



## James Kresel

January 14, 2012

### Obituary of James Kresel

James John Kresel, 64, The Villages, FL died Saturday, January 14, 2012. He was born in Boston, Mass and moved to The Villages in 2011 from Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He was Baptist by faith. He was a retired High School Chemistry Teacher at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He was also a Pharmacist at Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire. He was Past President of New England Swimming, loved all trains and his dog Arabella.

Survivors include his wife Mary Ellen C. Kresel, The Villages, FL; daughter

Susan K. Kaden and her husband Jonathan, Highland Park, IL; sons: Jonathan J. Kresel and his wife Courtney , Norwood, Mass; Joshua J. Kresel, Martha's Vineyard, Mass; sister Veronica A. Daley and her husband James, Lyme, New Hampshire; grandsons Benjamin James and Ari Jacob Kaden; Aunt Mary O'Brien, West Roxbury, Mass.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Walpole, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation (PKD), 8330 Ward Parkway, Suite 510, Kansas City, MO 64114-2000; American Heart Association, North Central Florida Area, 237 East Marks Street, Orlando, FL 32803; or American Cancer Society, 1650 West Main Street #3, Leesburg, FL 34748.

### Services

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# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *I worked with Jim at Children’s Hospital.He was nice, smart and a great person!!*

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**Paul Driscoll Jr** - January 17, 2023 at 10:38 AM

CS

“ *Mimi & family, We are so sorry that Jimmy has gone on and he never got to enjoy his new life in the Villages. So sorry that he was taken so young in life. Love, Carolyn & Spiros*

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**Carolyn & Spiros** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *Mary Ellen, We are so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Fondly, Alan and Ann Olson*

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**Alan and Ann Olson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Jim was a wonderful man. Students learned so much more than science from him. His church in Vineyard Haven was blessed to have him in their membership. Carl and I enjoyed our visits with him and Mary Ellen. So sorry he left us so soon. Prayers for God's comfort and Blessings to the family. The Lopes Family*

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**Barbara and Carl** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Mary Ellen and family, We are so sorry for the loss of Jim. He was such an inspiration to many and he was the best neighbor anyone could have. We have such great memories of him and the whole family. Scrabble will always be the favorite!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With love Kathie and Ralph

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**Kathie and Ralph Case** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him at the HS here on MV. We both began teaching here around the same time and as "second career" people. He was a man of integrity. He was a man that fought the good fight, and did it in a truly astounding upbeat way. I miss him.

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**Doug DeBettencourt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ MaryEllen we were all so sad to hear of Jim's death this morning. Aidan and Kasey send you hugs. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts. Jane, John, Aidan and Kasey

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**The Varkonda Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We were surprised and saddened to hear of your loss of Jim. We certainly enjoyed our times with you while our daughters, Sue and Ellen, were at Duke. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and Jim.

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**Jane and Gerry Gawalt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mary Ellen and Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. Your many friends on Martha's Vineyard, and especially here at the high school are thinking of you at this very sad time. I hope you can remember the good times with Jim, here and with your family and friends.  
Sincerely, Kim Baumhofer*

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**Kim Baumhofer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *My sincere sympathies, Mary Ellen. Jim was such a special man and valued member of the Vineyard family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will cherish the piano and remember Jim every time it is played. Jan*

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**Jan Wightman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *To Jim's family, Live one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting the hardship of death as a pathway to peace. We are thinking of you at this time. Jim was a well liked and respected member of our MVRHS community.*

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**Leo and Janice Frame** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My family and I send our prayers at this time of sadness. We are blessed to have such fond memories of Jim as a babysitter with MaryEllen and as a colleague. Josh you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Juanita Suarez-Espino and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ dr. kresel was such a wonderful man, i am so sorry to hear of his passing. everytime i ran into him he had a kind word and a great smile. i will miss him, the island and mvrhs are both better places for having him be apart of them.

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**kara shemeth** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Mary Ellen, I saw in the "Valley News," our local paper, that Jim had died. I am thinking of you and know it is such a sad time for you and your family. You are in my thoughts. Best, Pat Jackson

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**Pat Jackson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear family, I swam with Sue for many years and recall Mr. Kresel so fondly from many swim road trips and events. My father passed along the news to me of Mr. Kresel's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I wish you the comfort of wonderful memories shared with family. Warmest regards, Cory

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**Cory (Murphy) Christensen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Mary Ellen, My thoughts and prayers are with you, on the loss of your husband. Though I dont know that we ever met, I practiced as a clinical pharmacist with Jim at Dartmouth Hitchcock for close to 10 years. In my early years at Dartmouth, he had a very positive impact on my career. I will always remember him as a good man. Sincerely, Brian Fontaine

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**Brian D. Fontaine** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Mary Ellen, Sue, John, and Josh, Brigid and I were so saddened to learn of Jim's death. We spent so many happy times with him and all of you, from the Dartmouth pool to Dover, Cambridge, and points in between. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bob Murphy

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**Bob Murphy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Mary Ellen, Sue, John and Josh, We were so very sorry to read of Jim's passing and want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We have many great memories of our years together in Hanover. Please know that we are remembering Jim and are thinking of you all. Fondly, Rob and Debra Grabill (along with Katy and Rob, Jr.).

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**The Grabill Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mary Ellen & family, We are so sad to hear of Jimmy's death. We remember fondly many years together in Hanover, and we are praying for you all. Scott & Denice

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**Scott & Denice Hinrichs** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim was a gentleman, a gentle man, and a scholar. I often went to him for his advice and he always had the time to share, from his heart, and from his infinite bank of knowledge. Jim seemed to know a little about everything, especially if it pertained to chemistry. I was always amazed that he had an answer for me and if he didn't, he would help me find it. And I know his students would say the same. Jim is missed at the high school and will be always. Maryellen and the kids are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you had all been able to enjoy more sunny Florida days together.

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**Jackie Hermann** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I'm so sorry MaryEllen, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sending our love to all of you. Emily, Ethan, Weston, Nora, and Willa

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**Emily Davis and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to you and your family. I know this is a trying time for all, I know you will have the strength to overcome this. In my eyes only the strong survive, and from my memories as a child you were one of them. Again i am sorry for your loss.

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**Najeebah Brown** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sorry to hear about Jim he was a great guy and teacher. I 'm so glad I ran into you and Jim on the boat as you were leaving the Island. Best of luck if there is anything you need let me know Bill

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**Bill Schwabe** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We are so sorry to learn of Jimmy's passing. Our thoughts are with you as you come together to celebrate his life and your journey together.

Janet Warner-Ashley & Brad Ashley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am sorry Jim is gone, but hold on to the many good memories. I have quite a few and I am sure you have a lot more. Love Ken

Ken Sandahl - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Mary Ellen, we are so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was an amazing man who we all loved very much. He will be greatly missed. We send you all of our love. If you ever need anything please feel free to let us know.

Eleanor Bourbeau - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mary Ellen and family, Very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. All I can say at this time is we lost a great guy. This I can also say, he is up above looking down. I very much appreciated the times at your place and the Linda Jeans sessions.

Lloyd - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Mary Ellen, You and your family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Please call us if there is anything we can do for you...rooms for your company, meals, and support. We're here for you. Love, Jan and Jess

Jna and Jess Turner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My heartfelt deepest sympathies to you and your family on Jim's passing. I enjoyed being a faculty member alongside Jim at MVRHS. He was always highly professional, an outstanding teacher, father, husband, and friend. I will truly miss Jim. Donald Herman

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**Donald Herman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dr. Kresel was a kind and generous teacher. Honors chemistry was tough, but he always helped me and other students understand and power through. He was one of the most understanding teachers I have ever known, and a truly a wonderful soul. My condolences to the family, know that he was loved at mvrhs!

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**Amy Bates** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Mary Ellen and family, We were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We both very much enjoyed working with him these years - and appreciate all that he did to encourage us when we were beginning our careers in teaching. He was wonderful role model and a beloved friend and mentor, and we'll miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Much love, Natalie and Dana

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**Natalie and Dana Munn** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My thoughts and prayers to the entire Kresel family. Dr. Kresel was a good man and always kept me on my toes when at the MVRHS. I will miss his sarcastic one liners when I was out of line. RIP Dr. Kresel

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**Ryan Ruley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *Mary Ellen and family My deepest sympathies to you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Grace of our Lord give you strength and comfort at this hard time.*

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**Wendy Rose** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I'm going to miss Dr. Kresel. He was great teacher and i learned a lot from him. I'm so sorry for your loss. I send you my condolences. Im sorry for loss.*

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**Sarah Swit** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Thank you for teaching my child so well and so graciously. You will be missed.*

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**Kimberly Angell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Mary Ellen and family, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing .... my thoughts and prayers are with you. Cherish the wonderful memories you have and know we are thinking of you.*

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**Jane Barbini** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I join with so many others who knew Dr. Kresel in offering our deepest sympathy on his passing. As a student, one might have said that Dr. Kresel was simply a teacher, but to me he was much more than that. He was a mentor, a role model, and most importantly, a friend. He was someone I could trust, talk to, and depend on. I thought of him as a grandfather or sorts and without him, I would not be in the school I am in today, nor have the major I have. I can never thank him enough for all that he has done for me. I can only pray that he now rests in peace. And although I only knew Dr. Kresel for a few years, the impression he left will remain with me forever. God Bless, and may the Florida sun shine for you on your day of grievance. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that your loss is felt by all who knew and loved him. In sympathy,  
Douglas Fraser

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**Douglas Fraser** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Thoughts and prayers to Dr. Kresel's family- he was a very kind man.. a wonderful teacher as well. Hugs to you all at this difficult time.

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**Kristen K** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mary Ellen and family, please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I worked with Jim at MVRHS. A friend, colleague, inspiration and gentleman, Jim will be sorely missed.

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**Dianne McDonough-Silva** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *My condolences to the Kresel family. I had the fortune of having Dr. Kresel as both my homeroom and biology teacher on the Vineyard. He was a good and smart man, and will be missed.*

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**Peter Lambos** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Mary Ellen, Cana, Michael and I are so sorry to hear of the death of your beloved husband. Please know that we are thinking of you during this time and will hold you close in our heart and prayers that God's grace will comfort you and guide you as you mourn this great loss. Much love, Cindy, Cana, and Michael*

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**Cindy Flanders** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Mary Ellen- I just learned of Jim's passing. I have many fond memories of our work together at Hitchcock. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. JIM*

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**Jim Archambault** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM