

James Langton Macfarlane

May 22, 1931 ~ November 28, 2022

James Langton Macfarlane, passed away peacefully at home on November 28, 2022. Jim was born on May 22, 1931, to Grant Macfarlane and Lucie Gayle Langton Macfarlane. Even as a young child, Jim had a positive, friendly personality which included a fierce love of competition. He and the “Macfarlane boys”, which included Grant, Jim, Richard, and John joined an elite group of “Avenue Boys”. This led to endless games of football, basketball, and baseball on Wolcott Street in front of the Macfarlane home.

Jim made many friends at Longfellow, Bryant Junior High, and East High School. One of Jim’s proudest moments was winning the 1944 Salt Lake Marble Championship and this event was the catalyst to his lifelong motto to “Never Give Up.” Jim played basketball, football, and ran track at East High. However, the best part of those years was meeting and falling in love with Carol Corbett, or CC, as he often called her.

Jim graduated from the University of Utah in 1953. While there, he played on the University basketball team and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he met many of his closest friends.

Jim and Carol were married on June 25, 1953, and this was the beginning of a lifetime love story. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on March 16, 1966. Carol and Jim had four children, Steven, Ann, David, and Jane. Jim was a hands-on Dad who taught his children to ride bikes and horses, ski, play sports and laugh. With a strong love for youth, Jim spent hours coaching little league baseball teams and church basketball teams.

Jim went on to work in the printing industry first at Rocky Mountain Bank Note and then starting his own company IC Group in 1982. He served as President of the Bank Stationers of America and made lifelong friends from around the country. He loved the work and the wonderful people he worked with.

Jim volunteered much of his time to his beloved University of Utah serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Board of ARUP, Red Butte Garden and Pioneer Memorial Theatre to name a few.

He served faithfully in many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One of his favorite callings was as a Mission President in the Seattle, Washington mission from 1990 -1993.

He was a magnificent father to four children, grandpa to thirteen grandchildren aka “willers” and a great grandpa to twenty great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Carol, his brother John and sister Marilyn.

He is survived by his children Steve (Amy) Macfarlane, Ann (Scott) Jensen, Dave (Tami) Macfarlane, Jane (Des) Barker. We are forever indebted to Misinale Mahe, Bou Havea, Mila Aluesi, Olive Moimoi, Elizabeth Ramsay and Elevation Hospice for taking loving care of our father.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the University of Utah For Utah Scholarship. University of Utah Advancement Office PO Box 58006, Salt Lake City, UT. 84158 Attn: Lindsay Nelson.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday, December 5 at the Salt Lake Monument Park Stake 1320 South Wasatch Blvd. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. prior to the services. For those unable to attend, services will be streamed via Zoom. Please click on the "Watch Services" link above. A free Zoom account is required and you must be signed in to your Zoom account to view.