



## James Raymond Power

June 23, 1955 - July 14, 2025

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James "Jim" Power, 70, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Surrounded by his wife and children, he remained true to himself until the very end—cracking jokes, sharing memories, and reaching out to loved ones.

Born and raised in Drexel Hill, PA, he remained a devoted Philadelphia sports fan throughout his life. He graduated from Villanova University and earned an MBA and MSW from the University of Pennsylvania. Over the years, he made homes in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

After more than three decades in finance at Mellon Bank and GE Capital, Jim returned to his true calling, service and social work. While volunteering with the Kinship Initiative at Old St. Pat's in Chicago, he formed meaningful relationships with leaders in the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association—connections he described as life-changing. The experience fueled his passion for ensuring that all children have access to the benefits of sports. This led to him joining the leadership team at Play Like a Champion in 2016 to work alongside his brother Clark. Jim believed deeply in collective impact and remained dedicated to this mission until his final days.

To know Jim was to feel loved. He had a rare gift for making people feel seen, heard, and valued. After his diagnosis, he chose not to fear death, but to embrace life and focus on loving the people who were close to him. He

reconnected with childhood friends, shared daily phone calls and texts, and ended every conversation with "I love you." He found joy in life's simplest pleasures: hummingbirds, sunrises, puzzles, grocery runs, birthdays, and his expansive Christmas music collection.

For 47 years, he shared a loving partnership with his wife Peggy-the love of his life and best friend. He was an unbelievable Dad and even better "Pop-Pop."

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Ginny Power; his parents-in-law, Jack and Mary Guidera; his brother-in-law, Patrick Guidera; and his niece, Celia Guidera. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; his children, Terry (Kristen) Power, Emily (Logan) Warren, Brigid (Ben) Austin, James (Eliana) Power, and Maggie (Mike) Power-Shafik; his grandchildren, Rosemary, Jameson, Nora, Lucy, Reilly, Cecily, Santiago, Charlotte, Joni, Sam, Thea, Eva, Lily, and Ezra; his siblings, Clark (Ann) Power, Anne Hayden, and Tom (Barbara) Power; beloved Guidera in-laws, and dozens of beloved nieces and nephews.

The Power family extends heartfelt thanks to the talented and compassionate caregivers at M Health Fairview Masonic Cancer Center, the hospital and radiation departments, and his hospice care team, especially Michael, Jane, Star, and Megan.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, July 24 at Green Acres Event Center, 14150 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347. Visitation at 1:00pm, memorial service at 2:00pm, with reception following. Details and questions should be directed to Washburn-McCreavey Funeral Home in Eden Prairie, MN (952) 975-0400.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Play Like a Champion Today, [www.playlikeachampion.org](http://www.playlikeachampion.org), continuing Jim's legacy of kinship and love through youth sports.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Event Center  
14150 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Celebration of Life

JUL 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Event Center  
14150 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ We are very sorry about Jim's passing. We were fortunate to meet Jim and his young and growing family back in Pittsburgh when he was working at Mellon Bank. We both loved basketball and enjoyed watching together as Jim's Wildcats upset Georgetown for the National Championship. Jim was a great guy then and that never changed. We, along with many others, have the Power family in our thoughts. Steve and Barbara

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**Stephen Brill** - July 26, 2025 at 03:07 PM

PC

“ Send my condolences to the family. what a great husband father grandfather he was in a great friend. Beautiful soul always had a smile on his face spoke nothing but positive always had great advice. thank you for sharing him with us. He have gained his wings now he can rest in peace well done. ☐☐ 🙏🙏

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**Pamela Coleman-Sampson** - July 24, 2025 at 02:21 PM

PM

“ A life well lived! To all of the Power Family, Mom, kids, grandkids...you are all in my thoughts. I know you will all continue to honor your dad and grandpa through your own lives. Pam Skaar Meier

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**Pam Skaar Meier** - July 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM

DL

“ I was fortunate to have coached kids basketball with Jim through the local Township league. He inspired the kids with kindness, positivity, and a smile that never faded, making sure they all had equal playing time. At the end of one season on the trolley ride home from work to the team pizza party, Jim put together a few words mentioning each player by name and how they contributed to the season. His thoughtful expression for every child that night 35 years ago will always be a treasured memory.

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**Dan Lynam** - July 23, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MA

“ Only knew Jim during our high school days but He was a great guy back then as well..so sorry to have Him leave His place on earth so soon..Our condolences and prayers to all His family..  
The Verdi Family..

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**matt** - July 22, 2025 at 08:17 PM

VK

*Dear Peggy and Family,  
We were deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and all who loved him. May his soul rest in peace.  
Vasudha & Sunil Khadilkar*

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**vasudha khadilkar** - July 24, 2025 at 06:41 AM

KP

*Grateful to have known Jim when he and his sister in law Ann work at St. Anne's Senior Center in Philadelphia.  
He was a kind, gentle, caring young man. Prayers of comfort and gratitude. Karen Paulus*

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**Karen Paulus** - August 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Raymond Power.*



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July 22, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your family’s loss. Jim was a kind and caring man and a wonderful example for all who were fortunate to have met him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*The Bowsby Family*

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**John Bowsby** - July 22, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Raymond Power.*

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July 22, 2025 at 08:23 AM



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July 22, 2025 at 08:23 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a very caring, kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May good memories give you some peace. Sincerely, the Cadogan Family.

Barbara Cadogan - July 21, 2025 at 12:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Raymond Power.

July 18, 2025 at 06:56 PM

MD

“ Michelle & Bill Doerrler purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Raymond Power.



Michelle & Bill Doerrler - July 18, 2025 at 02:48 PM