



## Jim Wayne Harvey

February 28, 1949 - March 29, 2010

Jim W. Harvey born February 28, 1949 in Tyler, Texas, passed away March 29, 2010 in Houston. Jim was the son of M.J. Harvey, Jr. and Carolyne Gibbs-Harvey. Jim's family lived all over the world and settled in Houston where Jim attended Robert E. Lee High School. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1971 where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He was the founder of Altek Systems, a microfilm and data storage company which was successful for 32 years, and was loved by his customers literally worldwide. He was a longtime member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

Jim had the heart of a servant. He made numerous mission trips to Guatemala through his church, taught ESL, worked in the food pantry, and was on the Board of Directors for Larkin Community Center. Jim was an active volunteer at the Larkin Community Center where he recently received the Community Service Award and was honored for his years of service with the dedication of the Jim Harvey Library. He endowed the Jim and Cindy Harvey scholarship at Stephen F. Austin University. Jim began running in his 40's and completed 5 full marathons and 5 half marathons. He coached the "Red Lobster" running group of Houston Fit for a marathon. He was an avid traveler who spoke 5 languages. Jim was an extremely giving and optimistic person who truly loved his family and friends. "His favorite spot was to sit in the front yard in the swing, with a glass of wine in his hand, his beloved parrot Bogey on his shoulder and his loving wife by his side, waving at every car that

passed by.” Jim never met a stranger.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Cindy; son Ryan, daughter Kristin; mother-in-law Jean Sybert; brother-in-law Scott Sybert and wife Janet; stepmother Mrs. M.J. Harvey Jr.; sisters Allison Trum and husband Joe, Elizabeth Clyde and husband Nelson, Nancy Blomdahl and husband Bill; brothers Patrick Wells, John Harvey and wife Lori, and Jason Harvey and wife Deborah, and numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service officiated by Dr. Charles B. Simmons and The Reverend Daniel Irving was held Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive in Houston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim’s honor to The Larkin Community Center, 5410 Larkin St., Houston, TX 77007. Please go online to [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com) to leave online tributes.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Wayne Harvey*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Jim Wayne Harvey*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Jim Wayne Harvey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jim Wayne Harvey*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Cindy, Ryan, and Kristin*

*I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I just heard today, and the news took my breath away. Jim and I were comrades professionally and personally. We shared many business deals, and MANY personal conversations having nothing to do with business. He was my best friend in work, and an extremely close friend out. I remember our yearly trips together to AIIM show, where we continued going just to have that time together. I will miss his sending pictures of the kids growing up as well updates on your family. I will miss his friendship and support over the last 25 yrs...and his quirky gifts on my bdays like the edible bouquet (cookies). All in all...I will MISS HIM. My love to all of you. We were blessed to have him in our lives .*

*with love and light*

*Deborah Rosen*

*San Carlos, Ca*

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**deborah rosen** - May 26, 2010 at 12:44 PM

DB

“ Dear Cindy, Ryan and Kristin,

*I am so sorry to hear about Jim's ("Mr. Harvey") passing. I had the honor of working for him and babysitting for both of you for many years. His "servant's heart" was inspiring and I believe it helped play a role in who I am today. I now serve on the mission field in Botswana, Africa. As a former staff member of Altek I remember all of the opportunities he gave us to volunteer in the community. Last week I was thinking about Altek and decided to go online and see what new things were going on. I discovered that the website said that Altek was no longer in business. I then decided to do a google search to see what Mr. Harvey was up to. That is when I discovered that he had passed away. I could not believe what I was reading. I was blessed to know him. He took a chance on me and hired me right out of high school and I will never forget that! My whole family sends their love! Cindy, Ryan and Kristin you are in our prayers!*

*Dietra Bonds*

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**Dietra Bonds** - April 09, 2010 at 05:11 PM



“ Dear Harvey Family,

*My name is Eileen George and I am the sales and marketing rep for a imaging service company here in Rochester, NY. Our Business is an income generator for Rochester Rehabilitation Center, a not-for-profit agency that employes people with disabilities. Durring our first few years of business, Jim was great to work with. I would call him up and not have clue of what it was we needed and he always give us the service we needed or sent us to a place that like Jim would walk us through the path until we could do the jobs and projects on our own. He will be missed by myself an our agency.*

*Please accept our prayers and thoughts durring your hard time. Be placed knowing he had a kind heart and would do anything for his customers.*

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**Eileen George** - April 07, 2010 at 03:01 PM

RH

“ *My husband and I ran with Jim the year he coached The Red Lobsters with Houston Fit. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time. We enjoyed getting to know Jim and are truly saddened to learn of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the joy and love he brought to your lives be ever present in your hearts and provide comfort in the days to come.*

*In deepest sympathy, Rose & Art Hernandez*

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**Rose Hernandez** - April 04, 2010 at 10:39 PM

KL

“ *Candle lit by*



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**Keith Lynn** - April 02, 2010 at 11:43 AM



“ *To Jim's wife and children our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time. I only knew Jim through business but he was humorous upbeat and always professional, I can see through others that Jim carried that quality into his personal life as well.*

*Jim you were a beacon in our industry and you will be missed.*

*John Sanchez*

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**John Sanchez** - April 01, 2010 at 06:46 PM

KH

“ *Cindy & Family - I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Jim was one of the first folks that I met "in the business" over 28 years ago. My AIIM Bowling team mate and Board partner - he always knew how to have fun and his smile was infectious! You are in my prayers. He will be missed.*

*Kris Hlozek*

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**Kris Hlozek** - April 01, 2010 at 10:21 AM

