

James E. Wassberg

December 9, 1947 - April 21,
2026



James Edwin Wassberg, 78, of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away peacefully April 21, 2026, at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Jim was able to help others by being a donor.

He was born December 9, 1947, in Manhattan, Kansas, to Ivan John and Gertrude Lola Wassberg. Jim attended Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School and Manhattan Middle School, graduating from Manhattan High School in 1966. He went on to attend Kansas State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting in 1970.

In 1970, Jim married his lifelong love, Linda Hooper, whom he met in fifth grade and dated throughout college. Together, they moved to Kansas City, where Jim built a successful career, serving as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for B.A. Karbank & Co. He retired in 2013, after which he and Linda returned to Manhattan.

Jim had a lifelong passion for sports. As a youth, he played baseball, football, and golf, and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a devoted Kansas State University fan and his family and he held season football tickets both in Memorial and Bill Snyder stadiums to this day.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Linda; two daughters, Jamie (Wayne) Nutt of Grapevine, Texas, and Janna Wassberg of Denver, Colorado; two grandchildren, Taylor, and Connor Nutt; his brother, John Wassberg; and two nephews, Eric and Tom Wassberg.

Jim was an active member of his community. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Manhattan Country Club, where he served as Treasurer for several years, and the Sunset Zoological Park and Wildlife Conservation Trust, where he was a Trustee. He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 10:30a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth in Manhattan. Private inurnment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Jim to the Sunset Zoological Park and Wildlife Conservation Trust. Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com