



James (Jim) Edward Marqua

December 9, 1949 - September 7, 2025

James (Jim) Edward Marqua of Sarasota, Florida died peacefully at home on Sunday, September 7, 2025. A fourth-generation Floridian, Jim was born in Miami on December 9, 1949 & adopted by James E. Marqua, Sr. & Alice Norris Marqua.

Jim moved to Sarasota at the age of eight, where he lived for the next sixty-plus years, only leaving for a time to finish his degree at Florida State University. Returning to Sarasota, Jim began honing his craft as an Engineer, working on a variety of projects that would leave a strong mark on Sarasota County and beyond.

In 1982, Jim met his wife, Deb, on St. Armands Circle during a chance encounter and the two have been inseparable ever since. Having spent the majority of his leisure time fishing, reading, traveling, keeping his yard pristine, playing tennis, and following his beloved 'Noles, Jim still managed to always make time for his family. His favorite new pastime was each opportunity to play ball with his granddaughter.

Jim is survived by his wife of 42 years, Deborah Marqua, his son AJ Marqua (Laura), his granddaughter Helen Marqua, his sister Penny Sullivan (Danny), and half-siblings Maureen Love (Dave); Ken Bush (Ann); & Kevin Wilcox (Lenore). He was predeceased by his sister Margaret (Meg) Marqua, and his parents.

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“ *My condolences on his passing.*

I knew he had been seriously ill for some time.

I knew Jim from 8th grade.

I gladly remember spending time going to parties and the beach with him and the rest of our friends as we were growing up.

He was a friend one could always rely upon. I remember he had a unique wit that he would share about things.

My wife got to meet him several times and she always enjoyed hearing him express his views.

Regretfully, I only got to see Jim a couple times in our later adult life.

I was saddened to hear of his passing.

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