



James Allen Welsh

October 12, 1954 - April 12, 2025

James Allen Welsh, 70, passed away on April 12, 2025. He was born October 12, 1954, the second child of Russ and Betty Welsh in the small town of Loves Park, Illinois. Jim is survived by his loving wife Linda, his sons Erik [Kerri] and Evan [Amber] Welsh, grandchildren Dylan, Susan, Kieran, Owen, and Lucy; his sisters Desa [Doug] Ciufu and Diane Welsh. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Betty and Russ.

His early life was marked with adventures and challenges. Becoming a Type 1 diabetic at the age of 10, Jim was able to successfully navigate that autoimmune disease and bear witness to the technological advances that have occurred in diabetes research and treatment. In the early '70s as president of his Harlem High School class, he brought about significant changes to the dress code, so girls could wear pants and boys didn't have to wear belts. He served as a photographer for the high school yearbook.

After high school, he outfitted his first van for a two-month long trip to Alaska with his best friend, Tony Gelandar. On June 1, 1974, Jim married his high school sweetheart Linda Susan Anderson in the Garden of the Fu Dogs at Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. To fulfill a youthful dream, he converted his second van for a nine-month adventure, driving as far as Bolivia, South America with his wife, Linda.

After the trip to South America, Jim and Linda settled down in Austin, Texas to raise their family. Jim had an eclectic variety of jobs from construction to band manager for Timbuk 3. As a self-taught engineer, Jim enjoyed his work as an engineering associate for the Engineering Services Department of the City of Austin where he worked for 20 years. He was especially proud of his work on the redesign of Barton Springs Road and his significant contributions to the work on US 183. He loved teaching new engineers how to do their work for the city.

Jim was a tinkerer and inventor, loving to make detailed plans and then create them. His love of model rocketry was shared with his family and friends. His major project after retirement was rebuilding the bridge and decks on our home and took pride in doing everything himself.

A service will be held at Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park at 1pm on Friday April 18th, 2025. All are welcome. Please dress comfortably with good shoes for the rustic location. No bathroom is available. Please send flowers to Austin Natural Funerals.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park
115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Tribute Wall

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“ Linda,
Our condolences to you on the passing of Jim. We have many fond memories of our times together, especially your beautiful wedding at Allerton Park.
Doug and Sue DeVries

Doug DeVries - January 23 at 09:12 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Linda and family. You will be in my heart as you navigate this new journey without Jim. May you find strength and support surrounding you through friends and family.
Peace be to his
memory.

Suellen Myers - April 16, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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“ Words will do no justice to both the memories and affection we share, Peace and Love to you all, Connie

Connie Robinson - April 15, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SH

“ Jim and I always felt a bond and had wonderful conversations which I really enjoyed, even though Linda was my first good friend in the family. I appreciate them both and will miss him.
Love to you both, Sandra

Sandra Hamilton - April 15, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ *What an adventurous and interesting life well lived! I am so sorry for your loss, Linda. You have been such a loving and faithful wife. My sincere condolences, Debbie Starr*

Debbie Starr - April 15, 2025 at 12:52 PM

PW

“ *Linda and family, I know Jim fought a long hard fight. Hugs to each of you. Pam Wolfe*

Pam Wolfe - April 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM