



Mr. James Robert Pielemier

April 1, 1949

Pielemeier, James Robert "Jim" James Robert "Jim" Pielemeier passed away in his home in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 7, 2020. A retired Professor Emeritus of Law at Hamline University School of Law, he was born April 1, 1949, and spent his youth in Bloomfield, Indiana. Jim graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and obtained his JD from the Indiana University School of Law. While in law school, he was elected to the academic honor society Order of the Coif and served as associate editor of the Indiana Law Journal. Prior to joining the Hamline Law Faculty in 1976, Professor Pielemeier was in private practice with Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, specializing in civil litigation. He had worked with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, was a visiting professor at Indiana University School of Law, and lectured in Japan. At Hamline Jim taught courses in civil procedure, conflict of laws and mass media law. He was voted Professor of the Year by his students. He published extensively in the areas of civil procedure and conflict of laws. He served at Hamline on a variety of committees addressing issues of technology, teaching and the law, and designing a new high-tech practice courtroom at Hamline. Pielemeier retired from teaching at Hamline Law during the 2012-13 academic year and was named emeritus professor in May 2013. Jim spent his youth in Bloomfield, Indiana where he worked in his father's drug store, delivered evening newspapers on his bicycle, and participated on the high school track team. As an adult, he enjoyed running, swimming, tennis, amateur acting, reading (especially on his Kindle), and he actively

supported his aging mother and extended family. A lifelong democrat, he considered himself a "liberal Christian." He is survived by a sister, Barbara McCallon of St. Augustine, FL, and a brother, John Pielemeier, of Washington D.C., and many loving nieces/nephews and grand-nieces/nephews. Jim asked that he be cremated, and his ashes will be placed at a family plot. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, in support of the pro-se Self Help Clinic.

Tribute Wall

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“ We bring up Jim Pilemier's passing every time we catch up on the phone - we being students graduating in 1985 and Professors. We wish we knew more about what happened. He was a little shy outside the classroom but we befriended him at SBA socials and also went dancing in the neighborhood restaurant & club.

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