



James O. Knisley

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James Orlyn Knisley - Jim, Jimmy, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle - left us far too soon, on March 6, 2022, at the age of 63. He was joined in death by his beloved wife, Marysue Knisley (née Luhring).

He is survived by his four children, Jason (Kati) Knisley, Stephanie Holzback, Nicole (Robert) Dunn, and Melissa Knisley and their mother, Patricia Knisley (née Jones); Marysue's daughter, Kirstin Krause; treasured grandchildren, Haylee, Isaiah, Isaac, Adelyn, Jackson, Colin, Leo, and Connor; as well as brothers Timothy (Vicki) Knisley and Joseph (Brandy) Knisley, many nieces and nephews, and friends dating back to childhood. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Mildred Knisley (née Coil).

A true Renaissance man, he could build, fix, cook, or problem-solve anything. He was nearing retirement from a successful IT career, but the jobs that filled his soul were ones of bravery and service, first in the U.S. Navy and later as a paramedic/EMT and firefighter. This Memorial Day Weekend would have been his 25th in the fire pit crew at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Our dad threw himself fully and enthusiastically into life, at the tops of mountains, across the country on motorcycles, and on the water as often as possible. He was equally at home in a luxury resort as he was in a deer stand, a man who showed up at a fancy steakhouse for Christmas dinner wearing a neon blue, holiday-print suit to amuse his family (and himself). An Eagle Scout, surfer, snowboarder, runner, bicyclist, and pilot, he was up for anything and never failed find the best gear in which to do it. He may have been happiest, though, kicked back on a patio with a bourbon and a cigar, with laughter, a Blackhawks game, or 80s hair band music serving as a soundtrack to a life well lived.

His wishes were to be cremated. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 17th, from 4 – 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Following visitation on Thursday, please join the family at the Sherman for a celebration of Jim and Marysue's lives.



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Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, March 18th at St. Louis Church with Rev. Stan Pondo officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to Take a Kid Fishing, Inc., a South Florida nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance the lives of underprivileged and fatherless kids through mentored-focused fishing excursions.

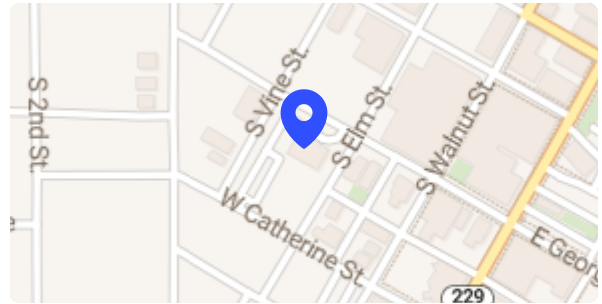


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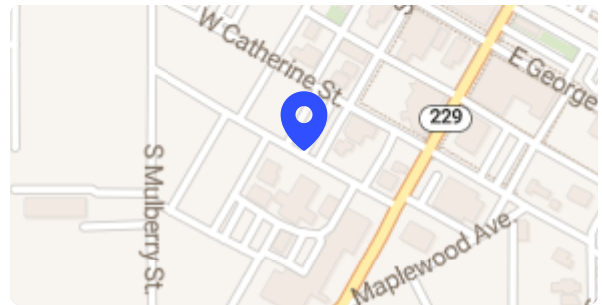
Visitation

- Thursday**, March 17, 2022
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



Service

- Friday**, March 18, 2022
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Louis Church**
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006



Cemetery Details

- St. Louis Cemetery**
Batesville IN





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MW

Maryela Weihrauch posted:

My sincerest condolences to the Knisley family! I truly enjoyed working with Jim over the years at IBM. Dan Barham and John Northway can still remember our briefing trip to Heidelberg in Germany with the Statefarm team. Jim's excellent driving skills helped us to get the van out of the downtown parking garage. We decided to walk afterwards which added up to 15 miles that day. Jim was respected at work and always fun to be around. He will be missed!!!

March 18 at 5:53 AM

AD

Aj & Gillian Draper sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Knisley family.



March 17 at 8:24 AM

SK

Shalawn King posted:

My condolences to Jim (and Marysue's) families. Jim was truly a pleasure to work alongside and never missed a beat in ensuring our customers were taken care of. Sharp, witty, just excellence in everything he did. His presence and laughter will be missed. ~Shalawn King

March 17 at 3:53 AM

VL

Vincent Le posted:

Sincere condolences to Jim's family members. Jim was an awesome IBM colleague, I've had the honor to work with Jim for the last 7 years. He was a true professional, great dedication and perseverance as he worked for the success of both IBM and our customers. Jim was always a great friend and person to talk to, I have appreciated Jim's sharing of work life balance perspectives and wisdom, information on great places to travel. In particular, I will always remember Jim when we visit Zion National Park, the Gulf side of Florida, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and many other places he shared with me. Rest in peace Jim, you will be missed but never forgotten. Vincent Le

March 16 at 3:57 PM

DG

Deroyal Finance Group sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Knisley family.



