



James Wadsworth Fairchild

April 19, 1940 - April 14, 2020

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020 James (Jim) Wadsworth Fairchild, Jr. passed away after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer at the age of 79.

Jim was born April 19, 1940 in Olean, New York. He is preceded in death by his father, James Wadsworth Fairchild, and his mother, Evelyn Swanson Fairchild, and his brother, Bruce Tillotson Fairchild.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Ryan Fairchild; his three children, Mark Stephen Fairchild and wife Stacie, Brian Kevin Fairchild and wife Ingrid, Debra Suzanne Fairchild Mullinax and husband Andy; his brother Leslie Swanson Fairchild and wife Macklyn; his grandchildren, Lauren Elaine Fairchild, Colin Scott Fairchild, Palmer Kane Mullinax, Rylie Morgan Mullinax, and Marlee Annette Mullinax; his stepchildren, William Matthew Ryan, Megan Emily Ryan Strange and husband Casey, John Patrick Ryan; his step grandchildren; Hattie Mila Strange and Shepard James Strange.

Jim spent his formative years in Portville, New York and Lake Hamilton, Florida where he enjoyed water skiing on Lake Sara with his brothers, and working alongside his father in the family's citrus groves.

He received both his B.S. (1963) and M.S. (1965) in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida where he was a proud member of the Fightin' Gator Marching Band.

Jim founded Fairchild & Associates, Inc. and was considered a world-renowned natural gas reservoir storage expert. He was a registered Professional Engineer, and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He loved his work, traveling, spending time at his cabin in the mountains, and collecting and enjoying fine wine. He was the consummate host and never met a stranger. He was also known for his generosity and heart of gold.

Instead of flowers, the family requests an honor donation to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. In lieu of a service, we ask that family, friends, and loved ones raise a glass to Jim on Sunday, April 19th to celebrate and wish him a Happy Birthday.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Wadsworth Fairchild*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Wadsworth Fairchild*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Wadsworth Fairchild*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Wadsworth Fairchild*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Les, Macklyn, Jeff and Karen purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Wadsworth Fairchild.*



Les, Macklyn, Jeff and Karen - April 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM

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“ I first met Jim in 1981 when he came to Oregon to evaluate the Mist Gas Field for underground storage development. Over the past 39 years we became very good friends, working together on many projects and sharing our mutual love of wine. Jim and I would send bottles of our favorite wine to each other and share our experiences in wine tasting in the Sonoma Valley - giving tips to each other about a new discovery.

We had a close, long distance relationship with me being in Oregon and him in Houston. Whether it was work related or just a call to BS, it always brightened my day to talk with Jim, maybe in ways that only two engineers can relate. Some of my favorite calls started with "I want to run something by you . . ." and we would brainstorm on the latest challenge together until we came to some conclusion about the best way to proceed.

I am a better person for knowing Jim and having worked with him for these past 39 years. There will always be a place in my heart for Jim and I will miss those calls. We have a bottle of Pezzi King zinfandel from him that I plan to open tomorrow in his honor. Thank you Jim for our travels together.

Charlie Stinson

Charlie Stinson - April 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM