



# Lyle James "Jim" Sobel

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**J**im Sobel, 73, of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away June 30th. Jim grew up in Patchogue, NY and married his classmate and love of his life, Shirley (Felice) Sobel. They recently celebrated their 54th Anniversary. Jim received a B.S. degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration from Cornell University, and spent his work-life advancing the free enterprise system in various business operations, management, and ownership. He co-founded Relyco Sales Inc. in 1989, and retired from it, moving to Cape Coral in 1998. The pinnacle of Jim's life and passions was his immediate family, whom he loved so dearly and with great pride. Besides his wife, Shirley, he leaves behind: sister Nina; daughter, Jamie (Roy) Ryals, son, Randy (Laura) Sobel, and daughter, Jill (Paul) Young; grandchildren: Jessica, Jacob, Amanda, Ben, Derek, Adin, Rebecca, Josh, Kyle, Brayden; and great-grandchild, Emma. He was very appreciative of the lifetime relatives, friends, and acquaintances he gained along his journey. Jim's early mantra was, "Every Day: a new adventure and a new aggravation." Despite many obstacles during his life, he always managed to overcome and appreciate each new day, and the wonders and beauty of nature. He had an intense curiosity and many passions, some of which were: collector cars, N.E. sports teams, music, conservatism, karaoke, art, and much more. When he retired, he became a sculptor, winning many awards in SWF exhibits, especially with stone, wood, and mixed-media sculptures. He will be missed dearly by all who were blessed to have known him. Jim requested that any donations be made to the Cancer Center at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



## Tribute Wall

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**Aaron Wensley** posted:

I was sad to hear of Jim's passing, but understanding the kind of person he was, know that he squeezed more excitement, joy and accomplishment out of life than any two other people I know combined. Jim gave me one of my very first jobs at his company, Relyco, and more importantly, served as a mentor for me, teaching me about both business and about life even after he retired. He led by example, attacking every task, great or small, with equal vengeance, and holding himself to as high a standard as he held others. I will always remember working after hours alongside Jim, listening as he boisterously belted out the words to his favorite classic rock tunes, like "Dream On" and "Whole Lotta Love." The singing was utterly atrocious, but the carefree enthusiasm with which he screeched those lyrics was truly infectious, and one couldn't help but smile at the sound of them. He did not hold anything back, ever, but rather poured his heart and soul into everything he did, regardless of others' reactions to his efforts. Some people whistle while they work. Jim sang. Loudly. His words will no longer be heard, but they will never be forgotten, for they left a lasting impression of assurance and optimism on everyone fortunate enough to have known him. Aaron Wensley Dover, NH

July 10 at 4:47 PM

SA

**Sue Archer** posted:

I was so saddened to hear Jim passed – he was such a blessing to the Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild and enjoyed each one of his creative pieces and good humor. He will be missed...Sue Archer

July 8 at 1:45 PM

FR

**Frankie** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Lyle James "Jim" Sobel

July 4 at 9:29 AM

JC

**John Cappadona** July 25 at 11:55 AM

My biggest mistake in Business was to let Jim leave after putting someone above him that could not shine his shoes. RIP John Cappadona



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