Jimmy Watts knew the fullness of life - love, laughter, and most of all community. Jimmy had the unique capacity to share in the joys and sorrows of those around him. He allowed others to know him and be known by him, to ask freely for what they needed and be supported to act on their own. He humbly loved those around him without judgment or hesitation. Jimmy knew the sacred dignity of all human life. Jimmy lived these beliefs by giving to the poor and needy, alleviating sadness, and preventing pain. He was intentional about his greatest pursuits. Jimmy sought out solitude in the mountains, where he could reflect, reclaim certainty, and conquer the course. He will travel the world with us as we put into effect our own work, arm in arm with each other—in community.

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