



## Dr. James A. King

February 16, 1940 - May 8, 2013

King

Dr. James A.

Dr. James A. King, age 73, of Toledo passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2013 from metastatic melanoma in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 16, 1940 in Muncy, PA to Robert W. and Marjorie (Schneider) King.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Jim received his BA degree from St. Procopius College in Lisle, Ill. and received his Master's and Ph D from the University of Notre Dame.

He was Professor Emeritus and Fellow at the University of Toledo where he taught sociology for 29 years. He retired in 1999 from the university and continued as an entrepreneur. He was a partner in Benefits Comprehensive, Inc., Integrated Psych Care, Community Research Associates, and Scriptsense. He served on various boards such as Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Mental Health Board, Notre Dame Academy, and was recently appointed to the Board of Mercy College.

He was founder and coach of the Toledo Celtics Soccer Club. He also coached The University of Toledo Club Soccer Team which went on to win the national championship in 1996.

Jim was an avid skier and boater and loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survived by his wife Joan of 41 years, children; Ian (Teresa), Erin (Ryan) Hafner, Meghan (Chad) Gregory, and Eamon; Grandchildren Kelsey, Cameron, Ashton King, Riley Hafner, Keegan, Piper, Peyton, and Bentley Gregory. He was awaiting the arrival of another Gregory grandchild; brother Robert (Kathy) King; sisters Nancy (Bob Herr) McCarty, Sandy (Charlie) Buck, Dot (Gary) Bennett, Leah (Bill) Way and Betty Jo (Phil) Soohy as well as numerous nieces and nephews and his faithful canine companion Jake.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday from 2-8pm where a scripture service will be held at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 11am at

Gesu Church, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10am.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to University of Michigan Melanoma Research, Gesu Church, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Please view and sign the online guest registry at [www.coylefuneralhome.com](http://www.coylefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gesu Church  
2049 Parkside Blvd.  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ I just now found out Jim passed. I'm heart-broken to learn this of my friend. Jim taught at St. Marys University, Halifax where I was the football star. Jim was there teaching summer school. We became close friends, and as I was involved with local youths, so too did Jim. For years I had unsuccessfully tried to reach Jim - always hoping to reunite. Jim was the absolute greatest! The Halifax kids could tell you, as well as the students at SMU. Jim befriended all. Cookouts at his apartment, deep-sea fishing, camping out ... he did it all with his friends. I could go on and on!



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**Kevin Florio** - June 25, 2014 at 12:35 PM

CS

“ Our condolences to the King family on their great loss. It was a real pleasure to work with Jim and Scriptsense though our union. Jim was such a pleasure and he will be greatly missed.

*Connie Shepherd  
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 42  
Health & Welfare Fund*

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**Connie Shepherd** - May 14, 2013 at 03:24 PM

KS

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing and extend our sincere sympathy to his family. As his Uncle Ken, age 88, said this week, "I always liked Jim so much. He was a good kid." Blessings to you all!

*Uncle Ken and Aunt Carol Schneider  
Tom and Karen Secules*

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**Karen Secules** - May 12, 2013 at 06:19 PM

RS

“ Dr. King Was one of a kind , he was always on. I met him when he was the consultant for our union (4530 University of Toledo) I have never forgotten him and I never will.

*Rick Seward*

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**rick seward** - May 10, 2013 at 08:23 PM

KU

“ To Erin and Family, What a great man your father was! Know that you and your family have my sincere sympathy and prayers, Karen Biscay, Lourdes University

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**Karen Biscay, Lourdes University** - May 10, 2013 at 03:16 PM

HW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

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**Holly Wahl** - May 10, 2013 at 10:14 AM

JJ

“ To the King Family,

*My brothers and I have some great memories and stories about Dr. King. We attended his Deviant Behavior class at UT back in the early seventies, after he had just arrived to Toledo (we think). As importantly, we put gas in his old yellow ugly car and kept it running. We would tell jokes with him at the gas station on Bancroft (Johnson's Sohio and later BP). His sense of humor was unmatched. To this day, we often talk about him and some of the quick witted remarks he would make to us. We are saddened by his passing and wanted you to know how much we appreciated him. It was an important time in our young lives working with our Father at the gas station while attending UT and Dr. King was very funny and inspirational to all of us. We always looked forward to his class and his visits to the gas station. We wish the very best to all of you.*

*John Johnson*

*Tom Johnson*

*Bill Johnson*

*Larry Johnson (deceased)*

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**John Johnson** - May 10, 2013 at 09:32 AM

MF

“ For the past 15 years Dr. King and his beautiful family have been a warm loving part of Our family. Dr. Kings quick wit and wisdom kept us laughing and learning. His incredible thirst for knowledge was always shared in some form with all who surrounded him. Jim, Joan, children and grand children livened up the restaurant with every visit.

*Jim, God bless your soul as well as your Families. We will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories of you.*

*Our deepest condolences,  
Maher Barazi and your Ferdos Restaurant family*

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**Maher and Family** - May 10, 2013 at 08:15 AM

CB

“ *Cathy and Ron Borawski purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Dr. James A. King.*



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**Cathy and Ron Borawski** - May 10, 2013 at 08:06 AM

TC

“ Dr. King was an absolute pioneer for the soccer community in Toledo, and created so much joy and success with his devotion and fantastic personality. There was not another leader who was so quick to offer such positive and influential support to his friends, students, players and colleagues. His great presence has been felt by so many within the community, and the span of his influence is immeasurable. His legacy will be the guidance for many generations to come, and his contagious smile and laugh will always be a beacon of honor for the Toledo Celtics Organization. There are not enough words to thank Dr. King and all that he embodied, and we cannot say enough how much he has meant to the Toledo Celtics Soccer Club, its staff, and all those who had the pleasure to be influenced by him. Rest in Peace Doc, and know that you have left behind so many who hold you in the highest regard.

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**The Toledo Celtics Soccer Club** - May 09, 2013 at 02:35 PM

MJ

Joan, Ian, Erin, Meghan, and Eamon, Your husband and father was a man who touched everyone he came in contact with in a special way. We have many fond memories of St. John's soccer, indoor soccer in Novi, MI and Toledo Celtics. He will truly be missed but never forgotten. Our hearts go out to you on your loss but consolation in the fact he is in the arms of his Father now.

*Mike & Trudy Jazwiecki*

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**Mike & Trudy Jazwiecki** - May 10, 2013 at 05:16 PM

AD

“ You will be missed dearly! My best soccer memories growing up were from the Toledo Celtics and you gave that to all of us. We wouldn't have had the Toledo Celtics without you. You gave a lot of kids the opportunity to do what they love playing soccer and making lifetime friendships through your organization. Thank you for all you did for me, my brother and sister. And a great thanks for all you did for everyone you helped throughout your life. Rest in Peace! You were an angel even before you got to HEAVEN! - Angie (Hurst) Dixon & Family

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**Angie Dixon** - May 09, 2013 at 01:46 PM

FM

“ Dear Joan, Ian, Erin,, Megan and Eamon: Casey, Ethan and I were saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was a good neighbor and a good friend. We will all miss him in so many ways. I am particularly sorry that I must be out of town Friday and Saturday and will not have the opportunity to say a final goodbye. .

*Frank S. Merritt*

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**Frank S. Merritt** - May 09, 2013 at 01:06 PM

TS

“ The Toledo Celtics Soccer Club and Staff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dr. James A. King.



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**The Toledo Celtics Soccer Club and Staff** - May 09, 2013 at 12:44 PM

TH

“ I have been thinking for the past 24 hours, of how much joy would have been lost and how much different my soccer career would have been if Doc wouldn't have created the Celtics. What a great organization he built from scratch. Great players and teams. To get to know him as a person when I came back to coach for the club, to work out of his office to get to here all his stories, was a priceless experience. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for someone that he cared about. He was a great mentor and he made a profound impact on my life. RIP Doc.

Tred Hurst - May 09, 2013 at 12:02 PM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Coyle - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 PM

CC

Heaven welcomed a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Jim's steadfast faith was an inspiration to all he knew. John and I are honored that he was our friend for many years.

Carol Culberson - May 09, 2013 at 09:05 PM

MD

“ Joan, Ian, Erin, Meghan and Eamon~you have my sincerest sympathy and prayers. Jim was just a great guy, a true gentleman. It was always to a joy to be in his presence...and in his presence with Joan, they were wonderful partners!

Maureen DeLaney - May 09, 2013 at 11:47 AM

AG

“ Ashley and Mary Greenleaf purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. James A. King.



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**Ashley and Mary Greenleaf** - May 09, 2013 at 11:28 AM

LT

“ I am so sad to hear about Jim. Our families have shared so many years of boating fun together. Those memories will always be cherished ones. You all will be in my prayers and thoughts. Love from me and the boys. Leanne, Dallas and David.

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**Leanne Towner** - May 09, 2013 at 10:53 AM

BS

“ My brother, James King, was a truly inspirational man whom I greatly admired. He was my hero and had a major influence on me deciding to attend college. As a child, I have such fond memories of him wearing his white cowboy hat and playing his guitar when he'd come home from college. I met him for the first time (that I remember) when I was 4 yrs old and my parents drove Mom, my sisters and I to Mcguire Air Force base in NJ to pick Jim up from his stint in the Air Force. He had been a pilot and had the name "Sky King" painted on the side of his plane. (For the younger set reading this, that was the name of a popular TV show about a Doctor who flew his small plane to make remote house calls. Jim has always had a terrific sense of humor and was very witty.) Jim had just finished working on the Distant Early Warning Radar System in Thule, Greenland for a long time and I remember he'd come home with the palest skin I'd ever seen! My Mom and Dad and sisters were all fussing over him so much and all I could do was hide behind my Mother's skirt and wonder "Who is this guy?!" LOL! But, he charmed me very quickly! How can you make just one comment about a man as wonderful, smart, caring, funny, and loving as my brother? His loving wife, Joan, his dearest children, Ian, Erin, Meghan, and Eamon, and his adoring grandchildren: Kelsey, Cameron, Ashton, Riley, Keegan, Piper, Peyton, and Bentley (and the new Baby Gregory to be) were his greatest loves on Earth and meant the world to him. In my opinion they are and will always be his greatest legacy and I love them so much. I could write a book about how proud I was of him and his multitude of accomplishments but suffice it to say, Jim was very, very loved. As the Wizard told the Tin Man in the movie, "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but, by how much you are loved, by others." This was my brother, James King. Love you, and miss you, big brother. Your baby sister, Betty Jo

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Betty Jo King Soohy - May 09, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James A. King.*



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May 09, 2013 at 10:11 AM



“ *Dr. King made a profound impact in my life. He was my coach, my professor at UT, and a mentor. I can still hear his voice shouting from the sidelines in the Holland Cup in Amsterdam, "Koopster! Have you gone brain dead on me? Get your head in the game!"...followed by his laugh. He was high energy, and high enthusiasm all the time. He taught me how important the mental part of the game was in sports. He taught me how important it was to do the "right" thing versus doing the "easy" thing when being a leader. I respected how candid he was with his opinions and how passionate he was in everything he did. I will keep the King family in my prayers. I will keep the Doc's memories alive with me and will do my best to pass on the principles he instilled in me, on to the players I coach today. Thank you Dr. King for all you gave to me. I will do my best to pay it forward!*

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**Matt Koop** - May 09, 2013 at 09:17 AM

 Jolene  
Katafiasz

“ Jim was a great man and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I am very grateful to have known him and your family. I have so many fun memories of working with Jim, Joan and Ian at Benefits Comprehensive while I was in college. Jim will get to be the first to greet Meghan's soon-to-be newest addition in heaven, where he will now rest eternally. Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Jim. Your family will continue to remain in my prayers.



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**Jolene Katafiasz** - May 09, 2013 at 07:33 AM

MA

“ Such a fighter and amazing man. Honored to have known him. Thanks for all of your help, advice and compassion Doc. So many of our lives were enhanced by your influence growing up.

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**Mike Aubry** - May 09, 2013 at 07:25 AM

MS

“ Sad to see this news. Known Jim since 72' at UT. Great professor and even greater person. We are all better having known him. Truly special person.

*Mark Schreiner*

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**Mark Schreiner** - May 09, 2013 at 07:12 AM

JW

“ We have good memories of Jim and your family and will keep you in our prayers.

*John and Edythe Wingerter*

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**John Wingerter** - May 09, 2013 at 06:31 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Dr. James A. King.*



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May 09, 2013 at 06:25 AM



“ *We are saddened to hear of Jim's passing. It was an honor to know him.*  
*Linda and Gary*

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**Linda Rouillard** - May 09, 2013 at 03:13 AM