



## James Redfield

March 10, 1946 - September 28, 2020

James Redfield passed away unexpectedly at his home in Penn Valley, CA on September 28, 2020. He was born in Santa Rosa, CA on March 10, 1946 to Richard and Betty Redfield. He loved Santa Rosa and grew up working in his father's grocery business.

He met and married his sweetheart Ilona Leavitt in 1967 and together they raised 3 children and later adopted their oldest grandson.

He completed his Masters in Divinity from Andrews University and worked as a Pastor in the Seventh Day Adventist Church for over 40 years. He was passionate about conflict resolution and worked as a trainer for the Center for Conflict Resolution until his death. He also was an avid supporter and volunteer for the Food Bank of Nevada County.

Jim knew no stranger and made friends everywhere he went. He took time for people and was able to converse about any subject. He loved to laugh and have fun and was never without some kind of joke or story. He left people feeling heard and loved.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Ilona. Four children, Kendall & Lori Redfield, Corey Redfield, Zach and Casey Redfield, and Steve and Keiri Boggs. The joy of his life were 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Steve and Ken Redfield along with numerous

nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Michael.

Memorial Service will be Saturday October 10 at 1:30pm at Grass Valley SDA Church.

# Previous Events

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

OCT **10**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Grass Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The memorial service was beautiful. It was great seeing you, Corey, Keiri and of course Ilona. I think one of the greatest things I learned from Jim is that there are no right or wrong feelings, our feeling just are - and they lie, so, when I am in the midst of negative feelings I need to stop and say, This is what I'm feeling - and validate those feelings than ask myself, what is the truth? I have so many wonderful memories of our friendship and it breaks my heart that we have not lived closer for all these past years. I cannot tell you how special it was to have Jim officiate at Michael's and Stephanie's wedding and to have you, Keiri, coordinate everything. My heart aches and I share in your grief. I Love you all!*

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**Cynthia Pryor** - October 10, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ *I first met Jim back in the mid-1990's when we both were part of a planning group for a Union-wide pastor's meeting. Jim was working in Northern California and I was in Southern California. Jim impressed me as someone who had big passionate ideas and was not afraid to share them. Neither of us realized that soon we would be colleagues together in Northern. And we also became part of a trio of pastors - the James Edward trio! Jim was James Edward the Oldest (JETO), Jim Thoreson was JETM (the Middle) and I was, happily, JETY (the Youngest!). We shared that connection for many years. I appreciated being part of ministry together with Jim and will miss him. Looking forward to an eternity of more blessings and good times - We Have This Hope! Jim Pedersen*

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**Jim Pedersen** - October 10, 2020 at 01:09 PM