



James "Jim" Ninivaggi

April 6, 2019

James "Jim" Ninivaggi, 56, of Sarasota, FL passed away unexpectedly following complications from surgery on April 6, 2019 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Jim was born in Hackensack, NJ and graduated from University of Connecticut. He was simply the world's greatest man, the best husband, father, brother, son, friend, and colleague.

Jim will forever be remembered as funny, loving, giving, and nurturing. He was generous, devoted, and protective of all he loved. His biggest life goal and now his legacy was to be the best father he could be to his two beloved children, Elizabeth Ninivaggi and Nicholas Ninivaggi.

His signature laugh and pocket square were his hallmarks. Wherever he went, he made each person feel as if they were the only and most important person in the room with his caring nature. Jim enjoyed drawing funny cards, hiking, biking, being with family, and making people laugh.

Throughout Jim's passionate career he was an account executive, sales VP, consultant, and analyst.

Jim loved his colleagues and his work. He had amassed unrivaled knowledge

about what it means to be successful. He was passionate about sharing his wisdom and ideas with others. Jim was inherently positive, unfailingly supportive, and always quick with a joke.

Jim is predeceased by his sister, Andrea McGranahan.

He is survived by his adored and beloved wife, Barbara Sucoff Ninivaggi, daughter Elizabeth, son Nicholas, mother Joan Fitzpatrick Ninivaggi, and father Vito Ninivaggi. He is also survived by his three sisters: Mary Cox, Susan and Joseph Daly, Caroline and Shawn Schestag; and countless adoring nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends whom he made family.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N Orange St, Sarasota, FL at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019. The celebration will continue at The Vue, located at 1155 N. Gulfstream Ave, Sarasota, FL. Please wear bright colors, no suits, blazers are okay, and a pocket square to honor his spirit.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to his memory may be made to Save the Bay, an organization committed to cleaning Sarasota Bay, the view he appreciated every day. Sarasota Bay Watch, P.O. Box 1141, Osprey, FL 34229.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 9. 4:30 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Sarasota, FL 34236

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ *To Jim's Family:*

I knew Jim and Andrea from Ridgefield. He went to school with my sister and I went to school with Andrea.

Also worked with him at Learning International. All of us who worked with him in Stamford from Sales, Marketing, and IT send our deepest sympathy. He was such a great guy! So very sorry.

*Michael Waradzin
Ridgefield, CT
RHS Class of 1978
Learning International 1986-1998*

Michael Waradzin - April 22, 2019 at 08:50 PM

VD

“ *When Jim's sister, Andrea, passed, Jim sent me a wonderful picture of the two of us from our teen years. We were wearing the same dress to our grandparents 50th anniversary party. I have that picture framed in my office and look at it every day. He was such a thoughtful person. Godspeed Jim!
Love, Valerie Ninivaggi Dockery*

Valerie Dockery - April 11, 2019 at 06:14 PM

CQ

“ *Jim was a heck of a friend during our days at Learning International and we stayed in touch every year since then. I was always touched by his fun spirit and upbeat ways. Carla and I send our sincerest condolences. Carlos Quintero*

Carlos Quintero - April 10, 2019 at 10:21 AM

GS

“ So very sorry to learn of your tragic loss.

From friends of the Sucoff family,

*Gerry Shaikun and Laurie Smith
Sarasota*

Gerry Shaikun - April 09, 2019 at 03:19 PM

EB

“ *Barbara, The joy you two shared will remain forever. Jim's smile, kindness and devotion will be remembered by a both of us as we make our way through this troubled world. So glad our paths crossed. Love, Edy and Tom*

edy Bulthuis - April 09, 2019 at 08:09 AM

LF

“ *Love the Gallagher Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Ninivaggi.*



Love the Gallagher Family - April 08, 2019 at 03:10 PM