



Jim Warner

November 19, 1946 - December 18, 2008

Dr. Warner was born on November 19, 1946 in Fresno, California to Lavon and George Wesley Warner. Dr. Warner grew up in Fresno with his sister and two brothers. He loved his mother very much and always tried to provide and care for her during her lifetime. He was extremely athletic and smart as a boy. He attended McLane High School, where he was a varsity wrestler and a varsity player on a two-time state champion football team. It was in high school where he met the love of his life, Kathy. They were married in 1965 and together raised six children during their forty-three years of marriage. Dr. Warner won a full ride scholarship to UC Santa Barbara in football, but turned it down to stay near Kathy. He instead went on to attend California State University, Fresno, where he earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1968. While at Fresno State, he won the heavy weight state champion wrestling title. Dr. Warner then proceeded to get his M.S. in Systems Engineering and Civil Engineering, and an MBA from California State University, Fullerton in 1973. Dr. Warner worked for the USGS for 12 years. During that time he moved his family from California to Fort Collins, Colorado, arriving in 1974. In 1981, he earned his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University and became a Professor of Civil Engineering, achieving his lifelong dream. He served as the CSU Groundwater Engineering Program leader, and was a recognized expert in the Groundwater field. He was awarded the prestigious honor, Excellence in Teaching, in 2006. Dr. Warner's students and his teaching responsibilities were very important to

him. In keeping with his devotion to his students, he did not leave this world until one hour after his last final exam was given and he knew he had completed his teaching duties for the semester. Throughout his 27 years at CSU, he was revered as a remarkable professor and was influential in the lives of countless students. Dr. Warner loved his children and grandchildren with all of his heart and was proud of each and every one. His strong values influenced his children, and all six of them earned Engineering degrees from CSU and started families of their own. In addition, they all chose to reside in Fort Collins and continue to stay close, which was very important to him. He passed on to his children his athleticism, intellect, and the importance of family. His grandchildren also inherited his athletic abilities and he enjoyed attending all of their sporting events. He started his own engineering company, Techlink Environmental, in hopes of providing his children with job stability and to keep the family bonds strong. Dr. Warner had a heart of gold and lived large in every aspect of life. Traveling was one of his favorite pastimes and he was proud that he was a world traveler. Among his favorite places to go were Egypt and Cancun, Mexico. In Egypt, he was treated like a king by the locals and he loved to barter at the shops. In Cancun, he enjoyed playing in the pool with his grandchildren, eating grouper sandwiches, drinking banana monkeys, and listening to the ocean waves. Dr. Jim Warner is survived by his wife Kathy (Cookie) Warner and his six children and twelve grandchildren: Christie McDonald, her husband Monte and their children Brode, Max and Gabriella; Dan Warner, his wife Michele and their children Savannah, Chloe and Alexandra; Jeremy Warner, his wife Jene and their son Maverick; Elizabeth Loyd, her husband Brad and their children Bradon and Audrey; Jaclyn Michaelsen, her husband Paul and their children Cassandra, Samantha and James; and Kevin Warner and his wife Bethony. He is also survived by his sister Judy Kenshalo and her husband John, and his brother Cliff Warner and his wife Michelle. He was preceded in death by his mother Bonnie Warner and his brother George Warner, Jr. A memorial service will be held at 11am on December 29th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints at 600 East Swallow. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the James Warner memorial fund c/o Goes Funeral Care.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Warner*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Warner and family,
I just wanted to express my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. Jim was an extraordinary man. We had many a conversations through the years I worked at CSU. He was one of the professors that I helped with his projects and I always enjoyed the talks we had.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joanie

Joanie Graham - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and I started on the CSU faculty at the same time and shared an office for about a year. I will always remember and appreciate Jim's great sense of humor.*

Darrell Fontane - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dr. Warner will be missed very much. I had him for Fluid Mechanics spring of 2006. Not only was he a wondrous professor, but a great person. He was so very proud of each and every one of his children. So much that he told us about each and every one of them in class. He also talked about his grandchildren alot-attributes that are not always easy to come by with an engineering professor. He also talked about his wonderful wife and a calculator he felt kind of guilty for buying back in the 70's or 80's. I learned a lot from him. He was a very smart wonderful man that cared about his students.

Bridget Cochran - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ My favorite memory of Jim was a trip we took to Egypt together. I admired his friendliness and skill when bargaining with souvenir sellers in the markets. Also I was struck with his thoughtfulness in having a Polaroid camera with him to give the children and farmers pictures of themselves.

He will be greatly missed.

Terry Podmore - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Warners,
I am so sorry for your loss. May the love and joy you had with your dad transcend the sadness you feel now.

Eden (Haywood) Bird - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jim was a valued colleague and I'll miss him. We had enjoyable visits with each other, especially during the spring 2000 when often we walked together from adjacent classes. Also, we both had offices at ERC; and I recall his active program in groundwater research, involving a number of graduate students. He drove his 1965 Corvette to ERC after class, which I admired and discussed with him. I appreciated the e-mail from Luis and the published bio-sketch just sent from friends in Fort Collins. I won't be able to make the service tomorrow but my thoughts will be with Kathy and the family and friends from our department.
Dave Hendricks

Dave Hendricks - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ I had many graduate classes with Dr. Warner. He was a great teacher, and always very dedicated to making sure that his students understood the material. He was always so thorough. My notes from his classes are the best and most complete ones I have! I have used them from time to time at work. My heart goes out to your family at this time.

Heather

Heather Trantham - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Christie, I was so saddened to hear the news about your Dad -- I still remember those days where your Dad and my Mom would trade off on driving all of us kids to school. It's hard to believe that just within the last year we have had to lose both of them -- but how blessed we are to have so many good memories. I know how difficult this must be for you and your whole family right now...so I wanted you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lori Radcliff - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I met Dr. Warner as a graduate student at CSU. I remained in contact after graduating from CSU and eventually worked on several groundwater projects with Jim. His knowledge of the science of groundwater hydrology was second to none. We became good friends over the years and we talked almost on a weekly basis. Jim was my Best Man in my wedding to my wife Olena. Dr. Warner was very proud of his entire family and will be remembered for his accomplishments and virtues that are too numerous to list. Most of all he was a positive influence on family, friends and hundreds of students that went through CSU's programs - myself being one.

*I will sincerely miss my friend.
Joby Adams - December 2008*

Joby L. Adams - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim Warner*

December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ As a CSU grad with a BS in Construction Management Dr. Warner was an excellent teacher and did not just allow me to take the course but he strived to make sure I took something from it. I appreciated his willingness to take the extra time to make sure I knew the material even though I had done poorly on the exam. Just that extra bit of help wanted me to try harder in his class. I offer my prayers to his family. Thank You, Dr Warner.

Tim Carlton - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Kathy and Family,

Jim and I shared many discussions. No matter what the subject, there was always this fine humor. At first you were not so sure how to interpret his point. But then you saw that twinkle in his eyes. Once I made the point that Seraina's and my three kids were all engineers and shared among themselves five degrees from Colorado State. Then Jim quickly reminded me that I did not stand a chance against the Warner family! How could I argue? I had a couple of the members of the Warner engineering dynasty in my own courses I taught over the years and always enjoyed them!

Our thoughts are with you.

Johannes Gessler - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM