



James C. Ritchie

July 29, 1927 - February 3, 2014

Jim Ritchie passed away February 3, 2014, following an illness. He was a beloved and cherished father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, brother, friend and mentor. Jim was born on July 29, 1927, in Lexington, OH. He served two years in the Navy before enrolling at UNM. He earned a business degree from UNM and a law degree from the UNM School of Law. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. While at UNM, he met Margaret Jean "Peggy" Sweeney. They were married for over fifty years before her death in 2004. Jim was a highly respected trial attorney, practicing for over fifty years with the Rodey Law Firm in Albuquerque. He was known for his skill, integrity, honesty and sense of humor. He mentored numerous young lawyers, teaching them not only legal skills, but life skills. Jim loved to golf, fish and cheer on the Lobos, but his true joy came from time spent with and supporting his family. Jim is survived by: his children, Charles (Patricia), Chris (Susan), Carol Ish (Mark), Cathy Reardon (Tim); his 10 grandchildren, Luke (Tarah), Jacob (Kelli), and Nathan Ritchie; Eric and Scott Ritchie; Travis, Casey and Catie Ish; Kelly and Erin Reardon; five great-grandchildren; his brother William Ritchie (Betty) and sister Carolyn Sue Wilson; many nieces and nephews; and his loving companion Maxine Cowton. A reception celebrating Jim's life will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Country Club, 601 Laguna Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jim's name to the UNM Presidential Scholarship Program, UNM Foundation, Two

Woodward Center, 700 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or online at unmfund.org/fund/memorials-tributes for a scholarship to be established in Jim's memory.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Previous Events

Reception

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Albuquerque Country Club
601 Laguna Blvd SW
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. Beth Stephens*



Beth Stephens - May 10, 2015 at 08:24 AM

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“ *Thinking of you and your family at this sad time and in the days to come, hoping you feel the care of others holding and sustaining you.....surrounding you always. We will deeply miss Jim and are forever grateful to him, for his dedication, wisdom, and for being an outstanding partner.*



The Peppler Family

Peppler Family - February 25, 2014 at 11:15 PM

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“ *I will miss my legal adventures with Jim. Those memories will last a lifetime. I only wish that Jim was here to share the details that I forgot. Now I am forced to make up the missing details but don't worry, like real life, Jim will always turn out the hero.*

Larry Hill

Larry Hill - February 05, 2014 at 04:17 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James C. Ritchie.*



February 05, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ *May you find comfort in memories and strength in each other's love throughout this very difficult time. Jim's love lives on forever in your hearts.*

Kathy Cowton Herring, Indianola, IA

Kathy Cowton Herring - February 05, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Faith Miner - February 04, 2014 at 05:04 PM