



James R. Dages

September 19, 1953 - July 14, 2016

James (Jim) R. Dages, 62, of Erie, Colorado (formerly of Lafayette) passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2016 during a motorcycle trip in northern Colorado.

Jim was born September 19, 1953 in Canton, Ohio to Robert and Anne (Cunin) Dages. He grew up in Akron, Ohio, graduated from St. Vincent High School, and obtained a degree in Music Education from the University of Akron. In 1978, he married Roberta James of Munroe Falls, Ohio and in 1980 they moved to Boulder County, Colorado.

Jim's passion for music, helping others and his personal relationship with Jesus Christ were prevalent in his character. Throughout his life he played (and sang) in dozens of music groups spanning rock and jazz bands, choirs and worship teams, orchestras and brass quintets. From 1995-2007, he and Roberta used their combined strengths to open and operate Lafayette Music. There, Jim was able to cultivate his excitement for teaching trumpet lessons, while at the same time supporting the need for musical instruments and accessories to Boulder Valley School District students. His love of helping others carried over into using his carpentry skills to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity or simply taking someone to lunch to encourage them during life's challenges. You could regularly find Jim driving his beloved red Miata to a gig, riding his bicycle around the Front Range or riding a tandem bike with

Roberta. His impact on those around him, his infectious laugh, and his groan-worthy puns will be thought of regularly and fondly.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta; his son, Josh Dages (Lindsay) of Brooklyn, NY; his daughter, Alina Gullette (Bryan) of Stamford, CT; his grandchildren, Evaleigh and Asher Gullette; and extended family Scott, Nicole, Izsabella and Gabriella Mendez. He is also survived by his sister and brothers, Jean Dages-Wilkerson, Don Dages, Dave Dages, John Dages, Paul Dages, and many more dearly loved family members.

Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, supportive father, tender-hearted and goofy grandpa (Gopper), loyal brother and friend, dedicated educator and gifted musician.

He will be missed tremendously.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Calvary Bible Church, 3245 Kalmia Ave, Boulder, CO 80301.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family has asked that a donation be made to the National Stroke Association (www.stroke.org).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **24**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Calvary Bible Church
3245 Kalmia Ave
Boulder, CO

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Roberta, we just heard last week about Jim. Oh sweetie, how horrible. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was a good man...*

Sincerely and with a heavy heart,

*Dr Lora Bulmahn
Advanced Family Health, PLLC*

Dr Lora Bulmahn - July 25, 2016 at 01:21 PM

CK

“ *Jim richly blessed the community of Atonement Lutheran Church with his gift of music over many Easter Sundays and special events. We are so grateful to have experienced his gifts. We grieve with the family, and celebrate his life through hope in the resurrection. Peace to you all.*

Chad Kohlmeyer - July 24, 2016 at 01:52 PM

DB

“ Even though I haven't seen Jim in many years, I always think of both Jim and Roberta when I remember those very happy years in our home bible study-- We all look so young in this picture! (from a scrapbook Lisa Gaskins made us when we moved out of Colorado-- hope it uploads ok). He was an amazing man and had the ability to make every person he was with feel very special. Roberta, my prayers are with you and your whole family as you go through this very hard time. Much love to all of you! Donna Bales and family



Donna Bales - July 23, 2016 at 07:45 PM

CO

“ My sincerest condolences for your loss. May your family find comfort in knowing that God feels your pain and promises to carry every burden that weighs down your heart. (Psalm 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7) Agape.

Consuelo - July 23, 2016 at 09:27 AM

BS

“ I met Jim when I first opened my business. I was a Nobody in town and Jim was gracious and generous to the extreme. I was opening my repair shop, and through a mutual contact in the Boulder Big Band, Jim offered to sell me his tools from when he owned his music store.

I remember going to his house and going through all the tools he had, and him relating memories of all the people he had been able to help with them. We connected though our knowledge of Ohio and Skyline Chili.

His willingness to help me get my business off the ground in no small way has lent us to be successful. I hope that through my actions, I can have a fraction of the impact that Jim had on the community and musicians.

You will be terribly missed. My condolences to the family.

Brian Stevenson - July 22, 2016 at 06:42 PM

LK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lexie Kelly - July 21, 2016 at 06:01 PM

LK

The picture is of Jim and the CU President's Office 2014 Boulder Boulder team. Jim was truly an amazing friend and co-worker who was always patient, kind, and an encouragement to others. Jim was a gifted musician and light for Jesus in everything he did. I will miss him but will see him again.

Lexie Kelly - July 21, 2016 at 06:24 PM

CH

I had the pleasure of working with Jim on some projects for the CU Boulder campus and got to know him when he worked at the Boulder office on Wednesdays. We quickly found our shared passion for music and travel and I always enjoyed hearing about your wonderful family and your travel adventures. I'm so terribly sorry for your loss. I will always remember Jim with a smile and a funny quip. He always knew how to make me laugh and not take things so seriously. Even though I never had the honor of meeting your family, his love for you all shone through and it was abundantly clear what a wonderful family man he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chrissy Harrison

Chrissy Harrison - July 26, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James R. Dages.



July 21, 2016 at 04:32 PM

EK

“ I have fond memories of Jim and Roberta. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Liz Kadunc

receptionist, Advanced Family Health, PLLC

Elizabeth Kadunc - July 20, 2016 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ When I needed Jim, he was there for me. That's just the kind of man he was. The kind of man you can believe in. I will truly miss him.

Scott Frey - July 19, 2016 at 10:41 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott Frey - July 19, 2016 at 10:32 PM

LJ

“ *I have fond memories of working at the store, and of my son Anthony--now a Qualcomm employee--taking trumpet lessons. One Christmas Jim gave his students music-themed socks, which Anthony wore to every band and choir concert through middle and high school. He says they're still in his sock drawer! You touched so many lives, Jim; the gift of music lasts forever.*

Lisa Johnson - July 19, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JT

“ *Hello Roberta and all Dages family, I wish I had words that would give you comfort. I do not. But, I will try feebly anyway. I am so very sorry for this sudden passing of Jim to enter heaven sooner than anyone would have expected. Wish Pete and I could be at the celebration of life service. He loved our Lord, his wife and family, was a great musician and was a goofball, too. He could always make me laugh at the silliest of things. Again, I am saddened and tearful with you. I know that grief really stinks. But this I do know, too.....We will see him again with Jesus. That is the hope that we can live by and die by. With love and tears to you all, Jodi Tucker*

Jodi Tucker - July 19, 2016 at 07:59 PM

SO

“ *Shaniece Owens sent a virtual gift in memory of James R. Dages*



Shaniece Owens - July 19, 2016 at 12:08 PM

AD

“ *I will miss Jim dearly. He was one of the kindest people I've ever known and always full of enthusiasm. He loved telling stories of his life - his vacations with Roberta, his kids and grandchildren, friends... Jim was truly a light of the world.*

Alicia Dandeneau - July 19, 2016 at 09:40 AM

SR

“ *My favorite memory of Jim is when we danced at one of the Qualcomm events. There was this really cool band playing and no one else was really dancing yet, but we didn't care. I can still see that big smile on his face, just dancing away. Now he will be dancing and jamming with the angels. He will be missed.*

Sue Rogness - July 18, 2016 at 12:25 PM