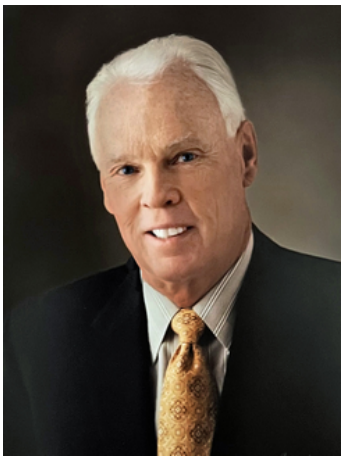


James Winston Hallsey

October 31, 1942 ~ March 11, 2023

James Winston Hallsey passed away unexpectedly on March 11, 2023, in Sandy, Utah. Jim was born on October 31, 1942, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to James F. Hallsey and Ruth I. Hallsey. He was the greatest man we ever knew.

Jim married his sweetheart, Edna Jackalyn Molema, on April 13, 1963, in Lehi, Utah, and considered his family his greatest achievement. He was many things in his life – a successful businessman, adventurer, athlete, avid reader, aspiring archaeologist, and explorer, but most of all, he was our hero. He taught us how to work, how to love unconditionally, and how to care for those that were less fortunate.

Jim worked for Smith's Food and Drug Centers his entire adult life, starting as a delivery driver and retiring 50 years later as President and CEO. He loved to work but loved the people he worked with even more. He taught us that your word is all you have, and you must protect it at all costs.

Jim hiked whatever mountain or hill he could find, from the red rocks of southern Utah to the base camp of Mount Everest. He loved adventure and being outdoors and had a thirst for learning about people and places that couldn't be quenched. When not hiking, Jim could be found somewhere between the first and eighteenth hole at Entrada Golf and Country Club in St. George, Utah.

Jim possessed incredible willpower and believed in setting, reviewing, and achieving goals daily. He was loyal and strong. He was the guy you wanted on your team that would lead you through the worst of it with a level head and uncanny calm.

Jim taught us to love a clean car and the beauty of a fast one. If there ever was a man that could exhibit humility while driving a new Ferrari, it was Jim. His shirt and tie were coming off as he crossed the threshold to his home in favor of an old pair of shorts and a t-shirt with holes.

Jim gave selflessly and served on the Board of Directors at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. After the passing of his grandson to a rare brain tumor, he donated his time and money to advance critical research to spare other children and their families from the same fate.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ruth Hallsey, sisters Joan Cahoon and Colleen Saxton, and grandson, Tyler Hallsey. He is survived by his wife, Edna; his children, Holly (Norm) Mitchell, Steven (Cindy) Hallsey, and Christopher (Kathleen) Hallsey; his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brother, Steve (Debbie) Hallsey, and sister, Connie (David) Rasband.

At Jim's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Whatever It Takes, The Tyler Hallsey Foundation, to support childhood cancer research (https://www.tylerhallseyfoundation.com/).

Jim was many things, but mostly he was our hero.