



## James M. Pontarolo

March 25, 1939 - January 24, 2022

James M. Pontarolo passed peacefully at his home in Torrington, Wyoming on January 24, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim is survived by his wife Jeanette of 62 years, daughter Monica Koerwitz of Thermopolis, son Jim (Amy) Pontarolo of Lusk, and daughter Tammy (John) Marsh of Cheyenne. Jim has one brother Robert (Joyce) Pontarolo of Roseville, California. He was blessed with eight grandchildren; Logan (Karolina), Anthony (Jess), Nichole (Jason), Jordan, Tanner (Devon), Dylan, Karlei, Corben and eight great grandchildren; Trishell, Macie, Shaylee, Easton, Bridger, Niko, Emma, Brooks. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim was born to Anthony and Lena "Nancy" (Deromedi) Pontarolo on March 25, 1939, in Oakland, California. As a teen he farmed for his father and neighbors, the Stout family. After graduating from Fort Laramie School in 1957, he was drafted at the age of eighteen and entered the US Army. While on leave, in August 1959, he married Jeanette Ferrari. The couple made their home in Fairbanks, Alaska. After his discharge in 1960, he returned to Fort Laramie where he farmed for three generations of the Stout family. In 1966 he bought his own farm, "The Little Ponderosa" where he lived, farmed, ranched, and raised his family. Over the course of his lifetime Jim also worked for Holly Sugar Corporation, Cook Family Farms, and the Fort Laramie National

Historic Site. In 2018, Jim and Jeanette retired from farming and moved to Torrington.

Jim enjoyed indoor shooting, hunting, fishing, and arrowhead and rock hunting. Jim loved helping family and friends and didn't know a stranger. Jim was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Fort Laramie Rifleman's Club, the Wyoming State Equality Board, The Wyoming State Draft Board, the Wyoming Wheatgrowers' Association, and the ASCS Board. He served as a Session member, Elder, and Trustee in his church. Although Jim loved farming and ranching, his greatest joys were Jeanette, the love of his life, and his children and grandchildren. Jim treasured every moment spent with his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church, in Lingle, WY, on February 5th at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Colyer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Interment will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com)

Memorials may be made in Jim's honor to the Community Presbyterian Church, 200 3rd Street, Lingle, WY 82223 or the Cheyenne VA Medical Center RRTP Program 309 to provide help for homeless veterans, 2360 East Pershing Blvd, Voluntary Services--Building 6, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Community Presbyterian Church  
Lingle, WY 82223

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. Always remember when the pontarolos would visit grdma Nancy and our grdma Z. was next door. Thinking of Jeanette, Monica, and family. Theresa(urbanek)Madsen, & the Zavorka families.



Theresa urbanek madsen - February 09, 2022 at 01:52 PM

RA

“ Monica and family, We are so very sorry to hear about your dad. Our prayers are sent your way. Another angel in Heaven watching over.

Ruth Herdt & VFW Auxiliary - February 07, 2022 at 11:50 AM

AH

“ I have many fond memories of Jim and Jeanette (seems they were never mentioned individually but only as a couple). Condolences to the family. By the way, Bob and Joyce, our daughter lives in Roseville also.

Alan Hubbard - February 05, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Pontarolo.



February 03, 2022 at 05:41 PM

CD

“ *Sorry for your loss. Hold tight to your memories....that is what keeps me going. Love you all.*

**Cathy Daiss** - February 03, 2022 at 09:42 AM

MH

“ *Jim and I have been lifelong friends, and went through 12 years of school together. He will definitely be missed by not only me, but by many others. (Monte) Pete Hubbard and wife Linda.*

**Monte Hubbard** - January 29, 2022 at 02:10 PM

GG

“ *Gregory and Therese Goodman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James M. Pontarolo.*



**Gregory and Therese Goodman** - January 29, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James M. Pontarolo.*



January 28, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. Pontarolo.*



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January 28, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Mom (Jolene Hubbard) also sends her condolences.*

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**Tisha Harvey** - January 27, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Sincerest condolences to Jim's family! He was a fine friend to all! Blessings, prayers, and peace! 🕊️ Karla Ahrens*

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**Ahrens Karla Beermann** - January 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *We are so sad to hear of Jim's passing. So glad we got to see you right after Christmas. We truly enjoyed our visit that day with you. Sending the BIGGEST HUGS to you and the family. Love you. Dave and Sherry Lea*

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**Sherry Darnall Wilson** - January 27, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RR

“ *Renae (Daiss) Rice lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



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**Renae (Daiss) Rice** - January 27, 2022 at 12:51 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Rose Shaffer lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



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**Tammy Rose Shaffer** - January 27, 2022 at 01:01 AM

LK

“ *Lisa Kelly lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



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**Lisa Kelly** - January 26, 2022 at 10:53 PM

GA

“ *Gina Lira Avila lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



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**Gina Lira Avila** - January 26, 2022 at 10:41 PM

ST

“ *Sandy Thompson lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



Sandy Thompson - January 26, 2022 at 07:25 PM

RN

“ *Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - January 26, 2022 at 12:39 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



Theil Ryan - January 25, 2022 at 07:48 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of James M. Pontarolo*



Carol Peterson - January 25, 2022 at 06:58 PM