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In Memoriam

JAMES (JIM) MOSS

Founding Co-Editor ***Journal of Professional Association for Cactus Development (JPACD)***.

James was born on October 9, 1933 and passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019. James was a resident of Cedar Park, Texas at the time of passing. After graduating from high school in Baytown, Texas, he attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he received a BS degree in Zoology. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Navy, where he learned to fly and became a "top gun" pilot.

In 1992 I was a Research Scientist at Texas A&M Kingsville working to develop uses of Cactus for arid lands around the world. Every year from about 1992 to 1998 we had an International conference. We really wanted to publish the proceedings and put them on the web for all to see and without cost. Jim shared those ideals. He and I founded an international cactus journal (www.jpacd.org) to receive papers from scientists around the world. After I and other peers reviewed them for scientific content, Jim would use the impeccable technical editing skills he honed as a Technical Editor for Texas Instruments to put them in wonderful publishable format. We also wanted a journal that no one had to pay to download. The idea was this was to be a scientific journal to help scientists with scarce financial resources all around the world.

In 1998 I moved to Argentina for 5 years, and in spite of the distance Jim and I continued to publish the journal yearly. In 2003 I came back to work in California and still Jim and I published the journal until we transferred it free of charge to our scientific colleagues in Mexico to continue.

Jim would surely be proud and very pleased to see the excellent success Professors Gilberto Aranda-Osorio, Bernardo Murillo-Amador and Armida Rodriguez-Felix have made with the JPACD.

Through all this time Jim used his own supplies and software and never accepted funds for anyone to do this important work. Jim's patience, every friendly smile and incredible technical skills were truly a blessing for many people in poor arid lands. This valuable initiative continues to grow and serve the world. I am blessed to have counted him as my friend.

Peter Felker