



James Joseph Davis

March 19, 1950 - June 25, 2022

James (Jim) Joseph Davis, 72, of Cathedral City, California, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. Jim was born on March 19th, 1950 to Wayne M. Davis and Mary J. Enright in Sioux City, IA, second of 9 siblings. Growing up, he enjoyed summers at the lake, holidays with his grandparents, and making popcorn balls with family.

In Junior High, Jim met his lifelong friend and soulmate, Rick. Over the years, Jim and Rick would find that their beliefs, interests and passions were similar and enjoyed spending time exploring the world. Friendship and fate would continue to bring them together throughout their lives.

After high school, Jim went into the Army and served in Vietnam. Once discharged, he went to school at the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill.

With school behind him, it was time to settle down. After a short courtship, Jim married Beverly and began a family. He spent 28 years raising, guiding, and loving his three beautiful daughters: Jenny, Laura, and Melanie.

Jim lived his faith in the church community. He dedicated years of his life to funerals, Wednesday pizza dinners, donut Sundays, and so much more. He attended church regularly (the traditional service), whether it was in person or online. His passion to serve the church led him to his beloved funeral team.

There he created a lifelong bond with the funeral team ladies, who were lovingly known as his 'Harem'.

Jim spent his life traveling the world with his family and friends. He saw mountains and beaches, hilltops and valleys and loved every second of it. Traveling was one of his passions and he was already preparing and excited for future trips he was planning with his lifelong friend, Rick. He had a zest for life that was unmatched.

His family and friends were most important to him. He wanted to bring people together. He led and orchestrated many family trips, holidays, dinner parties, gatherings, and wanted everyone to feel included.

After a long, successful career in IT at Park Nicollet, it was time to retire. Jim and Rick took a bold step and moved to Palm Springs, CA, a place where they found escape from Minnesota winters and a community that reflected Jim and Rick's lifestyle. He spent his retirement years in the warmth and comfort of California. From volunteering his time at thrift stores, to ushering and participating in numerous fundraising events, he was proud to share his time and be a part of the community he created with Rick out in Palm Springs & Cathedral City.

Jim was preceded in death by Wayne "Bud" Davis, Mary Enright Davis, Susan Hauglund (sister), and Kathy Bose (sister).

Jim is survived by his life partner, Rick Edgcumbe; children Jennifer (Kay) Regis, Laura Davis, Melanie (Roven) Davis, Christopher (Steph) Edgcumbe and Andrew (Stephanie) Edgcumbe; grandchildren Madelyn Regis (5), Jordon Regis (4), Kristopher Arnachellum (6), Liam Arnachellum (5), Eli Edgcumbe (1), and Lily Edgcumbe (NB). Numerous siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, and close friends he considered family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for James Joseph Davis in memory of James Joseph Davis



Washburn-McReavy - June 29, 2022 at 01:42 PM

JF

“ We have known Jim and Rick for more than 50 years. We are part of the Edgcumbe extended family. Over the years, whenever we were together we had a great time! We last met Jim and Rick in August 2021 at a restaurant here in Arizona when they were returning to California from a visit back to the midwest. We spent two wonderful hours laughing and remembering old times and commiserating getting older. We were terribly saddened by the news of Jim's untimely death. We hope the wonderful memories of those who loved him will continue to be a source of consolation now and always. Jan and John Flanagan

Jan Flanagan - July 05, 2022 at 05:29 PM

MD

Thank you for sharing the beautiful moments with my dad. He sure scooted around and made sure to see everyone along the way! Gosh. He sure lived a great life. I can take comfort in that. Thank you again for your condolences.

Melanie Davis - July 08, 2022 at 09:27 PM



Thanks for sharing that special day Jan. It was what Jim loved doing. Remembering those who may have touched our lives in big ways or small was our way of showing our love and reminding everyone we care.

Rick Edgcumbe - July 14, 2022 at 04:32 AM

MJ

“ We met Jim only a few times, however, upon first meeting him, he made us feel like he had known us a long while. Such a personal man. I feel honored to have known him the short time I had. Our hearts go out to Rick, and all family members during this time.

Malcolm Johns - July 03, 2022 at 10:21 PM

MD

Thank you so much. He sure was the best! ❤️

Melanie Davis - July 08, 2022 at 09:28 PM



Thanks Malcolm! Jim liked you guys a lot. ❤️

Rick Edgcumbe - July 14, 2022 at 04:36 AM

JJ

“ With our deepest sympathies, Jim and Jay.

Jim and Jay - July 03, 2022 at 02:15 AM

RM

“ What a positive presence you were in my life, Jim! We liked each other, simple as that, from the first time we met. I always looked forward to being with you before we'd get together, and whether that get together was for a pool party, dinner, Thanksgiving, or award ceremony viewing, you would never disappoint.

Through your eyes, the world was a weird, wild, wonderful and comic place. You were a bright light, and one that has been extinguished much too soon. I will miss you greatly, my friend.

Robert McCann - July 03, 2022 at 01:50 AM

MD

Thank you for sharing your sweet memories of my Dad. He truly loved his life and enjoyed being such a big part of the community! He was surely a bright light and will continue to be forever.

Thank you again for sharing and your condolences.

Melanie Davis - July 08, 2022 at 09:31 PM



Rob I know Jim felt the same way toward you. You 2 certainly connected on a whole different plane.

Rick Edgcumbe - July 14, 2022 at 04:41 AM

JR

“ Although we had not had the pleasure of meeting Jim, working with his daughter Laura this past year has been an amazing experience. Jim definitely did something very right, to have nurtured such a wonderful person. Our hearts go out to everyone in Jim's circle of friends and family.

John & Jenny Ryshavy - July 01, 2022 at 10:35 PM

TE

“ My condolences to Rick and to Jim's entire family. Jimmy is my cousin. His Mom and my Dad were brother and sister. I know that this is a sudden and great loss to all of you. May you find comfort and peace with the wonderful memories you shared. I so enjoyed seeing pics of your lives on Rick's page. Always the big smile on Jim's face and I could always imagine what a great time he was having. He lived life for all it was worth. Jim, you are missed and will be forever. May God hold all of you, and you, Jim, in the palm of HIS hand.

Terri Enright - July 01, 2022 at 12:12 AM

MD

Thank you so much. 💔

Melanie Davis - July 02, 2022 at 05:11 PM

TE

It was such a beautiful service. What a wonderful caring man he was. May he rest in peace and until we meet again may God hold him in the palm of His hand. And may all of you find peace and comfort in the legacy he left behind ❤️❤️❤️

Terri Enright - July 06, 2022 at 09:56 PM



Thank you Terri for your beautiful words. We concluded Jim's graveside service with the prayer you quote... May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand! ❤️❤️❤️

Rick Edgcumbe - July 14, 2022 at 04:47 AM

MD

“ Jimmy is my brother. He has been so instrumental in my life. Rick and him taught me how to be a man, how to be a father, and so many things. This is a great loss to his family. Jim was often the ring leader and helped keep people together. I know Jim is doin grey things in haven as he did no earth.

Micael Davis - June 30, 2022 at 11:14 PM

MD

Great. And in Heaven as he did on earth! Sorry

Micael Davis - June 30, 2022 at 11:15 PM

MD

Thank you Uncle Mickey. He will certainly be missed by so many.

Melanie Davis - July 02, 2022 at 05:12 PM

BC

“ Jimmy was a wonderful person. He was my cousin. My dad Jim and his mom mary were brother and sister. He will truly be missed.

barbara crisp - June 30, 2022 at 05:37 PM

CO

“ Colleen lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Davis



Colleen - June 29, 2022 at 11:37 PM



Thanks Colleen! Jim was very happy seeing you in July of 2021. He loved his family whether or not they felt the same. ❤️❤️❤️

Rick Edgcumbe - July 14, 2022 at 04:51 AM