James Herbert Wagner, Jr.

December 15, 1940 - May 9, 2012

James Jim Wagner, 71, of Fort Collins. died peacefully May 9, 2012. He was born in San Diego on December 15, 1940. He graduated from Shawnee Mission High School and attended Kansas State University then graduated from Wichita University. He met Linda on a blind date March 21, 1959 at age 18. and they married in Wichita on June 2, 1962. They moved to Boulder in 1964 where Jim got a Masters Degree at University of Colorado and used his electrical engineering skills in the field of air quality at Beech Aircraft and Westinghouse Georesearch Lab. Daughters Julie and Jenny were born in Boulder. . Jim received many awards for community work as a member of Jaycees. He taught Sunday School and served faithfully at Mountain View Methodist Church. Relocating to Fort Collins in 1974, he worked in the field of air quality, most recently for 12 years at Air Resource Specialists, retiring in 2002. He served over 15 years on the Cherry Hills Sewer District Board and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Always a devoted husband, father, brother, son, and a faithful friend-giving support and love to each. He was a people person, a good listener-patient. good-natured, light-hearted. He never missed a chance to laugh or share in a practical joke. He loved being a spectator and participant in many sports. Ran many 10K races and completed two half marathons. Softballpitcher, flag football, co-ed soccer, cross country skiingraces, hiking, backpacking, and, in his 50's, began playing ice hockey with co-workers. He was a loyal supporter of the CU Buffs, Denver Broncos, and Avalanche Hockey for all his years in Colorado. Hunting with six great

friends over 25 years was always a much anticipated Fall event. Jeeps were his signature car most of his life. He drove over a half dozen of them-until they pretty much fell apart in the road. He could never spend enough time flyfishing in Colorado streams and lakes-especially those at the Pingree Park Cabin-never any bait on his hook-only dry flies. He was good at catching trout but that never mattered-standing in the streams surrounded by the Rocky Mountains he so loved was enough. He is greatly missed, much loved, always remembered He is survived by his wife, Linda, daughters Julie FeglerKeith, two grandaughters Elise and Allison of Chesterfield, Virginia, daughter Jennifer WagnerGary Tubesing of Fort Collins, Sister Edwina Turnage and niece Kim MaloneyBrian of St. Louis and two dear granddogs, Ellie and Boomer, to whom he always gave much TLC. The family thanks Dr. William Lopez, Dr.Grant Taylor and Pathways Hospice for their excellent care and especially everyone at Aspen House of Loveland for bringing joy to Jim and meeting his needs so well each day he lived there. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer Association, Elderhaus of Ft. Collins, or Pathways Hospice of Fort Collins in care of Bohlender Funeral Home, 121 West Olive, Fort Collins, 80524. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 532 South College, Fort Collins, CO 80524 on Friday, May 18, at 10 am. . He fought a nine year battle with Alzheimer Disease with much courage and bravery-with his compassionate, kind, gentle nature still shining through.

Tribute Wall

CG

Jim, I know you are in a better place. Linda , I will always be here for you. How fast time goes. How I remember the fun of college days and your wedding. God Bless each and every one and Jim, I wish I had been closer to spend more time with the 2 of you and your family. cathie geiger

Cathie Geiger - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

Linda, I was so sorry to hear about Jim. He was always so kind and interested in what was "going on" whenever I visited with him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always cherish the time you and I spent together in Stephen Ministry and lots of other projects at the church. Jim seemed to always support you in all your "good works" and always had a ready smile too! He will be greatly missed.

Marcia Richards - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

Dear Linda and family, Jim was blessed with a wonderful family that he appreciated and loved dearly. David said the service was a wonderful tribute to Jim. We will always miss him. Love, Susan Crisp

susan crisp - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

Jim was a genuine good guy and a very kind man. It was my extreme good fortune to have him as a wonderful boss and a great friend for many years. He was always helpful,understanding and extremely supportive whether at the office or in my personal life. He was easy with a smile, his laugh happy & joyful, and his friendship one of my most treasured gifts. Our love for him & Linda and his entire family will remain in a special place in our hearts forever. Thank you Jim. You will be missed and remembered always. Carter & Bonnie Blandford

Carter Blandford - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

Jim was just a good, decent person. He touched us all and he will be missed.

Dave Wade - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

Linda, may you be comforted knowing that Jim is in a wonderful place. We were always glad to see you together.

Michelle, Grant, Sunny & Sydney - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

Dear Linda and family, We came into Jim's life for only a short time in his later years. However, it was like knowing him for a lifetime. Finding the joy of the moment with each caring companion visit was so rewarding. A fond friendship grew in that short period of time. Jim will always hold a special place in our hearts. May the peace of the Lord be with you! Love, Gail & Shirley Shellberg

Gail & Shirley Shellberg - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

Dear Linda and family, My condolences go out to each of you and especially to Linda. I have such fond memories watching Jim play with Ellie in the front yard, you both going out for ride bikes and Jim's friend picking him up to go camping. Although I only knew him in his later years, he always had a great smile and a caring spirit about him. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Deepest sympathies, Andrea Peeples Prior neighbor

Andrea Peeples - May 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

I will always remmember his compashion he showed Diane at mckinze place

diane hanak - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

With great memories of past good times and treasured friendship over these many years- And with admiration for how you lived your life. Your friend, Judy Shormann

Judy Shormann - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

Dear Linda and family, Just to let you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Gravenstein - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

I worked with Jim for 9 years at Air Resource Specialists. I was so sad to hear he was having problems with his health a few years back. He was one of the nicest men around, and I can still hear his laugh. He will be missed.

Lauri Connell Cullen - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

Linda and family, We were sorry to read about Jims passing. I remember fondly the old days at Western and wish you and your family the very best.

Jerry & Merlyn Jones - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

Dear Linda and Family, You and Jim have been such special friends for the past 48 years, and we have so many cherished memories of our times together, going back to when we became parents about the same time! Jim was such a warm and caring man, and he will be missed by all who knew him. He was an inspiration, as are you, Linda. Our love, prayers, and sympathy are with you.

Lonnie & Terry Eakle - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

Jim was a close friend, fishing and hunting partner. I miss him very much.

Robert M. Lehman - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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JA

Dear Linda and Family: So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim and I worked so very well together for many years at ERT, and he was always a very positive force on all of our projects. When we lived in Nedrah Acres, we would often see him during our walks around the neighborhood. He was a great person, and you should know that he was a true professional all of his life. We send our condolences and express our appreciation for having had a chance to know Jim. We will miss him. Sincerely, John and Jeanie Aronson

John & Jeanie Aronson - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

So many wonderful memories we shared in the past. I will remember now in the present and in the future with love and affection to a wonderful, kind, giving, gentle man and gentleman!!

Linda Briles - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

My deepest condolences go to Linda and the girls. I knew Jim back in the 60's at Mtn View Chuch in Boulder. Yes, he was fun and had a ready laugh! He was a devote man, and a good husband, father, and friend. It was good to see him a few times these past few years, although in a new state, still smiling.

ELAINE NIXON - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

Dearest Linda, I have such fond memories of you and Jim as you shared your faith together at First Presbyterian. What a kind, caring and friendly person he was. We missed him when he was no longer able to accompany you. I send my love and may you relish all the wonderful memories and find comfort in the Lord. Fondly, Carol Alford

Carol Alford - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

Linda, I'm sure that Jim and Larry are back together again up there having a great time talking over the good old times. I will always remember Jim's warm smile and special fun times from Wichita to Boulder to Ft. Collins. Really beautiful memories. We lost them too early - but you know my prayers are with you and the girls and all your family. Love and a hug, Marketa

Marketa Axline - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

Dear Linda, We wish we could be there with you to celebrate Jim's life; he lived it to the fullest and was a kind and gentle soul. We like to remember you and Jim and Beggs in our shared newlywed days before you both moved to more scenic surroundings. Blessings to you and Julie and Jenny as you gather together. Much love, Loretta & Alan

Loretta & Alan Phares - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

Dear Linda and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I will always remember him as one of my favorite bosses and people when I worked for and with him at Air Resource Specialists. He was always ready to help when needed, listen when needed, and always, always, with that beautiful smile of his .. and a giggle or two. Love to your family. I know your special memories of and love for Jim will be carried in your hearts forever, and in the hearts of all who knew him. God Bless.

Sue Mikkelsen - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM