



James Kernole Wilhelm

August 2, 1927 - January 15, 2021

James “Jim” Wilhelm, 93, of Houston passed away Friday, January 15, 2021. Jim is greeted in Heaven by his wife of 68 years, Martha Wilhelm, twin brother, David Wilhelm and his mother, Alma Anderson.

Jim lived a full life, valuing family more than anything. The markers of a great life were molded by his service in the Navy, his graduation from the University of Texas, meeting the love of his life, Martha, on a blind date, and a 40 year career as a Mechanical Engineer and then becoming CEO with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam.

Jim showed us the true meaning of love and dedication. He passionately coached his 6 children in sports, and many years later traveled across Texas to attend his grandchildren’s games, graduations and weddings. He loved being outdoors – playing golf, hunting, daily walks, and sitting by the water at Caney. He enjoyed talking about life – sharing what mattered and what simply didn’t, in a way only he could and always with a Diet Dr. Pepper in hand.

Jim’s legacy lives on in his proudest achievements, his children: Susie Tucker & husband Dan, Mike Wilhelm & wife Martha, Randy Wilhelm & wife Elaine, Kathy Ilgen & husband John, Tim Wilhelm & wife Kathy, Mary Anne Fritz & husband Paul. Jim was lovingly referred to as “Papa” and adored by his 13 grandchildren, as well as 6 great grandchildren.

Due to COVID, a service for family only will be held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Please join us in the live-streamed service by visiting: https://youtu.be/_sBgb6OkVWA

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of James Wilhelm are encouraged to St. Gabriel's Hospice - South Dallas, South Dallas Benevolence Fund, 1103 Alexis Ct. Suite 107, Mansfield, TX 76063 or St. Jude's Hospital in memory of James Wilhelm at this link: https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=6907102&pg=personal&fr_id=39300 or stjude.org/memorial

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

Live Stream

Tribute Wall



“ *James Kernole Wilhelm*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Kernole Wilhelm*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Kernole Wilhelm*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Kernole Wilhelm*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I bought his old English Ford from Jim for \$ 100 in 1965 just after I started to work at LAN. I told him I could not pay for it until after my first paycheck . He said OK I know where you work, He was always a great friend to me.*

Ralph Martin

Ralph Martin - February 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Jim Wilhelm was my friend. Yes my friend even 30+ years my senior I felt like he was an uncle . Rest in Peace Jim.

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Kenneth E Rostron - February 01, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Kernole Wilhelm.



January 29, 2021 at 09:53 PM



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“ To the family of Jim Wilhelm: Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of a great guy. When I got to LAN in 1980, Jim was the SVP over our section. He was always fun to be around and a great mentor in my career. I ended up following his footsteps and ultimately became President of LAN. Even after his retirement, Jim would invite me to lunch and share his opinions (of which he had MANY) on how to run the company. Jim was also a trailblazer in the engineering profession - he was a founding member of the state engineering association and served on the Texas board of Profession Engineers. Of course, he was never shy about promoting UT or harassing the Aggies in the firm after a UT win on Thanksgiving. He'll be missed.
Dennis Petersen

Dennis Petersen - January 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM



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