



Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke

November 18, 1945 - February 21, 2018

James "Jim" Arthur Parke, 72, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2018. He was born to Audrey and Arthur Parke in Glasgow, Montana on November 18, 1945. During his childhood, he was active with the Boy Scouts and earned the Eagle Scout Award. Jim was a 1964 graduate of Glasgow High School where he was co-captain of the football team and the Montana Governor of Key Club. He then attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota where he was the Student Body President and graduated in 1968 with a triple major in history, political science and economics. Following graduation, Jim joined General Electric's Financial Management Program and built a career in finance with leadership roles on the GE Corporate Audit Staff as Chief Financial Officer of the GE Lighting, GE Aircraft Engines and GE Capital businesses. Jim was a well-respected business partner with an incredible financial mindset and passion for growth and excellence. He valued the development of others and was a genuine, insightful mentor dedicated to building a world-class finance team. In 2005, after a 37-year career, Jim retired from GE as Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of GE Capital Services and Senior Vice President of General Electric Company. In retirement, he continued to maintain a professional connection serving on the Board of Directors of Genworth Financial. Jim's generous nature was as profound as his business career. He served as a Director of First Community Bancorp in Glasgow, where his father and his wife, Marilyn, had worked. He was an early and avid supporter of the not-for-profit buildOn and has served

on the Board since the organization's founding over 25 years ago. Jim actively supported his alma mater. He served as a member of Concordia College's Investment Committee, assisted in the further innovation of its business program, and was integral in the creation of the Parke Student Leadership Center and the James Parke Technology Center. In May 2017, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Concordia College. He supported numerous other organization with his wisdom, time and financial resources. Jim had an adventurous spirit and loved to travel. He was an expert skier and watching him ski his favorite run, Stein's Way, you realized he had one speed: fast. He inspired others with his determination to accomplish anything he set his mind to. Jim was a natural leader and one of the patriarchs of the Parke family quietly encouraging other to pursue their passion and success. Jim and wife, Marilyn resided in Lake Keowee, SC and Deer Valley, UT Jim was preceded in death by his father: Arthur Parke; mother: Audrey Parke of Glasgow, MT; first wife: Shirley; and sister: Ardis Fuhrman of Fargo, ND. Jim survived by his wife Marilyn of Seneca, SC; Marilyn's daughters: Kim Gillies (Mark) of Moose Jaw, Sask. and Jana Jackson of Aiken, SC; brother-in-law: Dennis Fuhrman of Sarasota, FL; niece: Dacia Gonzales (Robert) of Houston, TX; nephews: Brett Fuhrman (Karen) of Asheville, NC and Trevor Fuhrman (Lauren) of Denver, CO; Marilyn's grandchildren: Connor, Camryn, Cole and Brock; grandnephews and grandnieces: Alexander, Hannah, William, Andrew and Audrey; and many beloved cousins. Donations can be made on Jim's behalf to the Glasgow High School Educational Trust, Jeanine Markle, CEO, 904 Wedum Drive, Glasgow, MT 59230. A memorial service will be planned to celebrate his life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Thinking of Marilyn and family. I knew Jim's mother and had met Jim at this Mother's eightyth birthday party in Glasgow. Randeem*

randeen - April 15, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ *I had the privilege to work with Jim for many years at GE. He was an incredible leader with crystal-clear vision. A man of the highest integrity, he was a strong coach, mentor, and built amazing teams of talented people. He also gave endlessly to the community.*

With heartfelt condolences to the family,

Kjersten Mills

Kjersten Mills - March 07, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ *I did not know Jim. But I met him and Marilyn this last summer at a class reunion for Glasgow. So, it makes me sad that life cut him short. I am sure he could and would have done many more remarkable things. My deepest sympathy to Marilyn. She will miss him. A lot!!*

Marg Ellard - March 04, 2018 at 07:38 PM

VS

“ Vera Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke



Vera Sims - March 03, 2018 at 10:59 AM

CH

“ I always looked up to Jim for his amazing accomplishments as a leader, athlete and student from our shared high school (Glasgow) and college (Concordia) alma maters. I was fortunate to finally meet him in 1995 during a Concordia reunion after hearing so many stories about his days as a Key Club Governor, Glasgow Scottie and all-around active and energetic guy. He was one of Glasgow's finest and most accomplished. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Chip Halverson

Chip Halverson - March 03, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KK

“ Kathy And Bob Korte lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke



Kathy and Bob Korte - March 02, 2018 at 08:05 PM

TK

“ Terry Michael Korte lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke



Terry Michael Korte - February 28, 2018 at 12:43 AM

MP

Thank you Terry

Marilyn Parke - March 01, 2018 at 02:41 PM

LZ

“ Jim was a leader with integrity and vision, and he was admired and respected by all of his teams at GE, including the tax organization of which I was part of. It was a privilege to work for Jim. May he find lasting peace. Best, Lawrence Zlatkin

Lawrence Zlatkin - February 27, 2018 at 12:05 PM

LG

“ Jim will be so very missed! We loved spending time with both he and Marilyn in Deer Valley, our amazing neighbors in Belle Arbor! We are so honored to have know Jim and shared so many amazing memories! Walter loved to meet up with him in the ski house to ski! Jim would ski the whole mountain in a couple of hours, at the speed of lightning! One of my favorite memories was seeing Jim so happy to see him reignite his relationship with his childhood sweetheart, Marilyn! What happiness they found together and what a life the two of them shared! It was a story book love and it showed to all that knew them! Jim, will always be remembered and loved! Our love and prayers go to Marilyn and Jim's family! We will miss our neighbors in Belle Arbor! Much love, Linda & Walter❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Linda Gill - February 26, 2018 at 06:43 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Holcombe - February 25, 2018 at 05:45 AM

JH

“ Julie Hallock lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke



Julie Hallock - February 24, 2018 at 09:32 PM

JS

“ Jim:
You were always someone I looked up to and I can't thank you enough for all your mentoring, courage, and leadership.....you will definitely be missed.

Joe Svitek

Former GE Capital Finance team member

joseph svitek - February 24, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jim" Arthur Parke



Kathy Addis - February 24, 2018 at 08:28 AM