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In Memoriam

James E. Turre

June 5, 1928–December 15, 2022

James E. Turre passed away peacefully on December 15, 2022, at the age of 94.

James was born and raised in Denver, son of George and Helen Turre. He attended South High School and graduated from the University of Denver Law School in 1952. Denver remained his forever home, as his family was in their third generation of Colorado residency.


Soon after graduation, James served in the military JAG Corps on the West Coast. During his service to the country, James married Wanda Grubin and relocated back to Denver. Together they raised three children: Stephanie (Jorge) Guevara, Martha (Rick) Herwehe, and Steve (Laurel) Turre. James and Wanda would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in late December.

James practiced law in Arapahoe County and served as the municipal judge for the City

of Cherry Hills Village for 41 years. In addition to legal work, James and a couple of childhood friends formed and operated several commercial real estate investment partnerships, which are still in existence today. James was one of the founding members, and early president, of the Arapahoe County Bar Association. He was also a member of the Denver Country Club and Teton Club.

Some of James's favorite activities were travel, tennis, fly fishing, golf, and skiing. He learned to ski as a teenager in the 1940s, became an early member of the National Ski Patrol in the 1950s, and continued to enjoy the sport well into his 70s.

James was preceded in death by his brother George Turre. He is survived by his sister Helen Bell, three children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

Donations in his memory may be made to Easterseals Colorado or the Red Cross. 

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