



James A. Milligan

October 27, 1937 - October 18, 2015

Obituary of James Milligan

James Alexander Milligan, 77, of The Villages, FL passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, October 18, 2015 after a long and heroic battle with ALS.

Beloved husband of Joyce (Manna) Milligan. Loving father of Susan Koelsch and her husband Chris, Kevin Milligan, Diane Coulstring and Donna J. Milligan. Loving grandfather to Madison Milligan, Christine Coulstring, Jenny Coulstring, and Jeff Coulstring, and step-grandfather to Cari Schafer and Pete Koelsch. Great grandfather to Jaylyn Coulstring. Loving son of deceased parents Helen and Daniel Milligan, loving brother to Doris Barry, Claire McGourty, and five deceased brothers and sisters, Alexander Milligan, Robert Milligan, Daniel Milligan, Helen Kupsc and Edna Bostick. Loving brother-in-law of Dick and June O'Brien, Jim and Ingrid Manna and Jay Manna.

Adored uncle to several nieces and nephews.

He was born on October 27, 1937 in Boston, MA and worked for Boston Edison Company as an Overhead Line Supervisor for 40 years. Jim truly

enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed racquetball, scuba diving, tennis, golf, and sailing where you would hear "TOAST". Favorite pastimes were sailing with Joyce to Maine on Salubrious, spending time at the Satuit Boat Club, golfing with Betsy's Sunday group and with the guys from WHMEG.

In lieu of flowers, donations made payable in Jim's memory to the Jimmy Milligan Hope Fund will help other patients in need of private nursing care. Send donations to Nurse Next Door, 511 W Main St, Tavares, FL 32778. Please join us on Thursday, October 29th at 1:00PM to celebrate Jim's life at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 N. Hwy 27/441, Lady Lake FL

Tribute Wall

BV

“ Dear Joyce, We are so sorry for your loss; Jim was truly one of a kind person who had a fabulous personality and that made him so easy to love. You couldn't help but gravitate to him when you walked into a room; his laughter was totally infectious. This is a real loss for the world; but we know he will be shining down on you daily and there with you always. Our sympathies.... Barbara and Bob

Barbara and Bob Virta - October 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I only met Jim one time, but I worked with his wife, Joyce, for about five years. Whenever Joyce talked about Jim--which was every day--her face would light up. I remember one day when Joyce told me that Jim had caught an alligator. She was very worried he would get hurt. She showed me a photo of Jim carrying around this tiny alligator which he had caught in a net. He was smiling as he took this alligator all over the neighborhood to show it off. I couldn't help but smile at his enthusiasm. Jim obviously loved life, and he shared this love with his friends and family. I wish I had had the chance to know him better. Joyce, please know that your friends love you and are thinking of you and your family. Nicole Francik

Nicole Francik - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts are with you Joyce. Jimmy was one of a kind and his smile lighted up the room. We have no mor words other so sad and thinking of you. Love you lots. Talk to you soon.

Debbie @Dennis Flottman - October 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“*###GESTURE###*

Kathleen Fitzgerald & Ernie Parkes - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Uncle Bruzz, one of the best !!! No one could not love this man. You still have all of us Joyce.... for better or worse :>) luv ya bunches ! See you in the funnies*

James Allen Milligan - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“*Joyce and Family. Our hearts go out to you, your family and those who loved Jim so dearly. I know there will be a void here in our community without him. God bless all and know you are in our prayers to find peace and comfort as you move on through life without him by your side. I believe he is there, you just won't be able to see him. Just feel him there. Again, God Bless.*

Tom and Lyn Ernst - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“*So sorry Joyce and family. My prayers are with you.*

Katherine Brown - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“*Joyce and family: Words cannot express my heartfelt love and support to you and your family at this time. I loved Jimmy (is there anyone who didn't?) and was always buoyed and inspired by his love of life, wit and sunny attitude. He was truly one of a kind. Love you and will see you soon. xoxo*

Kathleen Fitzgerald - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ James A. Milligan

Kathleen Fitzgerald & Ernie Parkes - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Jimbo it was my honor to have you as a friend, your friendly smile was always on your face. You faced your last difficult time with bravery, and your natural sense of humor. We will miss you buddy, even though we were no longer neighbors, we cherished the times we got to see you the last couple of years. Toast my friend and I know there is Bud Light in Heaven.

Al Love - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Condolences to you Joyce and family. Jim was a great guy and it was wonderful to see how devoted you were to him. I'll always remember our Dragonboat days with fondness.

Carrol Christman - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Donna and Family. Our thoughts are with you all. Wish I could be there to hug you D and tell you, I know how sad you are right now, but I'm thinking of you. You were lucky to have a great Man....Dad to be in your life and love. Pull your strength from him now and forever. Ann Gillis ❤️❤️❤️

Annmarie & Sean Thomashay & family - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Joyce, We will always remember Jim for the laughter and joy that he brought to everyone who knew him. He could turn any situation into a party. He's probably up in heaven right now telling jokes to the angels. We know how much he will be missed, but it's hard not to smile when we think of him. Take care of yourself. Bob & Joyce

Bob & Joyce Flewelling - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ ###GESTURE###

Warren&Pat Nighan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Bruz...May your spirit live on in many. You have truly been a gift to our family and to everyone you have known.We will miss you so very much. ###GESTURE###

Mary McGourty - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ ###GESTURE###

Jimmy & Sandra Salmond - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ What a great guy to be around. Always positive and having fun. Will be missed by many people.

Jennifer and Barry Polifka - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ James A. Milligan

Jimmy & Sandra Salmond - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We always enjoyed Jim's company, he had an infectious laugh. We believe Jim was one of nature's Gentlemen. We send our thoughts & prayers to his devoted & much loved wife Joyce. Thinking of you all.

Jimmy & Sandra Salmond - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *James A. Milligan*

October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Susan, Kevin, Diane, and Donna, So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I remember him well from my childhood, growing up two doors down from you on Beech St. It's hard to believe we are all adults now, some of us parents, and we have to let our own parents go. It's not easy, but always smile and remember how much he loved you. Peace, Cathie*

Catherine (Lane) King - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sincere condolences to you and your entire family, Donna. I wish I could be there to celebrate his life, but unfortunately, cannot make it down.*

JoAnne Cody - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I love you Dad! Rest in peace. Love you forever in my heart*

Donna Milligan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Bruz...May your spirit live on in many. You have truly been a gift to our family and to everyone you have known.We will miss you so very much.*

Mary McGourty - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Joyce and family Please accept my deepest sympathies on Jim's passing . I will keep him in my prayers Love to you all Kathy*

Kathy Donlon - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Seeing the pictures of Jim brings back memories of many fun times sailing, cocktail hour either on our boats or at the Satuit Boat Club. I'll never forget Nantucket Harbor enjoying a drink that had us all rocking. Jim will be missed by many and now joins my husband Bill. Here's to them!!! :)*

Heidi Scheller - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Wonderful tribute to a great man. My condolences to the whole family!*

Tricia Mainini - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ Joyce , our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you . at lest jim is out of his misery but you have lost a good guy and your memmories of the good old days will now become treasures to help you cope with this loss . FAMILY AND FAITH will be so important to get you through , be strong and remember he will always be with you in your heart depend on your friends and family to help you and we always are a part of the friends so please let us know if we can help . JIM was a special guy and touched all that he met his statements will live in our minds forever. GOD BLESS YOU

Warren&Pat Nighan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Warren&Pat Nighan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jim lived his life in amazing grace and left each of us a lasting gift of memories until his final days... in such Amazing Grace! We are blessed to have known you and called you our friend. We love you and miss you Jimbo and we always will!

Char Love - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

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DB

“ Jim had a talent for making everyone feel that they were special to him. His love of life was infectious. We loved him dearly and miss him terribly already.

Dick and Maureen Barry - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Rest in Peace Jim, you were a great man who was loved by many and we will miss you very much!!

Brian Callahan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry Joyce. He put up a great fight. God put you together and made an unforgettable and loving couple.love you.Cindy

cindy huber - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My Dearest Donna...my heart aches for you and your family. What a tremendous loss. I promise you my prayers and love...I celebrate your Dad's love of life and family. God Bless. Be brave.

Maggie Faretra - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I love you all .my heart is broken for all of you

Kelly Milligan - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Joyce and family, I hope the fun and happiness you had with Jim out-weighs the sadness of his death. Love barbara

Barbara Bickley - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Joyce and family. Jim was a brave and strong man who gave his all during this terrible disease. God Bless. Rest in Peace. Heaven has gained an angel.

Chris & John Coene - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM