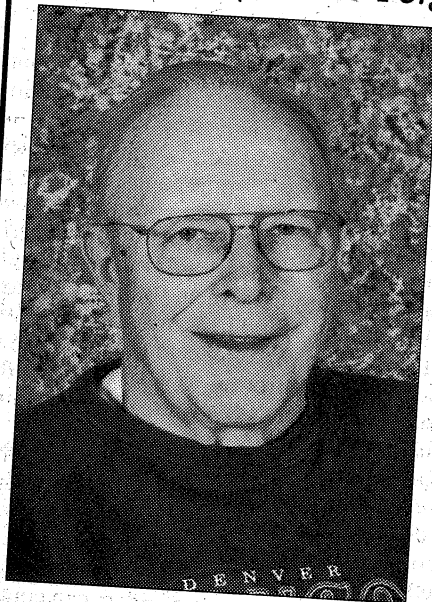


*James Ferguson, Jr. 64-R
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Jim was born on May 14, 1938, in Greeley, Colorado, the only child of Maudie Quail Ferguson and James Ferguson, Sr. In high school, Jim met Janet Mary Clark, and the two were married in August 1955. They raised four children together in Denver, where Jim worked as an electrician and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Jim was an avid gardener who enjoyed nature and being outdoors. In his younger days, he spent time hiking through the Colorado mountains. Mid-life, he explored Alaska where he and Janet lived for 16 years.

He also loved international travel, and in his seventies, he visited Ireland and Italy with Janet and later his beloved Scotland, with his daughter Susan.

In 2003, Jim and Janet moved from Colorado to Grinnell to be closer to Susan and her two daughters, Gillian and Alana. Jim was a devoted grandfather, and he did after school care and supported them at every school event. Jim also was interested in genealogical research on the Ferguson clan and enjoyed playing Mahjong on his computer, watching basketball games, and playing cards with his family. Jim passed away on June 4, 2023, at 85 years old after he fell and broke his hip. His family and friends remember him as being generous and loving, with a keen wit and warm laugh.

Jim is survived by his wife and best friend Janet, to whom he was married for 67 years. He also is survived by three of his four children: Jan (Michigan), David (Colorado), and Susan (Grinnell, Iowa). His oldest son, Russell James, passed away in 2012. Jim and Janet have 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service for Jim Ferguson will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell on Saturday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in his name to the Food Pantry of Grinnell c/o MICA, the Mid-Iowa Community Action non-profit that supports local families in need (MICA, 1001 S. 18th Ave. Marshalltown, IA. Phone: 641-752-7162).