 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. He was born May 3, 1931 in Chicago, IL to Marie Odle Watt of Milford, IL and James O. Watt, formerly of Carnoustie, Scotland . They settled in Chicago and later moved to Griffith, IN where Jim graduated from Griffith High School. His first job out of high school was working for the Ford Motor Company; and soon, realizing he didn't want to spend his life manufacturing cars, Jim began working to attain a CPA certification. Upon completion, James was hired as comptroller for Hammond Valve Co., where he would during this time be recognized by Indiana Jaycees as one of five "outstanding young men 1966". Another winner of note that year was Richard Lugar, who later became an Indiana Senator.

He went on to establish James L. Watt, INC, CPAS in Schererville, IN and as time went on he saw a void in the area of advising people planning for retirement, asset protection and growth management. Jim became a man with a mission to become knowledgeable and educated in this field and conscientiously worked to that end for his clients and family. In 1997 he sold his business and, with his wife Mickie, moved to Fort Collins. At a time of life when most men would be thinking about retirement he started another business; James L. Watt Personal Financial Advisors, Inc. For the past 15 years, he also wrote a financial column for the Fort Collins Coloradoan.

Jim helped found and was active with the Highland, IN Jaycees and served as past president of the Hammond, IN Chamber of Commerce. He was a 42 year member of Rotary, receiving a Paul Harris Fellow award for his longtime support of Rotary Scholarships. He recently received recognition for being a 50-year member of AICPA as well as a longtime member of National Association of Personal Financial Advisors.

He is preceded in death by his nine year-old son, Brian, and his wife, Terri who were both in a crash with an out of control drag-racing driver. Jim is survived by his wife, Mickie; his two daughters, Terri (Louie) Gomez of Houston , and Hopeann (Jim) Wargo of Crown Point IN; a son Brad (Melodee) Watt of Spokane; four grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be between 5 and 8PM at the Pruzin and Little Funeral Service, 811 East Franciscan Dr., Crown Point, IN. Funeral service 11:00 am at Pruzin and Little followed by interment at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary, IN. After the funeral, Jim's family will hold a reception at the Patio in Merrillville.

The family suggests that any memorial donations please be made to the Food Bank for Larimer County, Pulmonary Fibrosis Association or World Vision (Granddaughter Suzanne is on mission with WV in the Solomon Islands) c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Cemetery

Gary, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pruzin and Little Funeral Service
811 East Franciscan
Crown Point, IN 46307

Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Watt*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Mary Graft lit a candle in memory of James L. Watt*



Mary Graft - June 10, 2013 at 04:54 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Watt Family in this time of sorrow. Jim was our corporate CPA for many years and always provided sound advice and counsel. May God Bless those who mourn his loss and cherish those lasting memories.*

Mark Bates - June 09, 2013 at 08:08 AM



“ *I extend my warmest sympathy to all of Jim's family. I have known Jim for 15 years through his membership in the Front Range PC Users Group and through the fine financial guidance he provided. He, and his wisdom and down to earth common sense will be missed by folks like me and so many of his Coloradoan column readers. Jim is one of the all around great guys!*

Don Anderson

Don Anderson - June 08, 2013 at 03:14 PM

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“ To Jim Watt, my good friend and financial guide. I will never forget the wisdom you shared with me and guidance you gave me when I thought the financial world was coming to an end. I will miss the exchange of e-mail and phone conversations. Although you were ten years my senior, we shared so many things and philosophies in common. Mickie, please know that Jim was an important influence in my life and I will cherish his memory. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dan and Donna Contonis

Dan Contonis - June 08, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Watt.



June 07, 2013 at 07:16 PM

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“ To the man who gave me my career start. Thank you so much, Jim for all you did for me. You were truly one of the wisest, most caring men I know. I am so grateful for having you take me under your wing. May your rest in peace. Patti LaFond

Patti LaFond - June 07, 2013 at 07:07 PM