



James "Jim" Henry Gardner

April 12, 1932 - April 11, 2025

James "Jim" Henry Gardner, 92, of Pueblo, CO died peacefully on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Sangre de Cristo Hospice House after a brief illness. He was born in Muncie, Kansas on April 12, 1932, the fifth of eight sons of Jess and Julia (Henry) Gardner. Following his interest in art, he completed his higher education at the Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas State College, and University of Oklahoma, where he studied under Bruce Goff and received his architecture degree in 1957. He spent three years as an officer in the Air Force, spending time on special Air Force housing and development projects in places like Mountain Home, Idaho and Guam. In 1962, he married Ann Pflumm in Shawnee, KS. They first settled in Denver, CO, where he worked for Fisher and Davis Architects. In 1964, they moved to Pueblo, where Jim started HGF Architects with fellow Oklahoma alumni John Hurtig and Norman Froelich. Their firm designed noted Pueblo landmarks such as the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo Ice Arena and School District 60 Administration building. He retired from HGF in 2018. Jim worked tirelessly to help the city that he loved and called home. He served on numerous boards and committees, including Mt. Carmel Credit Union, Sacred Heart Home, HARP Foundation, Keep Pueblo Beautiful, and Pueblo Water Board. He was passionate about mentoring younger architects, contractors, and tradespeople and helping them launch their careers. When he wasn't working, you could find Jim on the golf course. He spent many years playing courses around southern Colorado with his friends and could boast of three holes-in-one in his

lifetime. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ann Pflumm Gardner of Pueblo; as well as his three children; Jean Gardner (Michael Moore), and son, Isaiah) of Pueblo; Andrea Gardner (Blair Adams), of Albany, CA; and Molly Gardner (Mark Perry) of Golden, CO. He was predeceased by his brothers, Henry, Fred, John, Walt, and Joe. A Funeral Mass immediately followed by a reception will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 3130 Morris Avenue, Pueblo. If desired, memorial gifts may be made to the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center <https://my.sdcar ts.org/donate/contribute1> or the Sange de Cristo Hospice (<https://www.sangre. org/donate-now2/>).

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Pius X Catholic Church
3130 Morris Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81008

Tribute Wall

BG

“ James was a great uncle to us and my dads little brother.I have this feeling that my life is better having known him.I will always remember his smile his laugh and the way that he was.....very much missing him.....

Bryan Gardner - April 22, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MA

“ Matt Coffman and Accolade AL.Staff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James "Jim" Henry Gardner.



Matt Coffman and Accolade AL.Staff - April 22, 2025 at 01:04 AM

YW

“ Your WescoTeam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Henry Gardner.



Your WescoTeam - April 21, 2025 at 12:58 PM

KM

“ We will all miss Jim Gardner. We called him the Medical Marvel due to the many medical issues he overcame. I personally enjoyed our many years of playing golf together, luncheons, chatting in my office, and listening to all of his stories that were not only entertaining but very interesting. My wife Colleen always referred to Jim as being extremely handsome!

Kevin S. Mccarthy - April 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM

MO

I have fond memories of my Uncle Jim. A smart guy with a great sense of humor.

Mary Owens - April 22, 2025 at 10:36 PM

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Will miss all the times you made me laugh, Uncle Jim. Rest peacefully while playing some amazing golf.

Mary Owens - April 23, 2025 at 10:49 AM

DC

*I remember Jim Gardner fondly as a friend and as an architect who designed our house in Pueblo West. On a beautiful sunny afternoon I remember Jim came to Pueblo West and drew a rough sketch of a house to fit the lot that we had purchased a year ago. When Marianne and I reviewed the plans that he had drawn they were perfect. We lived in and enjoyed that wonderful home for over 20 years and only sold it to move to Lafayette, CO to be near 4 of our 7 children.
Thank You Jim
Dave Cardinal*

dave cardinal - May 18, 2025 at 06:15 PM