



## James Carson Mossman

March 2, 1945 - January 14, 2012

James Carson Mossman was born March 2, 1945, in Emporia, Kansas, to Earl and Dorothy Carson Mossman. He passed away at his home on January 14, 2012. Jim was the youngest of 23 cousins that grew up in Kansas. Jim enjoyed spending many hours with his family at their cabin on the lake. He loved fishing, hunting and playing pitch the most. Jim's parents owned a grocery store in Emporia where he learned to butcher and process meat. He also spent lots of time on the Carson Family Farm where he learned the value of hard work and the fun of country life. Jim graduated from Emporia High School in 1963. He attended Kansas State University before entering the United States Army in 1968. He served in the Defense Communication Operations Unit in the basement of the White House and traveled with two presidents. Jim was on duty in Chicago during the riots of the Democratic National Convention. Anyone who knew Jim knew he had his own opinion of how this story was "reported". After being honorably discharged in 1971, Jim graduated from Emporia State University with a business degree.

Jim came to North Park in 1975 with a GTO full of blue-tick coon hounds. He introduced himself to many local ranchers by offering to hunt bears or other predators off their ranches. He went to work for his brother in law, Bus Avery, hauling coal for Kerr Coal Company. He later became an "every-man" for Kerr Coal Company. Jim met, fell in love with and married Shannon on May 4, 1979. He worked for the mine until his death. He was a jack of all trades, loved to tinker, and loved to visit with friends. Jim loved guns of any kind and

was an excellent marksman. He mentored many children in shooting and gun safety. He loved taking his children and their friends hunting and fishing. Jim enjoyed playing cards - as long as you played by his rules. He was active in a variety of community programs including Little League Baseball, 4H Shooting Sports, FFA, high school sports, and numerous other programs.

The pride and joy of Jim's life were his children. If you wanted to spend hours visiting with Jim, just ask him about his children. He was extremely proud of all four of them. Jim was also an honorary father figure and mentor to many children besides his own in the North Park community.

Jim is survived by his wife Shannon; children Jason Mossman of Greeley, Captain John E. Mossman U.S. Army, currently serving in Afghanistan, Cole Mossman of Golden, and Jessica Mossman of Greeley; his sister Earlena Avery and husband Irving Bus Avery of Colorado Springs, his two nephews Aaron and Andy Avery and niece Heidi Avery, all of Denver. Jim is also survived by numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and many, many wonderful friends.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2012 at North Park Community Church, Walden, Colorado. Interment with military honors will follow at the Jackson County Cemetery.

A Jim Mossman Memorial Account has been set up at the Mountain Valley Bank to benefit the 4H Shooting Sports Club. Please visit [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com) to send the family online condolences.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Mossman Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on behalf of the 710th Brigade Support Battalion. John has worked with us in New York and here in Afghanistan - he is an excellent Officer and, no doubt, a shining example of his father's legacy. You are in our prayers during this difficult time. Respectfully, LTC Jered Helwig

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**LTC Jered Helwig** - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Dear Mossman Family, So sad about your dad, but glad to read about his life. Thank you for sharing. I hope this time is a close and special time for your family as you share, celebrate, remember, and comfort. Sincerely, Elizabeth Sweeney

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**Elizabeth Sweeney** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To Shannon and family: Jim's demise was a great shock. I had not seen Jim since college until the pledge class reunion in Colorado a few years ago. Visiting with him at the reunion brought back many fond memories of our youth.

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**Chuck Warner** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I did not know Jim but Cole is a good friend of mine. My condolences to the Mossman family as well as my thoughts and prayers. Franklin Gilmore-Metz

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**Franklin Gilmore-Metz** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Never having met James, I feel I know a bit about him already. His son, Cole, really saved me from an embarrassing spot in '06 when my family. Oils t make it out for my last game. Cold walked out with me on the field that day. That is friendship, and I see where he gets it from.

Dejuan DL Stevens - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Earlena and family so sorry for your loss. Fond memories of Jim and yourself playing in the yards around the Dilly's and your store on warm summer evenings and growing into the high school years. God Bless. Robert Forrester

Robert Forrester - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Jim's family and friends. He was a EHS Class of '63 leader, sports hero and Chorale member, plus a "Lake Kahola" and "The Y" friend. Fond and happy memories will live on. God bless you all.

Linda Burton - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Jim and I were roommates and fraternity brothers at the University of Kansas. We lost contact with each other over the years, but were reunited not too long ago at a reunion in Colorado. What a great time we had sharing stories. He always made me laugh. Jim has a special place in my cherished memories. I pray that the blessings of God shall provide you comfort at this time of such pain and sorrow.

Gary Cullor - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ We always looked forward to seeing the Mossmans at happy and sad times. Jim was a true outdoors man referring to big cities as "concrete jungles". God bless his family.

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**Nancy Carson Philo** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ "Barf" Mossman was one of my favorite Sigma Chi pledge brothers at KU....his dry sense of humor was so good that even to this day when someone exhibits a similar sense of humor I think of Jim. I only wished I would have stayed in closer touch with him....I talked to him over the phone during our 45th pledge reunion a couple of years ago, and he immediately made me laugh.....not a bad memory to leave with others. Billy Roy Fenton

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**Bill Fenton** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I remember Jim as a nice person, always fun to be arounds. One of the many Carson cousins of my late husband Stan Williams.

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**Sue Williams** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ We enjoyed Jim immensely, over the years at our many Carson family events. We are so glad he came to the Carson reunion in Emporia in 2010. He will be missed.

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**Brenda M Dunn** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Jim spent a lot of time in Hamilton, KS growing up with his cousins. I was fortunate to be one of those cousins who first saw him as a baby in Aunt Mabel's home. Jim lived the life of a modern day pioneer who took great pride in doing what was required to make a go of it under any conditions. His spirit will be with us always and may his soul rest in peace.

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**George Carson** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Keeping all of Jim's family close to my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

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**Sue Johnston** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our family grew up next door to Mossmans grocery store My brother Ronn Dilley & Jim were best friends. Jim was a great guy, Earlina and my sister Judy were about the same age. Judy died of breast cancer Nov. 29th they will get to see each other in heaven. Our love and best wishes to Jim's family.

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**Jeanette Hoy** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ The Mossmans were always a special family and Jim was a special Mossman. Cokes and candy at the grocery store without paying!, motorcycle and boat rides and of course the unforgettable GTO overnight to Breckenridge. He was always his own man, dedicated to his family and community. He will be greatly missed.

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**Jeff Schul** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jim Barnett and I were reflecting on times past. The days at Emporia State when we lived together in the "Queen Bee", with Barnett, Dick Ratcliff, Jim Jeffries, Don Minnis, Dick Connell. Oh the great pitch games and the "banter" that went along with them. I have raised my glass in a toast to Jim and shed a few tears. Hang in there!!

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**Mike ImMasche** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am very sorry for your families loss. Jim will be missed by all of us guy's in Missouri he is truly a good friend

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**Roger Hoeckelmann** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Shannon & Family, Jim and I were college roommates and friends for our years at KU. He has always been one of my favorites in life. God bless all of you, RW/Chip

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**Rex** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We will remember Jim for a life well lived. Our condolences and prayers for the family.

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**Myron & Pat Mitchell** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ My sympathy to the family. I worked at Mossmans in High school and I was 6 years younger than Jim but always looked up to him. Earl and Dorothy were the best and I had some great memories of the family. They raised 2 great children and were such a help to the neighbors that shopped at the store. I am saddened.

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**Ralph Lang Eddie** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family. I remember working with Jim at Mossman Grocery. Earl gave me my first real job and Jim was there to teach me what he knew.

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**Nick Torrens** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mike worked with Jim at Kerr Coal and Cole spent time at our house with Frank. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike and Charlene Geer** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To all of the mossman family,we send our heart to you and may GOD be with your family during this sad time.

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**mark philo** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Shannon and family we are sorry for your loss. Jim was a great friend and we are happy to have known him. He will be missed by all who knew him. Jim was a pleasure to be around and shoot the breeze with. We thought the world of him he came up in many of our conversations throughout the years. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Buck Hoeckelmann and Brian Wehde

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**Buck Hoeckelmann** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Jim was a good friend from the time I went to work for Kerr and we ended up being their last two employees at the mine. He will be greatly missed. God Bless. Tolly Ann

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**Tolly Ann Gore** - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ My heart is full of gratitude for the wonderful life Jim had, the memories of playing together as children and your wonderful parents. We send our sympathy to all the family.

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**Nedra Keating Lynch** - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ We are greatly saddened by the loss of Jim.

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**Scott Larson, Vickie Sullivan, Kris Ireland** - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Alas, his death came all too soon. Thinking of Shannon and all the children , sorry can't be there but you're all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lila/Ed Fry** - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was sad to hear of Jim’s death. We grew up together in Emporia. We went to school together from grade school at William Allen White through Emporia High. I remember going to Mossman’s Market. I remember his 1934 Indian Motorcycle and his GTO. I remember going fishing together more than once. During the summer months we worked the wheat rush on the Santa Fe Railway and thought we were rich. I remember how close his family was and how they would enjoy spending time together at their cabin at Lake Kahola. It was unfortunate that I’d lost contact with him since the 70’s but I’ve thought of him more than once.

Don Hillis - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Hometown friend from Emporia. Jim was one of most genuine people I ever met. Always solid,always the same.

Lee Burdorf - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Darel and Cindy Hardin

CINDY HARDIN - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I didn't know Jim personally, but I knew he was Mr. and Mrs. Mossman's son. He was the big kid while I was a little kid sent to their store by my mom to get something. It was a wonderful family-run store for the neighborhood! Jim and people like him will be sorely missed by the American character.

Dennis Windsor - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jim was one of my family's favorite relatives! Whether it was staying at your place when we went snow mobiling, elk hunting, turkey hunting in KS, or him coming to watch Hayden play baseball in Steamboat this summer...we'll miss him!

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**Damon Carson** - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was a great man and a Great friend. We will never forget him. You and your family are in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Bobby Woodard and Family** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Earlena and all the Mossman relatives, I am saddened of the news of Jim's passing. The obituary told me so much about his life as I had lost track of Jim and Earlena in the early 1970's. What a remarkable man Jim was and I am so happy he had a life full of doing what he loved. How proud his family must be to have had a husband and father that loved and cared for them so much. When the Mossman's retired from the store I bought their old rocker and rocked my baby boy to sleep in this special chair. We still have this rocker and it will be passed down to our son when the time comes. So many memories of the Mossmans and Jim working in the store behind the meat counter or stocking the shelves. May you find comfort and strength in God's word. Sincerely, Peggy Keating-Bolm

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**Peggy Keating-Bolm** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM