



James Robert Kalgren

April 19, 1961 - May 23, 2019

Age 58 of Lino Lakes, passed away at St. Therese in Shoreview on May 23, 2019, nearly one year after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Jim was born April 19, 1961 in Minneapolis, MN, the sixth of nine children. He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Joan(Allenburg) Kalgren and sister, Mary(Kalgren) Johnson. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 29 years, Ann(de Lambert) Kalgren; daughter, Bridget (Dan) Stovall; son, Jake Kalgren; sisters, Patricia Krueger, Peggy Isker, Kelly Heyer Kalgren, Renee (Scott) Hadden, Jeanette (Troy) Renner; brothers, Rick (Ann) Kalgren, Tom (Amy) Kalgren; brother-in-law, Murray (Mary) Johnson; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Jim was raised in Excelsior and graduated from Minnetonka High School where he wrestled and was awarded All - Conference both Junior and Senior years. He then earned a degree in Computer Science at the University of MN Duluth. Upon graduating he worked at Control Data's Defense Systems for several years as a software engineer, and in 1988 accepted a job with Boston Scientific, Inc. (previously Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc. and Guidant Corp.) as a Systems Engineer where he remained employed for the remainder of his life. During his tenure at Boston Scientific he was responsible for 83 patents issued, traveled the world extensively, and received the Sage Award for his outstanding contributions to patients and medical device products. He especially enjoyed mentoring younger employees, meeting with end users and also developed many strong friendships with coworkers through the

years. Jim was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for fishing and hunting. He loved his family, cooking for others, walks in the rain, attending his children's sporting events while they were growing up, trips to the Boundary Waters and Canada, and more recently just hanging out with friends and family at his cabin on Round Lake in the Nisswa area. His faith and acceptance of his cancer diagnosis was unwavering and inspirational. He was an amazing husband, father, brother, uncle, and true friend to many.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4 with visitation starting at 9:30 a.m. at ST. JOSEPH'S OF THE LAKES, 171 Elm Street, Lino Lakes 55014. A luncheon will be served following mass. Private interment will be held at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, Nisswa, MN. The family would like to thank the staff at Mercy Hospital, MN Oncology, and St. Therese at St. Odilia for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Pancreatic Cancer Action.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ My condolences to the family for Jim's passing. I was the one that hired Jim back in the late 80's as a personnel rep at CPI. Jim was a fine engineer and impacted lives all over world because of his work in the cardiac rhythm business. I feel honored to have known and worked with him after I returned from Personnel to R&D as a software engineer. He is in my thoughts and prayers.



Jim Mapel - June 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Ann and family I am so very sorry for your loss. It is never easy. We lost Patches 5 years ago. I remember the fun we had at our wedding. He is with Patches and provably tissing with a cold one He is in heaven where we will meet them one day. I will be praying for uou

Louise Tiwle - June 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear family and friends of Jim,

Jim was my first mentor at Guidant, and taught me so much about our products and leadership. I have fond memories of him both at work and outside. Jim has changed the world for the better in many ways, and his legacy will live forever through his amazing work and leaders he has developed. You are in my thoughts and prayers, my his beautiful soul rest in peace.

Sonali Vasekar Arangil - June 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you - family and friends of Jim. I worked with Jim closely when I was at Boston Scientific. I could always go to him for counsel on our programs. He was a peer, a mentor, an advisor and a friend all in one. Truly a great man. He will be missed dearly.

- Raj

Raj Thomas - May 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My sincere condolences. Jim was extremely gracious and friendly to me every time we met.

David Fashant - May 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Ann, Bridget & Jake, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's death. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Treasure your awesome memories with him.



Ann & Al Nagel - May 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I knew Jim from high school. Grew up to be a very intelligent man, great father and husband. Condolences to the Kalgren family, Jim will be missed by all. R.I.P. Jim.



john erickson - May 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ So sorry for your loss. I was so sad to hear about Jim. I have fond memories of him, cheering wrestling. With much sympathy, Danette Isaacs (Holte)

Danette Isaacs - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Anne, Bridget and Jake,

Jim and I are so sorry for your loss. What a shock. We will always have such fond memories of a few New Years Eve at the Crow Wing Lake Cabin. Jim was a wonderful man and both Jim and I feel blessed to have known him. Healing prayers for your family. Jim and Lynda Mustonen

Jim and Lynda Mustonen - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Ann and family. I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May you take comfort knowing he is with our Lord Jesus.

Rose Miller - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Prayers of love to you and your family!

Shawn and Laura King - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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GB

“ *Jim was a good man and a really nice guy. I'm so sorry for your loss*

George Bedor - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Ann and Family- I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*
Pat



Pat Bennett - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Our prayers go out to you all.*

Jack, Christine, Carter, Cal, Abby and Olivia.



Jack Cahill - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to you all. I hope all the wonderful memories you have provide you comfort.*

Stacy Glocke - May 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Condolences to family and friends. Until we meet again one day my friend....*

Pat and Carrie Tommins - May 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the Kalgren family.*

Donna Delambert - May 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM