



James Curtis Packard

February 18, 1948 - May 23, 2024

James (Jim) Curtis Packard, 76, of Fort Collins, CO died on Thursday, May 23 at home. He was born on February 18, 1948 and grew up in Bloomfield, New Jersey. His parents were George and Jean (Sammis) Packard. He has two younger sisters, Marilyn (Packard) Cameron and Leslie (Packard) Stanici. He graduated from Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania in 1970 with a BS in Accounting. He was a member of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity at Susquehanna. Upon graduation, he was hired by Price, Waterhouse in New York City. In 1975 he moved to Manhattan Beach, California where he worked in the accounting department for Mattel and met his first wife, Cindy Stokes. In 1980, they founded James C Packard and Associates, an independent accounting firm that specialized in small to midsized companies, providing accounting, tax and payroll services. Upon the dissolution of his first marriage, friends introduced him to Judy Cuthbertson, a Presbyterian minister. Jim and Judy married May 1, 2004 and spent twenty wonderful years together. In 2013, Jim retired, sold his business and he and Judy moved to Fort Collins to be near her family, and to enjoy the Front Range life. In 2022 he was diagnosed with the ALS that eventually took his life.

Jim was a volunteer his entire life and usually ended up as treasurer, serving as the “Secretary/Treasurer for Life” for the Manhattan Beach Kiwanis Club from 1985 to 2013, and as board member and Treasurer for the Wellness Community-South Bay Cities. He joined the Eyeopeners Kiwanis Club of Fort

Collins and served a term as president. He was awarded the Lusche Fellowship by his club in honor of his work. He was a board member and volunteer treasurer of the Larimer Chorale from 2015 to 2022. He was a Presbyterian elder, deacon and an active member of St Marks Presbyterian Church in Lomita, CA and LaPorte Presbyterian Church in Laporte, CO.

Jim Packard loved music, tennis, golf, hiking, travel, community service, church and cooking but most especially spending time with friends. He is survived by his wife, his sisters and two bad cats.

A celebration of his life will be Friday, May 31, at 11.00 at LaPorte Presbyterian Church,
3820 W CR 54G, Laporte CO 80535 followed by lunch.

Those who wish may contribute to:

ALS United Rocky Mountain
10855 Dover St, Ste 500
Westminster, CO 80021

The Eyeopeners Kiwanis Club
630 Linden Center Dr
Severance CO 80524

LaPorte Presbyterian Church
PO Box 387
Laporte CO 80535

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Laporte Presbyterian Church
3820 County Road 54G
Laporte, CO 80535

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James Curtis Packard.*



June 01, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *Our little choir at St Mark's had the best tenor section around - thanks to Jim and his cohorts! But I especially loved the duets he sang with Judy for our annual talent shows. They made great music together!*
Margaret Armstrong

Margaret Armstrong - May 30, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ *One of my favorite memories that comes to mind is how much fun we would have at choir rehearsals at St. Mark's Presbyterian. Jim and his fellow tenors would play around and sometimes get silly, and the choir director would have to bring them back to attention....I enjoyed his company!*

Bobbi Mannasmith - May 30, 2024 at 08:35 PM



One of my favorite memories of Jim Packard was what a good cook/chef he was . I, too, fondly remember his duets with Judy at st. Mark's Talent Shows.

Lynne Cochran - May 31, 2024 at 02:13 AM



“ I always appreciated seeing him in the office and at Larimer Chorale. Intelligent, insightful, and a pleasure to be around. Never took him up on his offer for a beer after the 6th hole at Southridge, but the offer was definitely appreciated! He will be missed.

Steven D Broman MD - May 30, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ I have fond memories of many spirited conversations with him during coffee and cookies at Saint Marks. A good man who I will keep in my memories.

Max Cabot - May 29, 2024 at 03:10 PM