



# **Dr. James Lauren Otis**

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**D**r. James Lauren Otis, 61, passed away March 14, 2012. He was born November 12, 1950 in Hartford, CT to the late Alfred and Barbara (Rohmyer) Otis. James came to Lee County in 1991 from Dayton, Ohio and was a member of Safe Harbor Church. He enjoyed golf, boating, traveling, growing orchids and mostly spending time with his family. He also loved his golden retrievers, Scarlett, Rhett and Molly. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 17 years, Maggie; son, Matthew Larlham and daughter, Laura Sparrow; grandchildren, Marley Larlham and Darian Sparrow; his brother, David Otis; nephews, Greg and Brian Warren; and nieces, Jennifer, Dana and Amy. A memorial service will be held on April 21, 2012 at 1:00pm at Riverside Church for his family, friends and colleagues. Those attending are asked to wear purple in his honor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. James Otis Scholarship Fund c/o Fine Mark Bank and Trust, 12681 Creekside Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33919. This is a college fund for his granddaughters, Darian Leigh Sparrow and Marley Anne Larlham. Condolences may be left online at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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LB

**Linda S. Hurd Bailey** posted:

I was a long time patient and a friend too. I am sorry but I just heard from my family dr. As I have been out of state for a funeral for my brother. Such a great man friend doctor and this town will miss him. Nobody that ever meant him that he did not leave them with good feelings. I am also 62 married and my husband has also seen him. I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure he is in Heaven with my brother. My prayers are with you and your family.

September 15 at 7:15 PM

JN

**Jane Newland** posted:

I AM WALKING ON TWO STRAIGHT LEGS WITH NO PAIN BECAUSE OF YOU. YOUR OFFER TO TAKE CARE OF ME WHEN MY FIRST HUSBAND DIED AND LEFT ME WITHOUT INSURANCE WAS AN ACT OF KINDNESS THAT HAS NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN. I WILL REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS.

April 21 at 11:55 AM

BC

**Brenda & Tony Correia** posted:

Maggie our deepest sympathy to you and your Family.

April 20 at 2:08 PM

LR

**Leslie Horvay And Daughter Rosemary** posted:

Dear Dr. Otis – I came from Texas to help my 91 year old father with his knee surgery. You were so kind and thoughtful and answered any questions that we had – due to his age and our concerns. You did such a fine job on my father, God takes only the best—you will be greatly missed. What a gift we were all given to all that passed your way in our such needed times. God Bless your family in this time of loss.

April 9 at 1:46 PM



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CA

**Carol Abramson** posted:

My condolences to his family. Dr Otis gave me a new knee in Jan of 2011. He was a little late and I was his first surgery that morning. When he came in I was all prepped for the surgery and he started chatting with me, telling me that he had to take his wife to the airport and his dogs got out of the yard and he had to go running after them. I saw him this Feb. 16th for my last visit, and when he walked into the room he said "Happy Birthday" as it was my birthday the day before. I will miss him so much. He was a wonderful caring and thoughtful man.

March 26 at 9:32 AM

JF

**James Fulks** posted:

R.I.P. Dr. James Otis. You were a great Dr. You saved my left leg 11 years ago from being amputated and fixed my right MCL last year. Gonna miss you and may you R.I.P.

March 25 at 10:48 AM

BD

**Boni Dennis** posted:

Dear Maggie, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Jim. I am keeping you and the kids in my thoughts and prayers.

March 24 at 5:19 AM

CP

**Chastity Bieniarz Phillips** posted:

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. So sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Jim!

March 23 at 12:12 PM

JP

**Jennifer Potter** posted:

My prayers go out to the family, dr otis was a kind man he did surgery on my shoulders in the 90's I couldn't believe when i heard he passed away. God Bless to the family

March 21 at 7:07 PM



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DD

**Daniel Kanouse, Ph.D.** posted:

Dr. Otis performed surgery on my leg on March 9th. He was very professional and friendly. The first time I met him it was like I was meeting an old friend. I was completely comfortable with him and trusted his ability without any doubts. His communications were clear and he was very open and willing to answer any questions and explain anything. I will miss him and give my condolences to his family and the staff at his practice. He will be sorely missed. I will make a contribution to the Hope Hospice.

March 21 at 2:18 PM

MM

**Michael McCleod, Do** posted:

Jim was a good friend and colleague. He took care of many of my patients, and he took care of my son when he broke his arm. He helped Ed DuPay put my knee back together after my skiing injury. I've heard many similar stories the past few days about how Jim took care of friends or family members and how well he was liked and admired. I feel a great sense of loss, and I know he will be deeply missed.

March 19 at 8:29 PM

CW

**Charlotte Willims** posted:

Dr. Otis skill and kindness will be missed. Between 3 members of the Williams family Dr. Otis preformed 7 successful surgeries. Sincere condolences at this time of loss. In His Love Richard, Charlotte Williams

March 19 at 2:50 PM

SM

**Susan Kamerer & Barbara Millington** posted:

Dear Family, Our hearts go out to you at this time at what appears to be the sudden loss of Dr. Otis. It was just this past February 13th that he released my Mother, Barbara Millington after her successful surgery the year before when Dr. Otis repaired her badly broken hip. My Mother by the way is 93 years of age. What a wonderful man Dr. Otis was. We were so impressed by his cheerful nature and the tremendous care and concern that he showed my Mother. I remember the Saturday evening he came in to perform the surgery and prior to that the nurses told me that it would be Dr. Otis and how wonderful they thought he was and that he was a Christian. They were so right! Please accept our Sincerest Condolences at this time of great loss. Our hearts are deeply grieved as well. In His Love, Susan Kamerer and Barbara Millington

March 19 at 12:30 PM



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JM

**Judy Cross McClure** posted:

I was sad to read about MY, Dr. James Otis. When I used the word MY Dr. Otis, that is the way I feel about him. I had the pleasure to have him as MY Dr. for foot surgery (twice). I was a School Bd. Member in Hendry County and we talked alot about schools. He was more like a friend than a Doctor. I remember when he told me that he was marrying a fine lady named Maggie. He was so proud of his family. The last time I saw him he showed me pictures of everyone. He will be sadly missed. Maggie, may God bless you and your family as you go thru this time of sorrow. My best to you.

March 19 at 9:35 AM

JS

**Jeffrey R. Sander** posted:

Dr. Otis you will truly be remembered. You were a doctor and surgeon to almost everyone in my family at some point in our lives. You will be missed. God Rest In Peace... -Jeffrey R. Sander and Family

March 19 at 6:36 AM

JS

**Jeffrey R. Sander** posted:

Dr. Otis you will be missed very much by the Sander Family. It seems like each one of us were a patient of yours at sometime. You will truly be missed. God Rest in Peace. -Jeffrey R. Sander and Family

March 19 at 6:32 AM

BP

**Bob Padgham** posted:

Dr. Otis' family, I had the pleasure of meeting Doc through the unfortunate accident of destroying my ankle.I was so impressed with his gentle spirit and caring attitude that fear of an operation was quickly forgotten. Doc did a wonderful job rebuilding me physically and I wish I had taken the time to go in to personally thank him. What a loss for all of us. We share in your grief and pray that God comforts you with His peace in this time of loss.

March 18 at 5:55 PM

LN

**Linda And Walter Neubauer** posted:

He will be sadly missed by his patients too.

March 18 at 5:44 PM



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MG

**Marlene Goodfriend** posted:

Dear Maggie It is with a sad and heavy heart that I write this letter of condolence to you and the family. There are no words that can truly express the sympathy I feel. I will truly miss Dr Otis and especially our chats about cooking and swapping recipes. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

March 18 at 4:27 PM

JM

**Judy Mcginniss** posted:

Our family is greatly sadden to hear of Dr. Otis passing. We have been seeing him for almost 15 years; he was compassionate and caring for his patients. Our prayers go out to his family and office staff.

March 18 at 2:35 PM

JR

**James & Bonnie Raymo** posted:

We are patients of Dr. Otis and regret the loss of him so early. May God bless the family remaining and feel assured that he lived a productive and loving life on this earth. We have all been blessed to have known him on this earth and will again meet him with our heavenly Father again one day.

March 18 at 2:30 PM

TL

**Tom Lovern** posted:

Once in a great while your life path crosses the path of another that will create a special memorable fondness in the heart. Jim was just such a person to my wife Lynne and me. I contacted him as a doctor, and over the years as his patient, the fondness grew and I considered him a friend, a very special friend. My wife began to come with me for operations and follow-ups and she also developed the same fondness for Jim. We shared common interests in boating and the allure of the tropical islands. We often talked about trips we had taken to the British Virgin Islands, and he wanted to know about our cruising in the Bahamas. Prior to my most recent surgery, Jim met us in the Surgery Center where we must have talked for 30 minutes about the islands and boating while the attendants stood patiently waiting. I often wanted to ask Jim and Maggie to meet with Lynne and me socially, but was always hesitant to ask for any of their precious free time together. We loved Jim and will miss him greatly. Tom and Lynne Lovern

March 18 at 10:13 AM



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AG

**Alice Gonzalez** posted:

Dr. Otis's Family: I am deeply saddened & shocked at the passing of Dr. Otis. He performed a hip replacement on me one year ago and was such a concerned and caring person. He always took the time to answer any questions that I had. Dr. Otis will be sadly missed. He will always be in my prayers.

March 18 at 9:09 AM

EK

**Earl Kegler** posted:

When I ruptured my bicept tendon I had the good fortune to be refered to Dr. Otis. When I ruptured the other bicept tendon there was no way that I would see anyone but Dr. Otis. That was 10 years ago and I do 100 push-ups every day and I will be forever grateful that he was my physician. You have my deepest sympathy.

March 17 at 1:05 PM

DT

**Deb Turner** posted:

Dear Maggie, We are very sorry to learn of your loss. While we only knew Jim through his professional life, we thought very highly of him. Sincerely – Deb and Terry Turner

March 17 at 12:40 PM

SZ

**Suzann Ziegenfus** posted:

"He is such a kind-hearted and caring doctor." Those were the words I so OFTEN heard my mother say whenever she mentioned Dr. Otis' name. My deepest sympathy to you Maggie and your entire family in remembrance of a wonderful and truly compassionate physician.

March 17 at 11:57 AM

MM

**Mary Lou Mullins** posted:

Dr. Otis' family, colleagues, staff and friends are in my sincerest thoughts and prayers. He will be missed so much by so many people. In the 10 years I've lived in FL, Dr. Otis made them enjoyable years for me after replacing my knees as well as fixing my wrist, foot; and, in the last month, my back. Rest in Peace, Dr.Otis. I will think of you often.

March 17 at 9:54 AM



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LI

**Lindakmiec** posted:

My sympathy to the family of James Otis I was so sorry to hear the sad news Doc Otis did surgey on my finger. The first time I met him in the office,we talked & joked, he made me feel like I knew him as a friend, not just a surgeon. He promised he would do a good surgery and leave no scars. which he did, my hand & finger are much better. thank you Doc Otis, I will always remember you. Prayers & Thoughts to your family Linda Kmiec

March 17 at 8:25 AM

DT

**Debbie Traebing** posted:

You are always with us and will be missed greatly ..Rest in Peace...

March 16 at 8:56 PM

WS

**Wanda Short** posted:

We will miss you Dr. Otis. You gave me MANY pain free years with my four surgeries over the last 20 years. I will always remember your gentleness and kind spirit. May your family find peace in the knowledge that you have blessed so many here in Fort Myers. I am thankful that God gave you the heart, passion, and talents He did and I will keep your entire family in my prayers. Wanda

March 16 at 1:31 PM

LM

**Lynford Bourn/Sharon Marceau** posted:

Maggie, Family, Faith, and friends. We are with you as your friend/Call us if we can help in any way. Lyn & Sharon 239-823-2436

March 16 at 11:31 AM

KD

**Kathy Davenport** posted:

Maggie, There are really no words to express how very sorry we feel for you and your family. I always loved working with Dr. Otis. His eyes always started to smile when you came in the office. You were his true love. My girls and I send prayers and love to you and your family. We are all still in shock. God Bless You and Keep You, Kathy, Allison & Theresa

March 16 at 9:35 AM



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