



James Ghesquiere

March 21, 2010

Obituary of James Ghesquiere

Dr. James "Jim" Ghesquiere, 62, died Sunday, March 21, 2010.

Jim was born in Detroit, Michigan, and moved to The Villages from Durham, NC in 2009.

Jim was a professor at the University of Illinois, after receiving his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. Pursuing his dreams to bring computer-based education to the masses, he worked for Control Data Corp in Maryland and, later, IBM in North Carolina as a software engineer before retiring to The Villages. His generous and gregarious personality endeared him to others, whether socializing with friends, spending time on the beach, or enjoying his passions for gardening and wood-working.

Survivors include his wife, Bev; son, Paul, Atlanta, GA; daughter, Cheryl, College Park, MD; and sister, Joan, Ocala, FL.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 12:00pm at North Lake Presbyterian Church, with a reception following at 2:00pm at Sea Breeze Recreation Center in The Villages.

In lieu of flowers, a donation is requested to Society for Science & The Public in the name of Jim Ghesquiere at 1-877-548-6510 or by mail at: PO Box 1674, Williamsport, PA 17703.

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Dru and I wish to express our most sincerest condolences to Jim's wife and family over the loss of someone who is a friend. Jim will be missed, but not forgotten in our hearts.* ”

Rick Yeomans & Dru Sumner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Bev, Cheryl, Jonathan, and Paul. Our heart aches for all of you. We are so glad we had the pleasure of being Jim's friends. We want all of you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and if we can do anything at all for you, please let us know. God bless you.* ”

Betty and Nick Tompkins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Bev, My heart goes out to you. You and Jim had such a fun-filled life together for soooo long! What a treasure trove of memories!!! But you had hopes of making many more happy memories. I am so sorry for this time of separation and deep sorrow. Karen and Larkin* ”

Karen Bell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Ruth & I just started to become acquainted with Jim through the Mixed Nuts group in the Villages. I was happy to finally meet another man in the group that I could see eye to eye with and found Jim's humor and gentle personality refreshing. We wish Bev and her family comfort and peace during this period and into the future.* ”

Dennis & Ruth Krueger - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

B.

“ Your loss saddens our entire "family". With sincere sympathy,
Bernie

B.LaMantia - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To all of Jim's family, I always enjoyed talking to Jim & looked to see if he was on the beach--ready for a walk, or just a nice chat. He was a very sprcial person, always willing to give of his time to help others. When I stay at Island Beach, with Margie & Taylor, I will certainly think of , and miss Jim. Bev--Hope you can come back this way-----My heart goes out to you and Paul & the rest of your family!
Withn Love, Lou

Lou Howell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Jim's picture on your announcement is absolutely perfect! His infectious smile and laughter spoke volumes about the kind of man he was. Jim, you, Cheryl and Paul are in our prayers.

Bill and Jennifer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ *Bev, my heart is with you and your wonderful family. It is in your hands because it so easily fits there now that it is broken and in so many pieces. Jim's whole life was all about you and his family. Out of all his very many accomplishments, his biggest smiles and outright glee would evidence itself whenever you or the kids were mentioned. If he were a blowfish he'd be inflated every time family came up and then off he went to explain why his family was indeed the most wonderful in the world and "really" special. Although Jim was all things to all people he was above all true to himself, and boy, that's a hard one to pull off. How extraordinary that he was able to accomplish this as well. He never feared the future but met it straight on with purpose and strength. If Jim was anything I could put into just a few words it would be that he was a brilliant, friendly, loving, all inclusive, truly original and happy man. My heart, Bill's heart is broken and will never quite be the same again. A light I loved has dimmed and I will carry his memory with me the rest of my life. Our most profound sympathy is with you right now. You are a dear and much loved friend and we grieve for you and your entire family whom we have come to know and love. Ilene and Bill Cox*

Ilene and Bill Cox - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Mark and I are shocked and full of sorrow for the loss of a wonderful man. I am sorry that we cannot be there for you. You guys are missed and we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care and we hope to see you soon. Warmest Regards Mark and Robin*

Mark & Robin Bowman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Beverly and Family, It's with a heavy heart that we write this to you. We only met you and Jim one time when we had cocktails at the Waterfront Inn during the holidays. We were truly blessed to have met you both. Jim was the life of the party and we enjoyed his many stories. What a shock to hear of his passing. We will forever remember Jim and keep you and your family in our prayers during this very difficult time. With our sincere condolences. Michael Casorio and Jack Freiner*

Michael Casorio & Jack Freiner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM