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Vail Chapel is a multifaceted sanctuary

Spectacular orchestral music lifts the vaulted wooden ceiling. An intimate moment takes place Gore Creek-side as a younger (and sometime not-exactly-younger) couple sit snuggled together to mark an anniversary, or schedule one. There is incisive, provocative fora on super-intellectual subjects with attendees like me occasionally nodding my head thoughtfully while furtively web searching vocabulary on my hidden cell phone. Exhausted, overwrought stranded travelers morph into overnight refugees seeking a warm bed and safe shelter when Interstate 70 is closed or wildfires threaten. Individuals, couples and families walk into the sanctuary and sit down ... for awhile, reflecting upon private thoughts which inevitably arise when confronted with the majesty of our Rocky Mountains. Dear friends and complete strangers move regularly in and out seeking recovery, personal solace and honest support. Where in our resort town do all these moments happen quite regularly, you wonder?



Reverend Brooks Keith
Valley Voices

Welcome to your community spiritual anchor, the welcoming and peaceable civic foundation we know as the Vail Interfaith Chapel, or more commonly, the Chapel. For over a quarter century, I have been privileged to witness personally all these special moments of transformation, and so many more. While we all enjoy world class ... well, just about everything, actually, where can one go to receive personalized attention to very acute physical, spiritual and emotional needs? Yes, we have a library, hospital, schools, gardens, amphitheater, skating rink, restaurants, art, among other

outstanding amenities. But we also have a dedicated interfaith community offering all of us a facility to see to the entire human person, the only public spiritual space in

Vail and an enthusiastic community partner.

Yes, yes, we have member Jewish and Christian congregations which conduct all manner of life cycle celebrations for our members and some of us for many who have never before stepped through our front door. But the Vail Chapel is far more than a village church. It serves as a spiritual and emotional MASH unit operating in the forward theater of full body contact resort living, where the

highs are stratospheric and the lows are devastating. We proudly partner with caring organizations like Vail Health, various anonymous gatherings and Alpine Counseling to provide multiple meetings indoors and outside. We love our summer Bravo! Vail Music Festival free (yes, that's correct, you read that correctly) music concerts and our Vail Symposium forums (cell phone for big words optional unless you are a cleric). We are very proud of our governmental and emergency functions working alongside the Vail Police Department, Town of Vail and Salvation Army.

Perhaps most of all, we love to provide a warm and safe respite from all those resort dramatic highs and lows for anyone wishing to take a quiet stroll and sit beside the comforting Gore Creek or reflect peacefully inside the Chapel sanctuary. And the reason I share all of this now? After a whirlwind 50 years of daily

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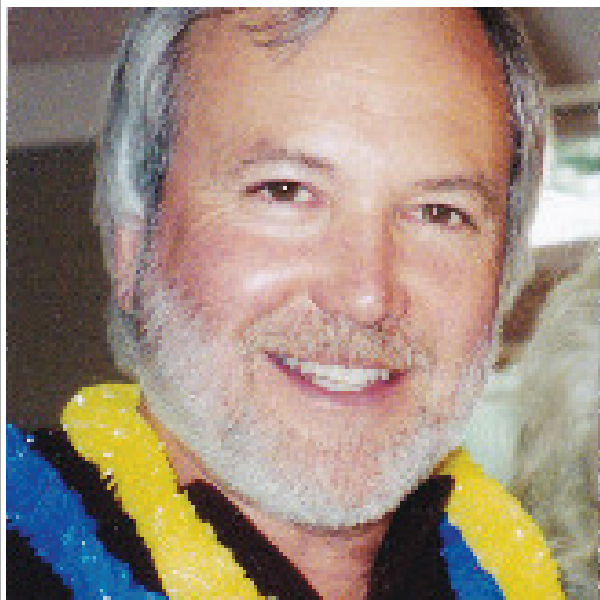
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In Memory...

James (Tom) Thomas Davey

November 18, 1950 - December 8, 2020



Tom, aged 70, was born the middle-child of James F. and Marjorie E. Davey, in Tacoma, WA. He passed away in Denver, CO due to complications from double pneumonia—not COVID-19.

A graduate of St. Bernadette's Grade School and Seattle Preparatory School in Seattle, Tom attended Highline College and completed an Electrician Apprenticeship in the mid-1970s. He was a devoted traveler, museum attendee and loved music of all genres.

In 1980 Tom made a cross-country trip to the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in New York. Witnessing the USA Hockey Team defeat the Russians was the highlight of a journey that included National Parks, museums, and the ancestral home of his great-great grandmother in Galena, IL. After visiting Vail, CO and the surrounding area, Tom, being an avid skier, decided to stay a bit—and remained there for the next 40 years, working for New Electric and the Town of Vail. Tom's great sense of humor with his fellow tradesmen, was rivaled only by his expertise and strong work ethic. With his wife of 25 years, Loretta Miller Davey, Tom built a home on the Eagle River.

Along with journeys to Europe, South America, Australia, the Middle East and Africa, Tom's travels always included an annual trip "home" to the Pacific Northwest. Even in Bronco territory, Tom remained a loyal University of Washington and Seahawk fan. He had recently retired, downsized and relocated to Avon, CO where he was within walking distance to the gondolas that carried him to the slopes of Beaver Creek.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, James F. Davey, 5-year-old nephew Bryan Vornbrock and brother-in-law, Mark Vornbrock. He is survived by his mother, Marjorie Davey of Vashon, WA; sisters Joyce Vornbrock (Mark-deceased) also of Vashon and Mary (Bob) Swope of Denver, CO; and Loretta Miller Davey of Avon, CO. Tom's vivid storytelling, quick wit, heartwarming humor, thoughtful birthday greetings and his annual 'Super Bowl Pool' are fond memories that will remain in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and Godchildren in both the Davey and Miller families.

