



Mr. James (Jim) Leo Skelley, Jr.

March 13, 1948 - September 24, 2020

James (Jim) Leo Skelley, Jr. of Crownsville and Greensboro, Maryland, peacefully passed from this life on September 24, 2020. Jim took on the challenge of cancer as he did most of his life challenges – with quiet stoicism, relentless love for his family and friends, battling what could be won, and accepting what could not. He lived a full and rewarding 72 years.

Born March 13, 1948 in New York City, Jim was the son of Colonel James and Lillian Skelley. Growing up in an Army family, Jim's childhood homes included locations in New York; Fort Lee, New Jersey; Fort Lewis, WA; Frankfurt, Germany; Fort Sam Houston, TX; Fort Devens, MA; Norfolk, VA; Fort Monroe, VA; Carlisle Barracks, PA; and, Annandale, VA.

Jim attended Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, VA; Trinity High School in Camp Hill, PA; and graduated from Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, VA. Jim loved playing basketball. While at Trinity HS, he helped the team to a winning season and became known as "Mr. Basketball." Jim went to the University of Maryland and joined the KA fraternity. Throughout Jim's life, he formed lasting friendships. As many friends noted, "he was one of a kind".

After college, Jim worked as a Sales Representative for Forman Brothers Liquor Distributors in Washington, DC. After several years, he joined a good friend and fraternity brother at the Annapolis office of a now-closed mortgage

banking company. When the company merged with another, Jim worked with another friend at his liquor store in Bowie MD. They both closed the store, then worked for the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

While residing in the Annapolis area, you could always find Jim at Eisenhower golf course or on the Severn River boating or water skiing. An avid sportsman, Jim's special passion was golf, where he enjoyed the camaraderie and the challenge of the links. Jim golfed with friends routinely, including at Eisenhower and with the "Trinity Terrors" in the U.S. and Ireland.

Jim is survived by siblings: Marianne (Buck) Coates; Tom (Sharon) Skelley; Trish Curran; John (Lori) Skelley; Suzanne (Susan) Skelley; five nieces (Stephanie, Michaela, Jennifer, Megan, Kaitlin), two nephews (Matthew, Dan), two grandnieces (Kathryn, Hannah) and three grandnephews (Brayden, Leo, Adam); and, many wonderful friends.

Jim would want family and friends to remember him with joy. He wanted his family to take care of one another and his friends to know how much they meant to him. With the on-going pandemic, he would encourage us to remember him now in our own ways and be safe. Jim's final resting place is the Greensboro Cemetery in Maryland, where all may visit in the years ahead.

Donations in Jim's memory are welcome at Compass Regional Hospice: 160 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617; or, compassregionalhospice.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James (Jim) Leo Skelley, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mr. James (Jim) Leo Skelley, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Jim will always have a special place in our hearts. Jim and your entire family were a special part of our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all even though we can't see you in person. The family pictures are wonderful.*

Here's an Irish saying we hope gives you comfort.

*Death leaves heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves memories no one can steal.*

*Love,
Pat and Joanie Casey*



Joanie Casey - October 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

SN

“ My deepest sympathy in the passing of Jim. I have known Jim since 1980 and the water skiing accident, I was one of his nurses. We kept in touch over the years and enjoyed each other's company on occasion, going to U of M football games and sharing a drink. We always seemed to rotate back to one another. I am saddened at your loss. Godspeed my friend.

Sharon Nowakowski

Sharon Nowakowski - October 05, 2020 at 11:41 AM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I played racquetball with Jim for many years and stayed in touch with him at Eisenhower while playing golf. He was a great guy and friend.

Deb Andrew - October 04, 2020 at 06:44 AM

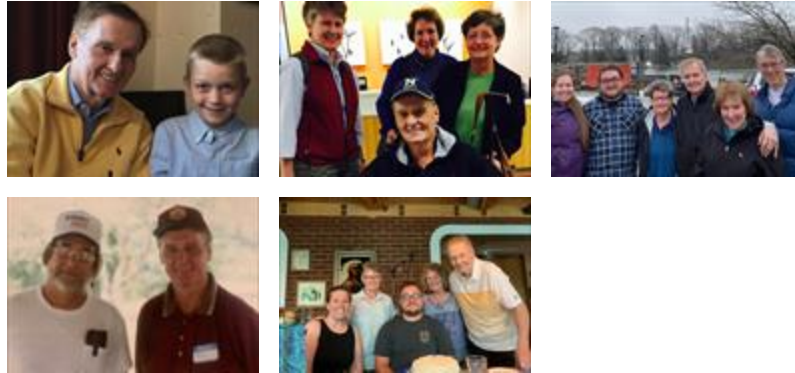
TM

“ My deepest sympathy to Jimmy's family. I knew Jimmy since 1970 when we were at UMD with Cinotti and Walsh. We continued our friendship and worked together at Freestate Liquor and then MAIF for over 20 years. He got along with everyone and he had a firm yet gentle way of dealing with any situation. Jimmy was so well read, if anyone had a question about sports, politics, history, or just about any subject, Jimmy would be the man to ask. When our friend Sam got sick, he would go over and cut his grass without any asking. That was the kind of man Jimmy was...selfless, caring and a true gentleman. May his memory be eternal. Rest In Peace Jimmy. Jimmy, say hello to Big Mike and Eddie.
Teddy

Ted Metrenas - October 03, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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“ 19 files added to the album *Photos from Jim's Family*



suzanne - September 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM

JE

“ *James rest in peace my friend. I enjoyed your company at Eisenhower golf course for most of the past 16 years since I returned to Maryland. Whether we were playing early on the weekends or working on the course we had some great times, many laughs, a couple of beers and the occasional cigar. Miss you already old friend.*

John Englar

John Englar - September 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

TR

“ *Rest in peace Jim. I was really hoping to see your smiling face again when Eisenhower reopens. I'm truly sorry that won't happen. You are a really good guy and will be missed.*

Tom Rice

Tom Rice - September 29, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album photos from Jim's family



Suzanne - September 29, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ 19 files added to the album Photos from Jim's Family



Suzanne - September 29, 2020 at 08:23 AM