



James "Jim" Grover Carter

December 29, 1947 - March 30, 2020

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James Grover Carter, 72, passed away March 30, 2020 in Spanish Fork, Utah. Born December 29, 1947 in Bozeman, Montana, he was one of eleven children born to Mark Johnson Carter and Camille Beth Neuffer.

Jim grew up on a cattle ranch and had what he considered an idyllic childhood, learning to work hard but able to go fishing or swimming in the pond or creek, hiking, riding horses, picking wild berries and climbing trees, any time he liked. He continued to love doing these things as often as opportunity permitted all his life.

In high school Jim was voted homecoming king two years in a row, played football and basketball, and was student body president his senior year. He attended BYU for a year on a scholarship and then served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to southern California. Upon being released he joined the National Guard, getting married to Cathy Wood in 1970 and later divorced. Kevin Reed was adopted during this union.

In 1978 Jim married Kari Walker in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple, and she had two young children from a previous marriage, Ryan and Kresha. Jim started his own business of operating a lumber company named A&C Lumber, but 3 years later it accidentally burned to the ground. He eventually went back to school and in 1985 graduated from the University of Wyoming with a BA in Agricultural Engineering. Over the years he had jobs which included design engineer and accountant before becoming self employed doing home, commercial and insurance inspections. Kari was diagnosed in 1995 with multiple sclerosis and eventually passed away in 2013. Jim was a devoted caretaker and faithfully served her through those difficult years.

Jim then developed a talent for writing poetry, as well as making things of wood, crafting several art items and pieces of furniture. Many of his creations were made from unwanted

junk wood, some of which had been partially burned and turning them into works of art. The wood seemed to communicate to him its potential for beauty so he would work to clear away the decay and damaged areas to enhance what was already there. He often spoke of how all of us, as God's children, have so much capacity for magnificence, as we access our Savior's love and assistance to clear away the muck and damage of our own lives. Through Jim's experiences and adversity, he developed attributes and the countenance of Christ, being kind and loving to all, and dedicated to the Gospel which he loved.

Jim was an ordinance worker at the Brigham City Utah Temple for four years, during which time he met and courted Carol Coombs Watts who also served there. On March 27, 2017 they were married in that same temple for time and all eternity. They learned he had cancer the beginning of 2019, the complications eventually taking his life after three very short years together.

Survived by his wife, Carol, son Kevin (Tara) Carter, daughter Kresha (Aaron) Hendricksen, son Ryan Wilkerson, step-children Jessica Watts Horsley, Jacki Watts (Matt) Italasano, Alex Watts, Logan Watts, brothers Tom (Cindy) Carter, Richard (Suzie) Carter, Bruce (Marsha) Carter, sisters Camille (David) Butler, Susan Carter, Pam (Ray) Reutzel, Karen Carter, Elizabeth (Shane) Smith, Laurel (Ross) Wilde, Holly (Greg) Compton, 20 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his former wife, Kari, her parents, Jim's parents, Carol's father and brother.

There will be a private viewing and graveside service because of the restrictions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. He will be interred at the Logan City Cemetery. A memorial service will be recorded and made available as soon as possible.

Comments



“ I just barley found out about Jim's passing. I will truly miss him. He spent a few years in the Brigham City 3rd Ward where he became a close and loved friend of mine, we spent some cherished time in the Wind Rivers, backpacking. He was a great man. While in the ward he was called as a priest quorum advisers to young men and they grew to love and respect him, spending some time in the class room as well as in the great outdoors. I am looking forward to seeing him again! Just not too soon!!
Gary Nelson

Gary NELSON - April 19, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ Jim Carter was always a good young man in our town of Ten Sleep, WY. His smile was ready and his heart set on serving the Lord. Our little town and the high school was blessed by his presence. He will be welcomed with joy on the other side of the veil. Faye Virginia Bell

Faye Bell - April 10, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ About two weeks ago I stopped by and visited with Jim. As he looked into my eyes, he said “I love you” and with a tear in his eye he squeezed my hand

Elizabeth Smith - April 05, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ I have so many special memories of Jim not only from Tensleep but from our Greybull Ward. He befriended me on Facebook and I had fun reconnecting with him after several years. Sending much love and sympathy to his siblings. I'm sorry that I didn't know Carol.

Myrna Smith Hammer - April 03, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ Jim was my big brother. I remember one time coming home from college and telling him my troubles. He listened and then he just looked at me and said, "Pam, you just have to roll with the punches." He lived through a lot of punches and always had a smile on his face. I never heard him talk bad about other people. I will miss him.

Pamela Reutzal - April 03, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Although I don't remember a lot about Jim while I was younger because he was so much older than me, One thing as an adult that stands out for me is that he always kept in contact by calling me regularly. We had the best visits! And he always told me he loved me and to be good and not do anything that he wouldn't do. The last time I saw him was at mom's funeral and he came up to me and looked me in the eyes and said "I love you Karen"

Karen L Carter - April 02, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Growing up I always watched the 'older than me' members of our community closely and learned from the good ones how I should live my life and which path to follow. Even as a little girl, I could tell that Jim was and is a 'Man of God'. He has been a faithful servant of the Lord and paid his dues here on this Earth and prepared himself to join our Heavenly family. May you all mourn with praise and joy for the good example and the good life he lived.

Lynette Mills - April 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts for all the family at this time. Even though I didn't know him closely as he was older, I do remember that Jim had a sweet way about him and when he returned from his mission back to Ten Sleep he positively glowed!
Colleen Bell Sessions

Colleen B Sessions - April 02, 2020 at 02:41 PM