



## James Martin Dwyer

December 29, 2014 - October 27, 2014

James "Jim" Martin Dwyer, 75, of Fort Collins, died October 27, 2014 at his home. Jim was born December 29, 1938 in Newark, NJ to James and Catherine Dwyer, and was raised in New York, attending Bayside High School. He married the late Marty Dwyer on October 20, 1962 in New York City. As a husband, father, family man and business person, Jim lived by the credo "actions speak louder than words". Jim and Marty raised a family of five boys together and accepted into their home 12 foster children from all walks of life over a 30-year span. Jim owned and managed Fort Collins Muffler and Automotive since 1977. His commitment to customer satisfaction, his ability to connect with people, and the support of many family, friends and employees led to the shop's growth from a small, entrepreneurial venture to a successful, community-oriented, family-owned enterprise now operated by his third son, Brian. Jim supported Marty's volunteer efforts in the community and championed several of his own, including Fort Collins Youth Baseball, and Realities for Children. Jim was dubbed "Mr. Hockey" for his advocacy on behalf of the Edora Pool and Ice Center's construction in 1986, and for expansion of its hockey programs and facilities thereafter. The forming of the first adult hockey league spurred Jim to don skates at the age of 48. Please go to <https://www.fcaha.org> to read what Fort Collins Adult Hockey Association posted concerning Jim. Jim's love of family and community was also accompanied by a love of horses and western-style horseback riding. A lover of the Spanish Barb breed, Jim taught scores of people to ride and

logged thousands of hours as a mounted patrolman and Poudre Wilderness Volunteer in the National Forest system. Jim is survived by five sons and their families children in parentheses: James "Jimmy" and Joy Dwyer of Boston Erin and Jimmy Dwyer, Kevin and Tisha Dwyer Kaitlyn, Courtney, Camryn, and Brian and Lisa Dwyer Jeff, Beth, Mandie, all of Fort Collins, Christopher and Jillian Dwyer Ahna of Manitou Springs, and Dennis and Caralyn Dwyer one on the way! of Torrance, California; the children and families of Jim's late brothers, Dan and Jackie Dwyer, his sister-in-law, Mary Griffin, her husband, Matt and their children and families, and his sister-in-law, Peggy Flaherty and her two daughters, spouses and families; and six foster sons and daughters and their spouses and families. In all, Jim is survived by 17 granddaughters, eight grandsons, eight nieces, and five nephews. A mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 S. Lemay Ave. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Realities for Children or the Alzheimer's Association, Colorado Chapter. Contributions should be made in memory of Jim Dwyer, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ I just have to say Jim was one of the nicest men I knew. He was humble and truly left the world a better place. Especially the ice hockey world. I have fond memories of him.

Bill Hill - November 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ It was with great sadness that we read about the passing of Jim. He was a fine man and will be missed by all who knew him. It was always a pleasure to see and talk to him at the shop. Our condolences to the family. Thomas Smith and Toni Farquhar

Thomas Smith and Toni Farquhar - November 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Jim and I worked on community efforts to support and build ice rinks and baseball fields. Fort Collins was lucky to have such a strong youth supporter in Jim He will be missed. Condolences to his family

Bill Lacock - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Jim's Celebration of Life was a wonderful tender and precious tribute. We had some good times together like taking a ride on MAX to get ice cream at Walrus or going to Ryan's Sport's Grill for a chocolate milkshake. He will be missed! Jim was a good man who was blessed with a wonderful family!

Cindy Williamson - November 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ My Uncle Jim was one of the best men I've ever known. I will never forget him and will cherish all our time on the Colorado trails riding horses together - those quiet talks will stay with me forever - he was wise, funny, loving, supportive and authentic - he was always smiling - unless you really screwed up - and even then was always forgiving - I wish I could have seen the reunion between my Uncle Jim and Aunt Marty in heaven - I'm sure it was quite a site to see! At the end of every movie the cowboy rides away and that's how I will picture Uncle Jim now - Love, hugs and prayers to all the Dwyers from all the Guidrys!

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**Tracy Guidry** - November 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Jim and Marty had goals in life, worked hard at them usually with a smile, fulfilled them and have gone on to fulfill God's plan in Heaven for them. One of the lasting memorials in Fort Collins for Jim is his what I will always call it muffler shop. The other one is Epic, which he worked hard to bring to reality. Do good things up there Jimbo and Marty.

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**Harold bacheller and family** - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I enjoyed knowing Jim. He was a great guy with a sparkling personality. I loved hearing his stories about his family, his horses, and, of course, his beloved Marty. He will be greatly missed by many. Sincerely, Judy Wray

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**Judy Wray** - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family of Jim, who was a role model for many, from business men to young hockey players, in that he always put others first, himself last. May his soul rest in peace, and his legacy live on through all of us who will remember him. Sorry I can't make the service, but know we will be praying for all of you.

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**Bill Wilson** - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Dear Dwyer We are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I first ran into Jim on the ice and then at his repair shop. He always treated me and my family with respect and kindness. He will be missed in Fort Collins. We need all of his kind we can get. With sympathy Bob and Tracy Vangermeersch

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**Bob Vangermeersch** - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ The Gavaldon Family is very sad to hear of James "Jimbo's" passing. I was a customer FC Automotive before Jim had the business. That was 1973. He always treat our family very well. We used to take our 1963 Impalas to him over the years. Jim always ran a class shop with the best customer service ever. He was gentleman and such a nice man. We all will miss him. Jerry Gavaldon for the Gavaldon Family

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**Jerry Gavaldon** - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We are very sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was always so kind and friendly every time we saw him. He loved to take the time to talk and always remembered our daughters and asked about their horseback riding. What a unique and special person. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to the Dwyer family. -Celia and Kevin Doherty

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**Doherty Family** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our prayers go out to all of the Dwyer family. As most of you know Jim and I go back a long way and he was more than a friend. I have so many memories that always bring a smile to my face. Spending over 15 years working with Jim, he played a big part in my life. I pray for healing in your family. I know he is in a good place.

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**Wm Hawker and family** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dear Papa Jim. Take care of all the beautiful horses in Heaven. Wish we could have had more time together with you on the beautiful Colorado trails. Much love to all of your family and friends from Rich and E.beth Laubhan

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**Elizabeth Laubhan** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ The world would be a better place if there were more people like Jim and Marty Dwyer in it. Truly. Thanks, Jim for so much, on behalf of so many.

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**Mark Hanson** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dwyer family. Jimbo and Marty were always so good to our family. I can only image the reunion in heaven when these two people were finally reunited. Love the Wortmans

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**Wortman Family** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jim was always a spark of laughter when we saw him and shared conversations. If only we could all be so happy as he was to just be. We know his family will miss him and we send our condolences to each and everyone. LaPorte pizza was a great place to stop for lunch after a great horse ride...we will miss seeing him there. Sorry that we are not able to make Jim's service. Please know that we will be thinking of you and sending positive thoughts for joyous memories.

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**Jim and Judy Rhoades** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I sincerely wish I'd known you in your prime. You were a great man and a pillar of this community.

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**James Damon** - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ To the entire Dwyer family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jim had a heart of gold, a keen sense of humor and was a wonderful friend. We met in 2005 of all places at Fenway Park and we built over the years a bond that stretched from Boston to Fort Collins. On my visits to Fort Collins with Joy and Jimmy he treated me like one of the family and would go out of his way to make me feel welcome. He will be sorely missed. From a sox fan to a lovable yanks fan rest in peace my friend.

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**Brian Naughton** - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM