

James L. Parkin

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Dear Bonnie and Family, We are saddened to learn of our beloved friend's passing, but we are simultaneously filled with joy that we knew Jim as a valiant servant of the Lord and as an extraordinary servant to so many grateful patients for several decades. We are so grateful that he has won the victory over one of life's most challenging contests and he endured to the end true to the faith. We know that a loving Heavenly Father will bless all of you with that promised peace which passeth understanding. All our love, Spence and Dorothea

- Spencer and Dorothea Condie

He had a memorable laugh.

- Adrian Evans

Such a wonderful tribute to Jim. I wanted to send my condolences and love to you all. Debbie, Ron and I were fondly discussing our memories of Jim and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

- Cheryl Peterson

Jim is one of our outstanding classmates. We always looked to Jim for leadership, fun, and, he has been an example to us throughout life. His life’s work has blessed many. We look forward to the day we will meet again. Our love is sent to Jim’s wife and family. Class of ‘57’

- Bountiful High School Class of 1957

Thank you for being such a wonderful brother. We had quite a childhood together. We were good friends and always there for each other. As we went our separate ways professionally and with our families we were still always there for each other. I appreciated your support these past months as Ralph went through serious health issues. I loved our weekly conversations. I loved our spiritual conversations & we both knew you would always be close to

all of your family & mine after you transition into the spirit world. I know God was waiting for you And said Well Done My Good And Faithful Son. Love you Bonnie

- Bonnie Parkin Sampson

My prayers are with you all and I love you all so much . Thanks for all you do for us. Love and Prayers. Jason

- James Jason Pelton

I am very sorry for your family's loss, and truly, a loss to so many. For about a 10-year span, Jim Parkin was a strong, dependable and welcoming light during the challenging years of change and adventure for me—from being a young teen through to the early years of adulthood. It was people like your dad that I know my mother was grateful for and felt fortunate to have influencing my life during some trying times for us. From being my sensitive scoutmaster and recognizing my need to run down to play basketball in the gym to talking University of Utah sports on Sunday at church, he was a shining light for me. In fact, he was one of the reasons I probably looked forward to coming to the church! From as early as I can remember, Jim had a dry wit, and his distinct laugh was sometimes accompanied by a straight face until he'd see us crack a smile. I'll never forget how, on the night after my mission farewell, he and Bonnie hosted an open house for me. After my mission, Jim asked me to be his financial clerk after he became the first singles ward bishop in the Parley's Stake. I was way out of my comfort zone in that position, but I was thankful that he had trust in me to do it and I'd be working with him. He was patient with me throughout that calling. During that time, I remember how he and Bonnie had a get together at their house during one Super Bowl to give us an alternative to watching the game on the Sabbath. I remember how he loaned me money once and told me just to pay it forward. I was grateful when he became my mom's Stake President. Later on, Jim would be such a kind and caring doctor to both my father during the time he performed one of his specialty surgeries on my father's middle ear, and another surgery for my brother, Dan. He was always a person for me and my brothers to look up to. Whenever I would see him in public or when returning to the ward with my mother, I was always greeted by Bonnie and Jim, including after I "finally" became engaged and Bonnie made a special announcement in Relief Society. My heart goes out to Bonnie and her sons. This cannot be an easy time. Jim was truly a person I looked up to and probably influenced me more than I realize for the types of things I need to remember and for the life choices I've made. Thank you for sharing your husband and father's life with us and for us. I for one am forever grateful.

- Brian Berthold

Janet and I were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and teacher, Jim Parkin. Jim trained me 1982 - 1985 in ENT-Head and Neck Surgery at the "U." He was a great man who was respected by all of us residents. I am grateful to have been trained under him. We residents spent hundreds of hours with him in his Clinic and in the operating room learning from his skill and deep knowledge of ENT and of life. During one particularly long and difficult case which went late into the night, Dr. Parkin suddenly remarked that we should all be home with our wives instead of there in the OR. He revealed at that moment how much of a sacrifice it often was for him to be away from Bonnie whom he always spoke of with respect and deep affection. After Janet and I got to know Bonnie, we both agreed that the best decision Jim ever made was asking her to marry him. Dr Parkin was deeply admired and trusted by patients, students and staff alike. He treated everyone with kindness, but we all loved when his dry wit surfaced. He will be greatly missed by many, many people whose lives he influenced. Eith deepest sympathy, Paul & Janet Doxey

- G Paul Doxey, MD

Dear Bonnie and family, Vera and I were saddened to hear of the death of James and want to extend our condolences. James' and my lives have crossed paths a number of times. We served together in the same district as young men while on our missions to Sweden, we were in adjacent classes at the U of U Medical School and subsequently served together in the North Europe Area as mission presidents. I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for him. Your faith and testimony of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ are certainly a blessing at a time like this, but it still is not easy and we pray that Heavenly Father's love and comfort will be with you. Love, Keith & Vera Ritchie

- Keith Ritchie, MD

Dearest Bonnie, It is now several months since Jim passed away. I just now read his obituary online. I did not know. Please accept my sincere and loving condolences to you at this time. I am so sorry! Aren’t we so grateful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives. This life is definitely not the end which is a monumental blessing. Greg was just made the Bishop in his ward, Bonnie. His testimony and faith is strong and everlasting. I now have 6 grandsons, 1 great grandson, and a great granddaughter and another great grandson on the way. They are all the light of my life! I hope you and your 4 sons and their families are doing well! I hope Larkin sends this on to you, Bonnie! Love and many well wishes to you dear friend, Sherlyn

- Sherlyn Marks

Sister Parkin, my name is Sam Brand and the only connection I have to your late husband is that I only knew him as my ear doctor. I was nearly deaf until I was around 3 years old and later moved to Salt Lake County when I was 7. I remember my mother taking me up to the University of Utah Hospital and Dr. Parkin being so nice to me, testing my hearing, then placing tubes in my ears. I felt like a new person. I could hear everything! I think I saw him up until I was in middle school or high school but he was always the same and I always felt safe. He changed my life and I love him for that. I also just read the obituary where I now believe that I was one of those kids he prayed for by name, because life was hard and I think he knew it. I have been married for over 24 years, my wife (Erin) and I have six beautiful children and tow in-laws that we adore. I feel as though my life is a million times better because of Dr. Parkin and I just wanted to tell you how grateful I am to the my Father in Heaven to have moved here to Utah where I got to be blessed by Dr. Parkin's hands and love. My sincere condolences Sister Parkin and thank you for all you have done for me and family, especially my wife and 4 girls. Sam Brand PS (I believe you know my brother-in-law, David Gordon. He was one of your missionaries in London year ago)

- Samuel Brand