

James Patton McCormick

February 10, 1951 ~ June 13, 2024

James Patton McCormick passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024, in his office at the helm of Hydro Engineering, Inc., in Salt Lake City, Utah. His loss was sudden, but he was surrounded by his Hydro family, in a place that he cherished, where his creativity flowed.

He was a beloved husband, father, and brother. He poured his heart and mind into the business that he and his brother forged together. He cared deeply about his employees and loved ones. The impacts of his presence resonate deeply within countless individuals whose lives he touched.

Jim was born on February 10, 1951, in Chicago, Illinois. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alan Gordon McCormick and Marcia Francis McCormick (Bruckler). He is survived by his wife, Karen McCormick (Johnson); daughter, Meghan McCormick; brother, Alan McCormick and his wife Erika (Vekter); nephew Sean McCormick and his wife Kelli and their children Charly and Wells.

Jim loved golf and played each week in summer with his brother and friends from Hydro Engineering. He looked forward to his golf each week. When his father-in-law, Ralph Johnson, was alive, Jim would play in the early mornings at Meadow Brook GC with Ralph and Karen. He loved fast cars, 4-wheeling, romantic comedies, cold beer and spending time with the people he enjoyed most.

Jim’s idea of fishing was to watch his family fish while he sat in the shade with a book and a beer. Jim did enjoy road trips and those were his favorite vacations, his favorite places being Yellowstone in the fall, Montana & Wyoming anytime, and Southeastern Utah in the spring and fall. In the youthful years, it was camping but in later years a motel was appreciated.

The celebration of Jim’s life will be held between 6 to 8 pm this Friday, June 21, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT, 84092. We look forward to hearing memories and stories about Jim as he wished for a celebration rather than a funeral. Per his wishes, Jim will be cremated and his ashes spread on a last road trip with his beloved family and dogs.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a contribution to your favorite charity in Jim’s honor.