



## Dr. Patrick Fearing

August 16, 2002

Dr. James Patrick Fearing, age 46, of Plymouth passed away at home Tuesday, 8/13, surrounded by his loving family, due to complications from cancer related surgery. Survived by his wife, Colleen; daughter, Kelly; son, Danny; and his dog, Mishi; brother, Ed Fearing; sisters, Paula (John) Ellman and Edee (Denny) Carlson; mother & father-in-law, Brian & Donna O'Brien; brothers-in-law, Tim, Pat, Mike and Terry O'Brien; sister-in-law, Kathleen Farnam; nieces, nephews and many, many friends. He has been active and a board member of: H.E.A.R.T., The Crisis Connection, Skills for Living Foundation, The Gratitude Retreat House, National Council on Sexual Addiction, The Salvation Army Advisory Board. Dr. Fearing was known as "America's Crisis Doctor." James dedicated his life to helping people and was loved and respected by the hundreds of people who had the privilege of calling him friend. Visitation Friday, 4-8 pm, with prayer service 7 pm at the Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road (1 block north of Hwy 5). Funeral service Saturday, 10 am, with visitation one hour before at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 155 Cty Road 24, Medina. Interment Holy Name Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the family. Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Dear Colleen and Family,*  
*I am deeply saddened to find out about Jim's death in August. We hadn't kept in touch with each other for the last 20 years, so I was quite astounded to read of his many accomplishments, personal and professional. You must have been so proud of him!*  
*Jim (Dino was his nickname then) and I were "good buds", as his mother used to say- growing up as neighbors in Aitkin. Our mothers were good friends and after moving from Aitkin when I was 11, they kept in touch until Vern passed away in Bemidji.*  
*My husband Scott and I are so pleased that Jim found his calling in life- and that he was able to help so many people. Our sincere condolences to you and your children that he was taken away from you at this time in his life.*  
*We will miss him also.*

*Jan and Scott Kneeland*  
*Deerwood, MN*

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*Jan Kneeland,*

*Deerwood, Minnesota*

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**Jan Kneeland** - October 01, 2002 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Dear Family of James Fearing,

*Please accept our heartfelt sympathy at this time of deep loss. James was an extraordinary human being and we felt privileged to know him. My husband, Mark Heaslip, knew him through his Uncle "Butch" Heaslip. I got to know James as a result of several interventions which he conducted for friends here in Washington, DC. He gave from his heart and will be long remembered.*

*Sincerely,  
Nancy Dudley*

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*Nancy Dudley,*

*Washington, District of Columbia*

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**Nancy Dudley** - August 21, 2002 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Colleen and Kids, I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of my friend Jim. I believe we were Junior High School age when he and his mom moved to Bemidji. Sandlot football, baseball or pickup basketball; Jim was always there on into organized sports at school. He and I spent many fall weekend days up early to get the "good spot" on a little lake west of town using a duck boat "a friend said I could use" (I'm not sure the friend knew where he was keeping his boat!). Jim's mom would drive us out before daylight and my mom or dad would come and get us sometime late morning or early afternoon or vice versa. We didn't always get the ducks, but our decoys knew to stay out of our range!! He somehow got the nickname "Pedro" and his favorite expression was from the movie Kelly's Heroes where Kelly didn't like contrary thought and to discourage them he would (Kelly & Jim)say "Hey man, NO negative Ways!!". Jim went on to live with one of his sisters and graduate from High School in Mercer, WI and all of us in Bemidji were saddened the day he moved. We all sensed that life wouldn't be quite the same without that silver toothed, happy go lucky grin around keeping us positive! I am not surprised at all to read of the many lives he has touched since.

Tom "Rhino" Schwartz

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Tom Schwartz,

*Bemidji, Minnesota*

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**Tom Schwartz** - August 19, 2002 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Family:*

*James will live on in my memory forever, along with many other friends he had from the Bryant Lake Group.*

*I had many great conversations with James during the yrs. that he attended BLG. It was amazing to watch his life unfold! What a miracle! God really gave us a gift in James.*

*My love to family and friends, (I was a friend/classmate of Kathy Farnum's).*

*Unfortunatley, I will be out of town during services.*

*Julie Duryee Warren*

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*Julie Duryee Warren,*

*Watertown, Minnesota*

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**Julie Duryee Warren** - August 16, 2002 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *My condolences to the family of James Fearing. I was a class mate of his sister, Barbara, in Aitkin, MN. Looks like the world lost a great person.*

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*Terry Hagman Sylvester,*

*Sauk Rapids, Minnesota*

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**Terry Hagman Sylvester** - August 16, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Family of James Fearing,*

*James saved my life and will touch the lifes of my family and friends  
for years to come. God Bless*

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*mitch gaffen,*

*edina, Minnesota*

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**mitch gaffen** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *James, you will always live in my heart.*

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*Carlos LLuch,*

*Malibu, California*

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**Carlos LLuch** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Colleen, Kelly and Danny,

*I am so grateful that I was able to see you all in December and say goodbye to James. He meant so much to all of us from the Sapphire St Beach Group and we miss him. For many of us he was our hero. We are all praying for James and you. . He fought a good fight. And we loved him.*

*Suzi*

*I cannot describe sufficiently the inspiration James brought to me in my early sobriety-- both for staying clean and sober, and, for living life to the fullest and 'passing-it-on'.*

*Im deeply sadenned.*

*Prayers for James and his family and loved ones.*

*Robert*

*He was a good friend, and I loved him*

*Clay*

*Remember our Sunday's at the beach. What a bright spot he was. I loved his tall, lanky frame, & those blue eyes, his*

*enthusiasm, his commitment to sobriety, fun sense of humor, interest in*

*service and others, his little boy wounds that showed through sometimes.*

*Theresa*

*He led a dignified life and died with honor. It is moving that he affected so many people around him in so many ways. He and his family will be in my prayers.*

*Megan*

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*Suzi Dalmau,*

*Redondo Beach, California*

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**Suzi Dalmau** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

LC

“*Dr. Fearing will truly be missed, he as moved through and inspired so many lives. His spirit and valued words will continue to live. Our sincere condolences.*”

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*Logan's Wellness Centre,*

*Tucson, Arizona*

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**Logan's Wellness Centre** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Colleen, Kelly and Danny,  
Our heartfelt sympathy for all that you have been through, our  
prayers are with you. We loved James because of his guidance and  
friendship with our son. Affectionately, Allen and Mimi

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*Allen and Mimi Cail,*

*Concord, Massachusetts*

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**Allen and Mimi Cail** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *It was such a pleasure to have known you and to be a part of the Sapphire Street Beach Group. Colleen & Family, please know that he will be sorely missed by all of us.*

*Lea Lea*

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*Lea Lea Sands,*

*Temecula, California*

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**Lea Lea Sands** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Colleen and family*

*Jim touched and helped to heal many many people and their lives.  
His spirit will live forever "One Day at a Time" by those who knew  
him.*

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*Annette (Mayer) Keppel,*

*Eden Prairie, Minnesota*

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**Annette (Mayer) Keppel** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Collen, Kelly and Danny --  
My sincerest condolences. James is already deeply missed here.  
Danny

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Danny Kopels,

Los Angeles, California

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Danny Kopels - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ James: You saved my life. All that I have today is due to you.

*Thank you*

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*Mike Wendorf,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Mike Wendorf** - August 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM