



## Jay Cary Groseclose

August 10, 1951 - February 19, 2025

Jay C. Groseclose, 73, the undisputed king of turning legendary, simple home repairs into epic adventures, a human jukebox of jokes, a collector of collectibles he called antiques, but most of all, being a man of great thinking and study, he was a learned authority on almost everything, carrying on a conversation for hours, left his home here on earth to join his Lord and Savior, Jesus, on February 19th, 2025. We are positive his Dad and Mom were waiting right behind Jesus.

Funeral services for Jay will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at First Baptist Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 2:15 PM. There will be an interment at the Santa Fe National Cemetery prior to the services, at 1:30 PM.

Jay was a man whose dedication to service and unwavering integrity touched countless lives. Having a heart of gold, his priorities were God first, always giving a word of encouragement, followed by family, country, state and community. Always the comedian and trickster, Jay picked, pulled and prodded on his sisters during his home life which led to his nickname "Bother!" Jay called his dear wife, Missy, and loved her greatly. At home, he was a devoted husband and father. He was the best anyone could ask for, loving his children, involved in their everyday lives. Jay brought the same integrity and dedication to his family life that he showed in his public service. He taught the importance of giving back to the community and the power of standing up for what is right.

After graduating with honors from Goddard High School, Roswell, NM, in 1969, he attended NMSU in Las Cruces earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering, graduating there in 1975. Jay moved to Kansas City, MO, worked for Black and Veach Engineering Firm, met Earlene Clay in 1976, and married the love of his life in Leawood, KS, on May 28th, 1977. Together, he and Earlene moved to Santa Fe, NM, in November 1980 when Jay received a job from Scanlon and Associates. While there, Jay spearheaded initiatives to modernize Santa Fe's infrastructure which led him to design the Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant, always with an eye toward sustainability and future generations. In 1982, he went to work for the State of New Mexico, specializing in

Hydrology. Jay gave over 25 years of service to the State of New Mexico, serving as Interim Deputy Director of Interstate Streams Commission, specializing in water resources management.

Jay was an active member of New Mexico State University's Academy of Civil, Agricultural and Geological Engineering, and the American Legion. His favorite pastimes were rockhounding, hunting, fishing, shopping and collecting antiques, watching baseball and football, and tinkering on just about everything

A commitment to service extended far beyond Jay's professional duties. Throughout Jay's career, he volunteered as a coach of YAFL – Young Americans Football League, AABC – American Amateur Baseball Congress, and multiple youth basketball leagues, manager of the MSGHL – Mountain States Girls State Hockey League in New Mexico and Santa Fe Youth Hockey League for over 10 years. Jay also volunteered for many associations, including Gideon's Int'l, Santa Fe Interfaith Shelter Community at Pete's Place working with the homeless and hungry, and chairman and vice-chairman of the Santa Fe Friends of NRA. Upon retirement, he focused helping youth in 4-H activities, leading into his involvement in 2015 with the Republican Party. Jay showed tireless energy in his efforts to volunteer for his family, church, community and state.

As a member of First Baptist Church in Santa Fe for 44 years, Jay served as an Ordained Deacon, some of those years as the Chairman, Chairmen of the Property and Building Management Committee, a Sunday School Teacher, Sound Board Operator, he was an over-all volunteer.

In 2020 and 2022, Jay ran as candidate for House District 46 as the first Republican to run in that district in 75 years. He was very involved in the Republican party from 2015 to death.

Surviving Jay to carry his heritage are his wife, Earlene Groseclose; son, Joshua Groseclose; daughter, Janna Groseclose; sisters: Joan Park (Brady), Jery Bethany (Darrel); brother in law, Glenn Mallott (Glenda); nephews/nieces: Denver Park, Jeremy Hurley, Trinity Park, Heather, Angela; many great and great-great nephews and nieces; one aunt, Donna Groseclose; and numerous cousins.

Preceding Jay are parents, JC and Faye Owen Groseclose; niece, Rebecca Amy Park; Paternal and Maternal Grandparents; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Chosen as Honorary Pallbearers: Jim Saunders, Carrie Boyd, Paul Morrison, Harry Montoya, Senator David Gallegos, and Greg Gillespie.

Honored to serve as Pallbearers: Damian Knight, Brady Park, Darrel Bethany, Joey Tiano, Phil Howes, Dan Chappell, Mark Pacheco and Senator Jay Block.

It can be said of Jay; the true measure of a person is not in the titles they held but in the lives they touched. His legacy will live on in the improved lives of the citizens in the workplace, community and programs he contributed to and in the hearts of all who knew him. "Don't cry because it's over, smile because I finally finished my race."

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at [t2t.org/donate](http://t2t.org/donate) or New Mexico Shooting Sports Foundation at [NMSSF.org/donations](http://NMSSF.org/donations).

Please take a moment to share your prayers and thoughts with the family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 2:15 PM (MT)

First Baptist Church  
1605 Old Pecos Trail  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial video



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - March 24, 2025 at 12:44 PM

MB

*Jay Gloseclose, good and faithful servant. R.I.P. My heartfelt sympathy to Earlene and family. Maria Rosita Block*

Maria Rosita Block - April 14, 2025 at 09:51 PM

RR

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Jay's passing, but the angels are surely rejoicing and welcoming him to his eternal home. I met Jay and his family through the many Republican events in Santa Fe, and supported him in his run for a Legislative seat. He always had the best stories that kept me laughing. The Groseclose family is wonderful and I will continue to keep them in prayer.*

Robin D Reed - March 05, 2025 at 01:58 PM

TH

“ *Jay was always so kind and gentle at church, whether he was leading or assisting. We look forward to seeing him again one day. In the meantime, many prayers for your whole family!*

Tammy Ferguson (Stagg), Derek and Haley - March 05, 2025 at 01:29 PM

DC

“ *We are so sorry to belatedly hear of Jay's passing. Our hearts go out to Earlene and the family. Jay and David go back to 1969 when they both started at NMSU and enjoyed it through the years in Las Cruces and eventually in Overland Park. We connected in Santa Fe from time to time when we were home to see family. While we will miss Jay's stories and warmth we know that the things Jay started will go on. His dedication to ministry was always there.*

David Copeland - March 03, 2025 at 10:13 PM

MJ

“ Michael and Judy Johnson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jay Cary Groseclose.



Michael and Judy Johnson - February 27, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MJ

“ Michael and Judy Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Cary Groseclose.

Michael and Judy Johnson - February 27, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MM

“ Mike Friestad & Gloria Martinez purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jay Cary Groseclose.



Mike Friestad & Gloria Martinez - February 26, 2025 at 03:29 PM

NT

“ Jay was an amazing patriot and man of God. I will forever cherish the fond memories of getting to know him during his campaign and witnessing firsthand his generosity and perseverance for the American people. I'm so thankful he had an opportunity to know that we have been left in a better administration and that the Lord gave him an opportunity to celebrate with us here on earth before calling him home. I will greatly miss his kindness, his forever smile and his spirit. Very thankful for having known such an incredible human.

Nadine Trujillo - February 24, 2025 at 05:32 PM

KH

“ Karen Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Jay Groseclose



Karen Hoffman - February 24, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KH

“ Jay, you are now at home! I can't imagine all the saints that you are with, but especially and finally in the presence of your Lord and Savior! Til we meet again, brother.

Karen Hoffman - February 24, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ My dear cousin. Even though there is much difference in our age, we grew closer the past several years. I will always remember your hug when I cried, for my daddy, and my brother and my sister. You were so strong and caring and I love you for that! I look forward to the day when we all gather together again in Heaven, What a day that will be! Rest in Peace my dear cousin. And God bless and keep and comfort your family! Until we meet again on that Golden Shore!

Julie Ferguson - February 24, 2025 at 03:58 PM

KH

I hope they play the old hymn, "In The sweet by and by."  
<https://youtu.be/YsLZGwbM-Vg?si=CmFUNHStqu3-rO3J>

Karen Hoffman - February 24, 2025 at 04:54 PM

HP

“ Jay was a brother-in-Christ, trusted friend, and fellow deacon. Not afraid to get his hands dirty, he always stepped up to help and do what needed to be done. I praise God and take comfort in knowing that I will see him again.  
Bill Pearson

Herbert W Pearson - February 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JV

“ Jay was such a sweet kind man, whom my husband and I grew to know better through fellowship. He was always smiling and had caring concerns for fighting for right. We'll miss him.

Judy Vucinich - February 23, 2025 at 09:17 AM