



James L (Jim) Stovall
Sep 14 1956 – April 10, 2019
Oklahoma City

James “Jim” Stovall, 62, died following illness related to non alcohol cirrhosis of the liver and the added complications of meningitis.

Jim was born in Baton Rouge, LA to Rev. James (Jimmie) and Alice Stovall. As a preacher’s kid and the youngest child with 3 older sisters, not surprisingly, Jim had a reputation of being a mischievous child. Jim also developed an early sense of independence beyond his age perhaps due to 5 family moves, before he graduated from high school in Monroe LA.

After high school graduation, Jim moved to Chicago where he was an associate with the Institute of Cultural Affairs while simultaneously perusing his bachelor’s degree at the University of Illinois Chicago in criminal justice. With the ICA, Jim also spent time working in village development projects in India, Egypt and Indonesia.

Jim eventually settled in Oklahoma City and received his Master Of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. Jim devoted the balance of his career to peaceful conflict resolution, founding the Mediation Institute in 1993. He taught mediation and negotiation at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City University School of Law and University of Central Oklahoma. He conducted mediation training for over 1,000 individuals, judges, attorneys, executives as well as human resource and mental health professionals throughout Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Jimmie and Alice Stovall of Baton Rouge LA and his sister Mary Alice Ballard of Sulphur LA.

Jim leaves behind his beloved wife Kristi; daughter Julia Stovall Green of Edmund, OK; son Martin Stovall of Oklahoma City; sisters Sally Stovall and her husband Dick Alton of Oak Park IL. and Carol Brossard and her husband Pete of Slidell LA.; and two granddaughters Zoe Green and Hadley Green of Edmond. He will also be dearly missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family.

All are invited to join us in celebrating Jim’s life at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 at Church of the Open Arms, 3131 Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City