March 16 at 6:07 AM



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Anonymous sent a Delightful Dieffenbachia to the Knisley family.

March 16 at 4:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Knisley family.

March 15 at 4:03 AM



Fari Ghahramany posted:

"Our deepest condolences. Jim's smiling face and positive vibes made every event he attended much more special. He always had a great story to tell and wonderful memories to share. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Fari Ghahramany"

March 15 at 4:03 AM



Daniel sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Knisley family.

March 15 at 3:03 AM



Kyle Charlet posted:

There were so many things to like and admire about Jim. He was such a kind person - and eager to laugh and have a great time. And, it was frankly impossible to have anything but a great time with Jim. I remember many conversations about the deep scattering layer, which were fascinating, over some great meals and drinks. Heck, everything about Jim was fascinating. He was equally comfortable at a Hard Rock Cafe as he was at the fanciest steakhouse we could find. And with Jim, I didn't really care which one we were at - his company was enough. Like everyone else, I only wish I had more time to spend with my friend. Kyle Charlet

March 14 at 5:31 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Knisley family.



March 14 at 3:36 PM



Daniel Franks posted:

Jim made us t-shirts w/our favorite Christmas song on it! Prayers for healing.

March 14 at 2:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Knisley family.



March 14 at 12:27 PM



Lloyd Matthews lit a candle in honor of James.

My condolences to the Knisley family! I have fond memories of Jim at our IBM conferences in San Jose and other venues where we would regularly attend. He and I were just conversing about a new project he had just been assigned too. He will be deeply missed!!



March 14 at 12:11 PM



Tom Lonergan posted:

I worked with Jim closely while he was at BMC. His former BMCers were devastated by his passing. We shared many great times together over the years, drinks & cigars, conferences, dinners, etc. It was only last month we shared dinner at Jim's Steakhouse with Michael and Darrin. I know he and Marysue will be missed by all those who have to carry on without them in this world. It is a sad day. Bless the Knisley and Luhring families.

March 14 at 11:54 AM



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Linda Snow posted:

Jim reported to me last year and was so sharp and so kind. We had lunch one day in Venice so he was the one person on the team I met in person during the pandemic. Jim shared with me his plans to captain a fishing boat, play pickleball and ride his bike in retirement. We were planning to get together again soon with our spouses. I am so sad that he and Marysue won't get the chance to enjoy retirement. My heart goes out to his close family and friends.

March 14 at 11:40 AM



Mike Hood lit a candle in honor of James.

Jim was my colleague and dear friend, he will be very deeply missed! My condolences to the family.

March 14 at 9:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Footprints Tribute Blanket to the Knisley family.

March 14 at 9:29 AM



Abby posted:

Nicole, Rob, Leo, and all family--We send all our love to you in this unfathomable time. Nicole, we never knew your dad, but our lives have been blessed by you three and we understand how special he was. Our deepest condolences--Love, Abby, AJ and girls

March 14 at 9:07 AM



Brad A Spencer sent a Fairest of All to the Knisley family.

March 14 at 4:24 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Knisley family.



March 13 at 11:37 AM



Dorinda posted:

Nicole:I am so sorry for your loss. We are sending our deepest sympathies and praying for you all.Dorinda

March 13 at 11:14 AM



Dave Trotter posted:

Thinking of Jim and Marysue and their families. Such a tragic loss. I have worked with Jim at IBM over the last 7 years. Jim was a wonderful person to work with, focussed and intelligent. We had some good times hanging out, and talking about life, on many occasions when off-duty from customer trips. He will be missed greatly from IBM and as a friend. Dave Trotter

March 13 at 11:08 AM



Larry Crano posted:

I met Jim while going through the Navy's SQS-53 school with him in San Diego in 77 & 78. After that we served together on the USS Moosbrugger. We had many Navy adventures together and were good friends. After he left San Diego I only got to see him a few times but every visit was great - Jim was a wonderful person and a great friend. I will miss him - Rest In Peace Jim

March 12 at 5:29 PM



Patricia Knisley April 13 at 8:02 AM

Larry, I have many happy memories of visits with you and Denise



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Knisley family.



March 12 at 7:03 AM



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TR

Trina Bunting-Ratliff lit a candle in honor of James.

I worked with Jim at IBM for the past seven years and he was a beautiful soul. Jim was brilliant and was always willing to help his team and our client. His IBM family is devastated by his loss and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and Marysue's families and friends.



March 12 at 5:05 AM

BB

Bill Banta posted:

He is one of the kindest persons I've had the privilege to know. Our time at the track are some of my fondest memories

March 11 at 6:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Knisley family.



March 11 at 2:45 PM

JH

Joe Hempel posted:

I had the opportunity to be Jim's friend and co-worker. We worked together both at Colerain Fire Department as well as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Jim was just an all around great guy that was always so positive and he was fun to work with. Gone to soon... see you again in a better place my friend!

March 11 at 2:11 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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