



James M. Rose

June 22, 1956 - February 19, 2023

James (Jay) Maurice Rose

Born June 22, 1956 Richmond, VA-Died at home in Fort Collins, CO February 19, 2023

Jay is survived by his wife of 37 years Jackie Rose, daughter Jennifer Rose Nordone (Vincent Nordone) and son Garrett Rose (Bethany Rose and baby Marigold on her way). Furry friends include Boo, Bee, Willy, Boots and Pumpkin who habitually invaded Jay's space, knocked things over, sat on his chair and kept him company.

Jay was born in Richmond, Virginia and grew up in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Florida. The saying "men are from Mars" is true in this case as Jay graduated from Mars High School in Mars, PA. He went to college at George Mason University pursuing a chemistry degree before deciding on a change of scenery. In 1977, he moved to Grand Junction, Colorado. For several years, he backpacked, fished and enjoyed the outdoors for weeks at a time with his cousins Dave and Andy.

In 1983, Jay took a part time position at the local drive-in movie theater as Concession Manager where he met Jackie, who was already there slinging popcorn. In no time, she was making hamburgers 'to order' for him before shift

start. That fall, at the age of 27 Jay moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to attend Colorado State University as a Civil Engineering student. Jackie followed later on that year and in December 1985, they were married.

Jay graduated from Colorado State University in May of 1990 and they moved to Burbank California after accepting a job with the City of Los Angeles. While only in Southern California for 5 years, there were many interesting experiences, food to be eaten and fun to be had. Jennifer and Garrett were both born in Burbank and in late spring 1995, the family moved back to Fort Collins.

Jay was hired by the City of Fort Collins Utilities Department in June 1996 and retired January 2021. He oversaw many Stormwater Utility as Project Manager during his tenure with the municipality.

Survivors other than Jackie, Jennifer and Garrett are vast--his family includes Laurel Rose and Robin Rose/Trauernicht (sisters); Nancy J Rose who embraced Jay as a son from an early age and was in contact with him up to the end; his brothers and sisters between Don (father) and Nancy-Kristine E Allen, Robert C Rose, Margaret J Rose, Stephen L Rose, Elizabeth S Rose-Gould and spouses. Nola Anita Kelley (Jackies' mother) and Andrea Sallee Lehm (Jackies' sister). He also leaves behind cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. His father Donald Rose and mother Virginia Rose/Lofgren passed prior as well as Ernest/Peter Lofgren. Although his family was blended, his memories were fond.

In the days prior to passing, he was planning a visit back east in the summer to see family, enjoying pictures sent from a trip Jackie was on and awaiting the birth of his first grandchild Marigold. His final days were full of happy thoughts.

Cremation is planned with scattering at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to A Little Help Northern Colorado, 19 Old Town Square Ste 238, Fort Collins CO 80524 (970) 412-9396 www.alittlehelp.org or SAINT (Senior Alternatives IN Transportation) [http s://saintvolunteertransportation.org/support-us/](http://s://saintvolunteertransportation.org/support-us/)

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“ Jay was the most loving younger brother a sister could ask for. Even when annoyingly mischievous, such as when he completely disassembled my bicycle to discover how it worked, his good nature didn't allow me to stay mad at him for long. His twinkling eyes and sweet laugh always softened me.

From the beginning of his life to the end of it, he was essentially the same person: intensely curious about everything (as a child he indulged his craving for knowledge by hiding a flashlight under the covers of his bed and reading science and history books well past his official bedtime); deeply attentive to other people (he always had an uncanny ability to figure out what other people were thinking and feeling); and unfailingly adventurous (he never encountered a path he didn't want to explore or a majestic tree he didn't want to stop and admire).

My brother was a talented and dedicated water engineer while still on the job. After retiring two years ago, he was thrilled to have all the time he wanted to read to his heart's content and to pursue his many hobbies, including woodworking.

My brother spoke often and with great pride about the accomplishments of his two children: Jennifer, an award-winning costume designer who models her creations, and Garrett, a federal prosecutor.

I last spoke with Jay by phone on Saturday evening, the day before he passed. He had called me and was eager to talk about all the subjects he had on his mind. We chatted for an hour and a half—a very short conversation by his standards.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts, Phil. I remember the sad day many, many years ago when you lost your little brother. That was a loss felt by Jay, too.

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“ Jay appears often in many of my fond memories of growing up in Mars, PA in the 70's. I'm glad I was able to see him 10 odd years ago when he was visiting his parents and looked us (the Jarretts) up. Lots of reminiscing of the good old days. He talked fondly about his family in CO, too.

He was taken too early. My condolences to his family.

ALLAN JARRETT - February 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM

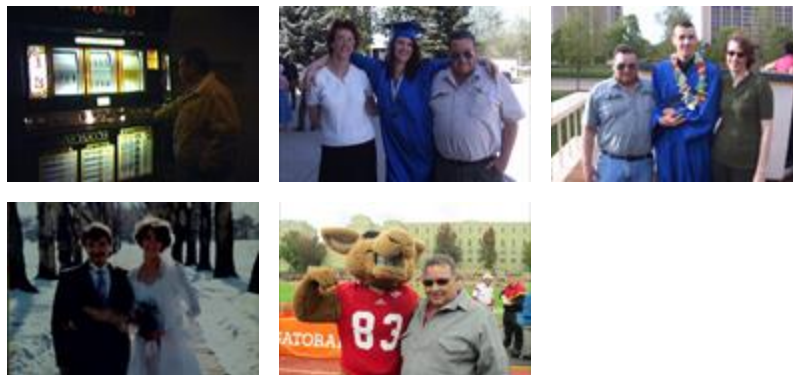
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“ Jay and I went through elementary and high school together. He led our Cub Scout pack up into the woods which opened my eyes to the world of adventures so close to home. When I was at Penn State University he bicycled with me and the Jarretts up to the north woods carrying our camping gear on our bikes. Then we lost touch when he went west. It's so shocking and sad to get this news and I hope to hear more about his life, career and children. Phil Norton, Mars, PA

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