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James Franklin Kaserman, 71, passed away Oct. 18, 2013, at Hope Hospice in Ft. Myers, Florida after a brief illness. Jim was born in Massillon, Ohio, the son of Richard and Dorothy Kaserman. He graduated from Washington High School in 1960 and attended Kent State University and the University of Dayton. Jim is survived by his wife, Sarah Jane, his devoted sons Richard (Louise) Kaserman and James (Shanon) Kaserman, grandsons James and Reed, and granddaughter Haven, as well as his brother Rick (Sue) Kaserman and a loving extended family. Jim proudly served in the US Army. He raised his family in New Philadelphia, Ohio, where he taught high school, announced the football games, coached boys basketball and golf, and refereed from 1967 to 1985. He also served as President of New Philadelphia City Council and as Mayor. After moving to Ft. Myers in 1985, Jim continued his high school teaching career, while coaching girls softball and golf and announcing football games at Mariner High School. He also served as Director of Business and Industry Services at High Tech North. He retired from teaching in 2004. Jim avidly pursued many hobbies and was blessed with countless friends during his lifetime. He enjoyed his days of racing sprint cars and stock cars, and was a member of the Daytona Antique Automobile Association (DAARA). He lent his beloved 1951 Ford to the Living Legends of Auto Racing museum at Daytona where it had raced on the beach during the early days of NASCAR. One of his great experiences was to run #21 on the old beach course again and display his car last year during Speed Week. Jim also authored several books, both historical fiction and non-fiction and enthusiastically gave lectures for Florida Gulf Coast University's Renaissance Academy on the history of railroads and the history of pirating in Florida. He loved to immerse himself in the subject and even dressed the part as he continued to always impart knowledge to others. Visitation hours will be 4-6 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers and a Memorial Service will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at



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Covenant Presbyterian Church where Jim served as an Elder. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hope Hospice of Lee County, or a local historical charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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GL

George Landis posted:

Jane and Family: Sandie and I just learned of Jim's passing in an email from Buzz Starnier; needless to say, we were shocked and saddened. I am so sorry that we missed your visit to the nearby Barnes and Noble store on Sand Lake here in Orlando and that we never followed up with anything but emails. My memories of my Sigma Nu buddy, Chipmunk, are clear, strong and unforgettable. May God rest his soul and comfort your entire Family and all of Jim's friends. Contact us if you return to our area, we would be pleased to meet you. Regards and Blessings, George Landis ZG 401.

April 5 at 7:55 AM

GK

George Knowles posted:

We are so sorry about Jim's passing. He was a good guy and nice co-worker at N.P.H.S. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, George and Char Knowles (Ohio)

October 25 at 4:23 PM

DS

Douglas R. Smith posted:

To the entire Kaserman family. We are very sorry about the loss of Jim. He was my cousin, and our families shared many good times in Massillon, leaving us with warm vivid memories. You have our sympathy. Doug and Debbie Smith, Washington, DC

October 24 at 11:36 AM

SA

Sarah posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Kaserman

October 23 at 1:39 PM

SD

Susan Davis posted:

My deepest sympathy to all of you. Susan Davis

October 23 at 8:18 AM



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SN

Susan Noe posted:

Jim was one of the most interesting "characters" I have had the pleasure to work with and considered a friend. He always had a story and we shared many laughs over the years. I am sure that he is sailing in his pirate costume around heaven. My thoughts and prayers to the Kaserman family. Susan Noe, Lee County Economic Development

October 22 at 3:36 PM

JR

Jim Roman posted:

Janie and boys, So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. They only made one "K" as you well know. Lots of memories and stories will be flying around NPHS this week. Please know you are in the thoughts and prayers of the Roman family. Jim Roman Columbus, Oh

October 22 at 3:19 PM

NC

Nancy Cerana posted:

Jane, I was so shocked to learn of Jim's passing from the local paper. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. I know you and the family will miss him tremendously, as will everyone who knew Jim. I am so glad I got to see the two of you at Massillon Day the last few years. May your faith and many memories help sustain you through this difficult time. ~ Nancy Cerana, New Philadelphia

October 22 at 3:15 PM

RS

Rick & Sue Sattler posted:

Jane, we were terribly shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Super K was surely one of the most unforgettable people I have ever known. We have nothing but great stories and memories of those great years at NPHS. Whenever I think of Jim I just smile because so many stories instantly come flooding back. Certainly a huge loss to everybody ever associated with him. He accomplished a great deal. Our deepest sympathy to you and family. Rick & Sue Sattler, New Philadelphia

October 22 at 5:36 AM



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BS

Bette Englehart, Stalker posted:

Kaserman Family Thoughts & Prayers are with all of you. We will always remember good times as we grew up with Jim in Massillon and reunited at Massillon Day in Florida. He was the Greatest.
Larry Englehart
Bette Englehart, Stalker

October 22 at 4:39 AM

HM

Hal Miller posted:

Always enjoyed talking with Jim about racing and cars when you visited Pat here in Westerville. Our deepest sympathies to your family. Hal & Shirley Miller, Westerville, Ohio

October 21 at 4:18 PM

BO

Bev Ostien posted:

The world has lost a wonderful man, and far too soon. My heart is broken. Bev Ostien

October 21 at 3:52 PM

MN

Marilyn Nottoli posted:

Jane, we were shocked to hear about Jim. We were so sorry you lost your wonderful husband. He always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. We always admired his many accomplishments. May he rest in peace
Marilyn and Guy Nottoli

October 21 at 2:12 PM

MM

Michael Mcnerney posted:

As the principal of Mariner High School, I had the pleasure of hiring and working side-by-side with James Kaserman. Without a doubt, he was one of a kind. His ability to motivate students, and promote harmony among his peers were two of his greatest gifts. In my 41 years in public education, I have known many individuals, but a more exuberant individual, I have never met. Long after Jim had left Mariner and pursued larger roles in life, he continued to stay in touch and be very supportive of our school, often coming back for special events. What developed from a boss-employee relationship blossomed into a long-lasting friendship and admiration society! Jim will be truly missed, but I am sure that he is bending the good Lord's ear right now! Our prayers and thoughts are with the family as they continue on without Jim's presence.
Michael "Mac" Mcnerney

October 21 at 11:07 AM



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Joanne Palmer-Butz posted:

Jane i am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. I remember he and you from Orangewood days! Take care of yourself and continue living and loving each day with your family. May God bless you. Joanne Butz (Speech Tech)

October 21 at 5:18 AM



Dale Denham posted:

Back while Jim was going to grad school, he showed up in the AD's Office and Al Dunn asked how long he worked on the paper that was due that night. Jim had not started it yet. When they got the papers back, Jim had an A while Al had a B. I was sure that Al wanted to ring his neck. These two great men are together again. Dale Denham NPHS

October 20 at 6:48 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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