



# James Robert DiGuglielmo

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**J**ames “Jimmy” Robert DiGuglielmo, born on February 16, 1959, was a family man—a family man who didn’t draw the line at blood. A man who was reliable, dependable, and always happened to be there just when you needed him. From a flat tire to a full home renovation, when in doubt, “Call Jimmy!”

A DelCastle High School graduate of 1977, Jimmy left behind the books and took on his passion for horse racing prior to entering the workforce as a general contractor with Carpenters Local, what would later be the notable catalyst to a successful life ahead in construction management. Jimmy married the love of his life, Wendy Ann Kelly, in 1989, and soon after welcomed four beautiful children into his world. He is survived by all four of his children: J.T. DiGuglielmo (Colleen), Nicky DiGuglielmo (Eileen), Luke DiGuglielmo, and Dallas Jackson (Nick). He is also survived by his first and only granddaughter and namesake, Maren James Jackson, and his first grandson on the way, Oliver James DiGuglielmo. Jimmy leaves behind his parents, Daniel J. DiGuglielmo Sr. and Josephine A. DiGuglielmo, as well as three siblings: Danny, Mark, and Lisa DiGuglielmo. Jimmy was preceded in death by his beloved family dog, Duke, who is undoubtedly welcoming him into the gates of heaven, begging for an ice cube.

Jimmy lived the majority of his life at the DE beaches, giving his family a life of genuine privilege, all while teaching that the best things in life are earned through commitment, devotion, and a strong work ethic.

Jimmy embodied these traits and used his success in life to take his family on an abundance of Puerto Rican vacations, fishing trips, hunting trips, and more. He was a man of the outdoors, and that is how his family will remember him.

Jimmy fought relentlessly for the past five years with Stage 4 Metastatic Colorectal Cancer and truly defied the odds. His fight was one of admiration, strength, and profound grit in the face of adversity. One of his last wishes was a plea for the advocacy of colon cancer screening in all people, young and old.



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Jimmy passed peacefully in his home on February 23, 2026, surrounded by those he loved most.

In his true nature, Jimmy made the selfless decision to leave his body behind to science, hopeful of making profound discoveries in medicine that could save a child's life.

Jimmy had requested no additional funeral services, Mass, or social gathering on his behalf, sharing with his wife and children, "The people that really matter are right in this room."

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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**Steve Hill** posted:

I got to work with Jim for a few years and greatly enjoyed our time working together and considered him a good friend. I learned a lot from him about construction and we had some great laughs as well. I was starting my own family when I worked with him and was inspired by how hard he worked to provide a good life for his family. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. - Steve Hill

March 3 at 10:43 AM



**Joyce Thomas** posted:

Dear DiGuglielmo Family, Ray and I want to send our heartfelt and sincere condolences to each of you. Jimmy's life story is a wonderful tribute to how he lived his DiGuglielmo life. By sharing his life with others, the world is so much brighter. "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." Jimmy's life and light will continue to shine. God Bless You All during this challenging time. Joyce and Ray Thomas (Dan, Jr neighbors)

March 1 at 12:43 PM



**Jeff Socorso** posted:

Wendy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was one of a kind, a great man who lived life to the fullest. I have the fondest memories of you and Jimmy together. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family and all of Jimmy's family.

February 27 at 9:41 AM



**Joseph Scudlark** posted:

One of Jim's favorite expressions - which seems so poignant now - was "You can always make more money, but you can't make more time." My life was enriched knowing Jim, being entertained by his countless stories, and later on, sharing his knowledge and insights as Project Manager for a new lab facility where I worked. Through Jim I learned so much about large-scale construction projects, and his dedication to client satisfaction made my job easier. I was always impressed that he wanted to know all about the science and technology being used inside the new building, and not just viewing it as another "make work" construction project. I didn't get to see as much of Jim as his disease progressed, but I'll always admire how he faced adversity with his diagnosis, as he put it, "having to make the most of being dealt a lousy hand." My heart goes out to Wendy and his family. Jim had a big personality, and his passing leaves a large hole.

February 26 at 6:38 PM



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**Mark Grunza** posted:

Jimmy:I loved working with you all those years and am grateful to hear and learn from your unfiltered rhetoric then and after we moved on to greener pastures... You will be missed by me and just about everyone you ever worked with.To Wendy, J.T, Nicky, Luke and Dallas my heart and many prayers go out to you!My sincerest sorrows...Mark and Elizabeth Grunza

February 26 at 3:44 PM



**Seeded Fruit Freak** posted:

Very great guy and always welcomed me into his home . He will be missed.

February 25 at 4:16 PM



**Tre Brittingham** posted:

Jim was one of one.. A man very wise man. Always joking & laughing when I came around. The world lost a very cool guy.

February 25 at 2:57 PM



**Sharon Vitella** posted:

I will always remember Jimmy's easiness to connect with everyone. When he would stop in SB to see his sweetheart he always had a joke, funny picture or some story that would make you laugh. He's as humble as they come and was content with a simple life, defined by loving deeply and spending time with family and friends. Bruddah J, if you find any deals up there, save a few for me!Our deepest condolences and prayers for peace!

February 25 at 11:41 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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