Due to the CDC COVID-19 restrictions, Tom's Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please address your memories of Tom to The Davey Family, PO Box 2093, Vashon, WA 98070. In memory of Tom, donations may be made to: Special Olympics Colorado, 12450 - E. Arapahoe Rd. Suite C, Centennial, Co. 80112.

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old. Sometimes new eras call for new architecture. The entirety of "Pillars of the Earth" follows Tom Builder's family through just one cathedral that sees fire, destruction, fatal cracks. The cathedral is rebuilt, reimagined, suffers, and then a new generation repurposes old stones to build something grander.

There are also structural problems to solve: "... instead of the usual web of mortar-and-rubble, this builder had put cut stones, as in a wall. ... in a rectangular bay, the narrow arches had to spring from a point higher up the wall than the springing of the wide ones, so that their tops would be at the same level and the ceilings would be even. The result was always lopsided. This problem had now vanished," Jack, Tom's adopted son, realizes.

La Fábrica has a large room used for entertainment and it's also the central workspace. This room is

called "la Catedral." It has 10-meter high ceilings and as described on La Fábrica's website: "Decorated with minimal elements, it embodies one of the main fascinating contradictions" of the building. The room is stunning yet brutalist. The great metal cement funnels protrude from the ceiling, framed by massive windows. There is very little decoration, the geometry of the structure is the viewer's only draw.

I like that Bofill has chosen to call this room the cathedral. In my own head, I have molded the definition of cathedral to mean something grand, spectacular. I can feel the cathedral's presence on the summit of a mountain for example, and I can also feel the cathedral's presence when it is crumbling, when the cracks begin to form in the vaulted ceilings of our structures.

Systems are not meant to last forever. We install systems in specific time periods that call for, them but there does come a point when systems

break down. They rust. They fill with cement. They become obsolete. When this happens with buildings, we have a few choices. We can tear the building down and start afresh. Or, we can use the good bones of the old to build something that harkens to the past, but also looks forward to the future.

I think many of us can agree that the silos of our government have filled with hardened cement. Our system is a bit congested, stuck. But as a country with something as precious and important as a democracy, we are the architects looking upon the potential of its reinvention. We are the ones that can add a flying buttress here, empty the silos there, and make a home for ourselves in which each one of us feels that we have contributed to the grandeur.

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KEITH

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operation, our beloved Vail Chapel needs some refurbishment and upgrading to meet the needs of a 21st century resort community. We have supported similar efforts over these past years for other nonprofit organizations in Vail and celebrate their success. Now it is the Chapel's turn to

ask for your generous financial support as we raise funds to make sure the next time that couple sits beside the creek mulling their future; or that person in recovery seeks a supportive gathering; or that stranded traveler has the hot shower and bed they so badly need; or that concert (and they are free) and forum gathers, the Vail Chapel stands ready to receive them. The next 50 years begins right now!

For more information, a tour of our facility and resources to make a contribution, please see vailchapel.com. And thank you for your support!

The Reverend Brooks Keith is the reactor and senior pastor for the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration at the Vail Interfaith Chapel.

Mark Kolakowski

May 1, 1959 - December 20, 2020



Mark was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and raised in Warren, Rhode Island where he graduated from high school. Shortly after graduating high school, he moved to Avon, Colorado. He was a resident of the valley for over 40 years!

Mark owned and operated his successful business (Bald Eagle Snow Removal and Trucking, Inc.) and was a career CDL Truck Driver. He was proud to be part of the production crew during the summertime of the late 80's and early 90's for the Associated Volleyball Professionals (AVP), 2-man, pro beach volleyball tour. He was also thrilled to be the very first 'male' host at Beaver Creek Ski Area where previously, only females could hold the position.

Mark never met a stranger, was

passionate about being a 'true patriot' and genuinely loved his country. He loved being on the water and any free time he had in the summers, Mark could be found on Lake Powell in Page, AZ having fun on his boat with many friends and family! Many people were fortunate to have Mark as a mentor and teacher. He was always willing to share his knowledge and skills, teaching many to drive truck and snow ski. His love for his dogs and life, in general, radiated from within him and was noticed by anyone around him.

Mark had a huge heart and that was considered his legacy. Mark will be incredibly missed by his family and friends. His giving nature and the generosity he showed to those around him was a stand-out quality he possessed. Mark

was a friend that you could always count on. He showed up and that meant so much to everyone that knew and loved him.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Edmund Kolakowski; mother, MaryLou Kolakowski; brother, Karl Kolakowski; brother-in-law, Michael L. MacDougall; grandmother, Annie Levesque and aunt, Phyllis Saber. Mark is survived by his sister Gail (Kolakowski) MacDougall; uncle, George Saber; nephew, Michael S. MacDougall (Eileen); niece, Heather L. Moschberger (Jonathan); niece, Kelly MacDougall; grand-nieces: Aubrey, Abigail and Meghan Moschberger; and Kaley MacDougall.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.