



James Anthony Ross

February 22, 1945 - December 4, 2019

James Anthony Ross, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, died on December 4th, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. He was 74 years old.

Jim was born in Fort Worth, Texas on February 22, 1945 to Opal Odell Robinson. He was raised by his mother and stepfather, Charles E. Ross, in San Antonio, Texas where he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1963. In 1965, Jim joined the Air Force, where he served six years as a weather observer at Kelly Air Force Base. Jim worked as a record distributor and in commercial graphics but spent most of his life working as a commercial photographer, for the San Antonio Light newspaper, Trader Publications, and independently, as PhotoGraphic Services. In 1979, Jim and then wife, Barbara Compton, had twin children James Travis and Jamie, who became his whole world. Jim loved being a father and dedicated his energies to caring for and raising his children. In 2002, he became a grandfather when his grandson, Nicholas Royer, was born.

Jim retired from Trader publications in 2008 and spent his retirement visiting museums, participating in his alumni group, serving on the board of his condominium, and talking about history, art, and pop culture with everyone who would listen. Jim loved music, food, and family and was happiest when he could combine all three, driving to the outskirts of San Antonio to meet his kids for barbeque and country music. He valued art and beauty and was able to reconnect with his love of painting over the last few years. He will be remembered forever by his family as a kind, caring, and generous spirit.

Jim is survived by children James Travis Ross of Houston, Texas; Jamie Allision Ross of Austin, Texas; and grandson, Nicholas Royer of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by sisters Suzanne Harrison of San Antonio, Texas; Betty Black (husband, Kenny Black) of San Antonio, Texas; and Charlene McClure (husband, Edward McClure) of San Antonio, Texas. Jim is preceded in death by his mother, Opal Odell Ross, and stepfather, Charles E. Ross.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial services celebrating Jim's life on January 5, 2020 from 1 to 3 pm at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens - Ault House (555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX 78209). We will be gathering to share our favorite moments and memories of Jim, to laugh and cry together, and to remember the wonderful man he was. Light refreshments will be served on the adjacent patio immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the McNay Museum of Art which he loved and visited often.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

San Antonio Botanical Gardens - Ault House
555 Funston Place
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a great neighbor & an even better friend. While he will be missed; he will live on in Brandy's & my heart. We will keep Jim's family in our thoughts & prayers; & offer you our deepest condolences.

samuel p. v. reyna - January 05, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Jim was my neighbor and my good friend here at my complex. We both served on the board and racked our brains on how to make it a better environment for those living here. We chatted all the time and i definitely will miss his friendship. RIP amigo

Robert Rivas - January 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM

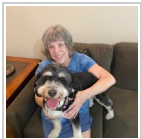


“ Parks, museums, movies and music...these are the places and experiences I was privileged to share with Jim Ross. We dated in high school. He was a GREAT prom date--I still have the pictures! Going separate ways for college and careers, we reconnected in 2011 and it was suprising how many parallels there were. We had spent the intervening years in the same neighborhoods.

Together we've been trekking, at our leisure, through the McNay, SAMA, enjoying art--some of our own--and following Jim's never ending quest for the perfect hamburger--according to his standards. Dinner conversations with Jim were chock full of shared memories but inevitably returned to his tremendous pride in Jamie, Travis and Nicholas. Their accomplishments and strength of character were his pride and joy.

Jim--family and friends will miss you terribly. We're heartbroken to say "Goodbye".

Letha Ashley - January 04, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Happy trails darling Jim, may you be at peace and comfortable at last. How happy you made me for decades as we grew up together, raised two amazing kids, laughed, loved and enjoyed the great adventure of our very fortunate life. Thank you for all your love, kindness, gentleness and wisdom. Thank you for the beautiful adoration and pride you had for our twins. Thank you for bringing me into your family and sharing your group of wonderful friends. Thank you for understanding that we needed to part finally but remained friends. You always took the high road and we had the most amicable end to our marriage imaginable. Much love, Barbara

Barbara Ross - December 09, 2019 at 03:18 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 09, 2019 at 10:49 AM