



Jim Fortunato

December 2, 1952 - July 13, 2022

Jim Fortunato, 69, of Sacramento, passed away on July 13, 2022. After 5 long years of kidney failure and dialysis, he suffered a severe stroke. He passed peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his daughter Tina Fortunato, grandchildren Stephen, age 15, Aurora, age 6, and Emma, age 12 (Kyle Fortunato); brother Gary (Lynda) Derschon, sister Dianna (Arnie) Brokling, brother Patrick (Crystal) Fortunato, longtime life partner Kathy MacKay, and numerous nieces, nephews, sisters-in-laws, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his son Kyle Fortunato, father James Fortunato, mother Helen Derschon, brother Skip Fortunato, brother John Fortunato, brother Tony Fortunato.

Jim was born in Fort Worth Texas, and lived in Southern California growing up. He went to Riverside College and became an X-ray technician, soon realizing that wasn't the career for him. He worked in food service, and managed several restaurants, including the Cask n' Cleaver in Merced, then Tequila Willies and El Torritos in Sacramento. He managed Casa Marie's for a couple of years, then became their landscaper. He then launched his landscaping business, Green Thumb Gardening, which he owned and operated for the remainder of his adulthood.

Jim was a very outgoing, loving man, always willing to help others, friends and family alike. He loved wine, and also loved making it. He and his buddies Dave and Sam created the wine label Three Men and a Barrel, which won several awards, including gold, at the state fair. He loved to hike, fish, camp,

and do anything outdoors. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him,
which are many.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

Murray Family Funeral Chapel
4147 Rocklin Road
Rocklin, CA 95677
(916) 824-2737
<http://www.murrayfamilyfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ Tina I am so sorry for your loss. I knew your father a long time ago. I knew then he would be one of the good guys. Your thoughts of him say it all. Go in peace Jimbo.

Samuel Rametia - July 28, 2022 at 11:24 PM

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10 January 2023

Tina

I am very sorry for your loss. Jim and I became friends in the early to mid 80s. He proved himself to be kind and decent soul. Im going to miss him.

Namaste

Scot

Scot Albert - January 10, 2023 at 08:28 PM

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Jim was a good friend and a good man. Peace to Jim and his family.

Tony Metcalf - December 05, 2023 at 02:47 PM