



James Fredrick Chinquist

July 6, 1948 - February 12, 2022

James Fredrick Chinquist, 73, of Maplewood, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2022. James was born on July 6, 1948, to Clement and June Chinquist in Willmar, MN. After graduating from Devils Lake High School, ND, he went on to study Mathematics at the University of North Dakota. After graduation, he worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for several years, then for Minnesota's Metropolitan Council. In 1977, James met and married Caroline Paquette, and they went on to have 2 children, Jeremy and Joanna. James was an active member of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society (GNRHS) and The Elks. James is survived by his wife Caroline Chinquist; son Jeremy (Marion) Chinquist; daughter Joanna (Ian) Johnston; brother C. Charles (Patricia) Chinquist, Jr.; and grandsons Isaac and Duncan Johnston. James was preceded in death by his parents June and Clement C. Chinquist, Sr. A celebration of life will be held Monday, February 21, 2022 at Hillside Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE Minneapolis, MN 55418. Visitation will start at 9:30 AM and the service will begin at 10:30 AM. Please consider a memorial donation to the GNRHS in lieu of flowers. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be available for remote viewing here on his obituary page under the photos and video tab.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-1999
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

FEB **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for James Fredrick Chinquist in memory of James Fredrick Chinquist



Washburn-McReavy - February 17, 2022 at 09:59 AM

LP

“ When my father passed about 10 years ago, a family friend of my mother shared with us a message from Kate Novak, who lost her daughter (at age 19) in a car accident. I hope you find the same comfort I personally found while grieving the passing of my father from liver cancer, since the words, "I'm sorry for your loss" don't seem to capture the entirety of my heartfelt sympathies.

Kate said the grief immediately thrust a heavy, large bag on her, and she couldn't move at all. As time passed, she could move her feet and begin to walk. One day, she realized a small hole had worn through one corner of the bag, and seeds were falling to the ground. She noticed birds were feeding on some of the seeds, and the bag was getting lighter and lighter. She then realized that flowers had begun to bloom from some of the seeds. Eventually, she folded the bag and put it into her pocket.

Jim's presence will be truly missed at future Paquette family gatherings, but his spirit will be in our hearts and minds in the years to come.

*All my love,
Linda Paquette
(Sister-in-law)*



Linda Paquette - February 21, 2022 at 12:49 PM

RM

“ I was so sad to hear of Uncle Jim's passing, and wish I could have been there today in person for his services. I will think fondly of Uncle Jim anytime I see a train! Sending all of my love to Caroline, Joanna, Jeremy, and everyone else during this difficult time. - Rita

Rita McGlynn - February 21, 2022 at 12:40 PM

CK

“ A treasured colleague and friend. Memories of the good days at BN. God Bless you Jim.

Curt Kehr

Curtis Kehr - February 20, 2022 at 06:39 PM

TM

“ Jim's death leaves an empty space in our family and in our hearts. Memories of Jim crop up for me: beginning 45+ years ago when Tim and I double-dated with Caroline and Jim, to our weddings a few months apart in 1977, to decades of family gatherings, parties, and shared meals. I'm grateful that I was able to connect with Jim in the past several months; we had some enjoyable discussions ranging from politics to family to sports, and, of course, trains. Sending our love and support to Caroline, Jeremy, and Joanna. - Terry (and Tim) McGlynn

Terry McGlynn - February 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM

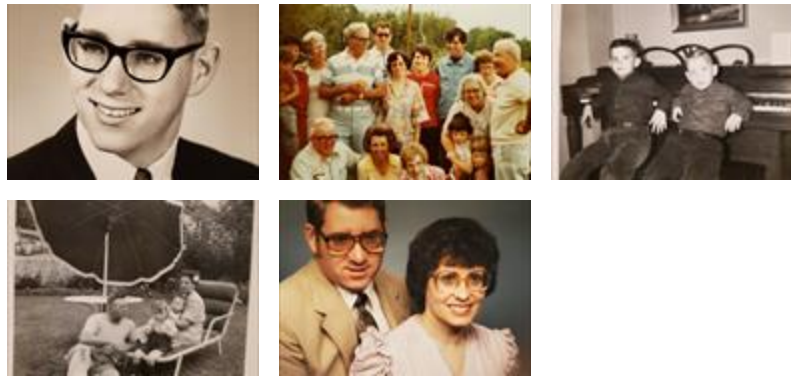
AJ

We met Jim at Joanna and Ian's wedding and have visited many times on video calls. His devotion to his family was apparent. He raised a loving daughter who with Ian instills that devotion in their children. His fascination with trains lives on in Isaac. Our hearts go out to Caroline, Joanna, Ian, Isaac, Duncan, and other family members at this time of loss. Alan and Netti Johnston

Alan and Netti Johnston - February 21, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JO

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Joanna - February 17, 2022 at 11:03 AM

JO

“ You will forever be my Dad. I miss you. I miss your punny jokes and your lopsided smile. You have the biggest train-lover in your oldest grandson who hero worshipped you for all your train expertise. Your younger grandson loved playing games via skype with you and getting time to show you his "cat collection". You leave behind big a hole in our lives. Love you forever Daddy.



Joanna - February 17, 2022 at 10:53 AM