MF

“ *Candle lit by*



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**Mike Farley** - April 01, 2010 at 05:29 AM

DT

“ *Jim was my pledge brother in KA Order at SFASU. I am sadden to hear of his passing and you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim was a good man and a good faternity brother. He will be missed.*

*David Thornhill KA 69*

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**David Thornhill** - March 31, 2010 at 07:25 PM

BR

“ *I was deeply sadden to hear the news of Mr. Harvey's passing. Kristen, I remember the times when we were in Girl Scouts and we always had pool parties at your house and your dad would always make hotdogs and hamburgers for us when we would came over. Kristen, you and everyone else knows that your dad was a good man and he always had a smile on his face and he made anyone feel welcome. Harvey family you're in my and my families' thoughts and prayers. I send you well wishes.*

*Brittany Rodriguez*

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**Brittany Rodriguez** - March 31, 2010 at 07:22 PM

KC

“ Dear Cindy,  
You, Jim & especially K Harv have been an extended family for my son, Ben. The memories of you, Jim and your kids, are happy ones... you were all smiling, always smiling.  
I promised myself I would not cry when I saw Kristen, but, I failed that miserably when I saw her yesterday. I know many of her friends are anxious to get here and show their love & support for her, and, also you & Ryan.  
Benji's dad, Ben, and I, and all of our kids, Benji, Stephanie, Sydney & Wells send our well wishes to you, Ryan & Kristen during this difficult time.  
Love & hugs to all of you,  
Karen Cooksey & Family

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**Karen Cooksey** - March 31, 2010 at 03:52 PM

GP

“ Cindy and family,  
It breaks my heart for you and all who loved Jim. He was always an inspiration to me both professionally and personally. Sadly he was one of the good guys that got taken too soon. Our love to you and yours.

Gayle Page and Ned Denney

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**Gayle Page** - March 31, 2010 at 01:22 PM

LH

“ I am deeply saddened by the lose of my friend, leader, mentor, and inspirator. I will cherish all the memories that we have shared though our work at Larkin. He has indeed touched many lives here in the Larkin Community. I will try to fulfill his legacy and continue to do God's work in honor and memory of him. He will live on in Spirit with me always. I am truely honored to have been chosen to keep and care for his beloved parrot. She will remind me of Jim for always. Blessings to the family.

*Leonor Hernandez*

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**Leonor Hernandez** - March 31, 2010 at 01:21 PM

BV

“ We are very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I have had the pleasure of knowing Jim for over 35 years, and have always considered him to be a true and valued friend. Through good times and adversity, his humor was contagious and his integrity impeccable. I will miss our phone calls, which he always kicked of with "If I were any better....." they were always a bright spot in my day.

*Brian & Renee Vandivere*

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**Brian Vandivere** - March 31, 2010 at 10:56 AM

KM

“ Dear Cindy, Ryan and Kristen, We're so sorry for your unspeakable loss. The pleasure of driving into the neighborhood after work and seeing you and Jim (and sometimes the bird) swinging blissfully in front of your home and waving to all of us returnees was a joy. Truly you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jim and Karen Martin*

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**Karen Martin** - March 31, 2010 at 10:48 AM

GK

“ Dear, Cindy  
*I am saddened to hear of Jim's passing and my prayers are with you and Ryan and Kristen, I like many of Jim's "Project's" learned most of my business principals from him and still apply them today. Jim always liked the challenge of finding the diamond in the rough and showing someone their full potential. I will always be appreciative of the opportunities and knowledge that Jim shared with me. It was an honor to not only work for him, but to know him as a friend.*

*Greg Kaut  
President - Avrio Corporation*

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**Greg Kaut** - March 31, 2010 at 10:44 AM

RW

“ Dear Harvey Family,  
*I am sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. Jim was my mentor in the microfilm business in the early days. Jim always handled himself and his business with the highest level of honesty and integrity. We will miss "working the deal" with Jim. Sincere Respects, Rick Wahlberg, President, Image Micrographics, Inc.*

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**Rick Wahlberg** - March 31, 2010 at 10:07 AM

SA

“ Dear Cindy, Kristin, and Ryan,  
*We are so sorry to hear about Jim's untimely passing. Please know our prayers are with all of you. He was such a wonderful guy, and I will always remember his smile and willingness to help with anything. God bless you all during this time.  
With Love and Hugs,  
The Ashcroft family*

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**Susan Ashcroft** - March 31, 2010 at 09:34 AM

SS

“ Cindy, do you remember how the two of you and Sherry and I met? Here at MDUMC after at least two years of ya'll sitting in front of us at the Houston Comets' games in Compaq Center. We'll never forget how we became friends, nor will we ever forget our combined senses of humor...especially when the Comets played the Sparks. Jim and Sher didn't like Lisa Lesley one bit...and neither did you!!! Words are so inadequate; feelings are not. We love all of you; and Jim, we will miss your ever-present smile. May God's peace, healing and grace surround you all in the days ahead.

*Sherry and Sarah*

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**Sarah Smith** - March 31, 2010 at 08:20 AM

RR

“ i was truly shocked to hear of jim's passing. knew him at 3m for years, worked for him at ati 3 yrs. thought he was a great guy. i remember everyone was scared of him at ati except me-i thought he was funny when he got upset! i'll miss him.rick rightmer.

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**rick rightmer** - March 31, 2010 at 08:16 AM

LH

“ We love you Jim, and will miss you so much. Cindy, Ryan, and Kristin, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you, John, Lori, and Bryce

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**Lori Harvey** - March 30, 2010 at 10:00 PM