



## James Allen Mauntler

August 27, 1946 - May 29, 2011

James Allen Mauntler, Sr., 64, took his final breath in this world and entered another, in the presence of his wife and daughter at the break of dawn on Sunday, May 29, 2011. In the days before his death Jim's conversations clearly indicated that he was experiencing Divine love. We are at peace knowing his life had purpose and his soul is now flying free.

On Dec 3, 2010 Jim was given news no one wants to hear: "You have a brain tumor and it is terminal." Decisions were made and a 14-hour miraculous surgery was performed by UTMC neurosurgeon and angel, Dr. Daniel Gaudin. This journey "from diagnosis to death" has changed many peoples' lives, bringing families together, filling hearts with faith and love and showing everyone who participated with prayer and support that, like all things Jim, everything happens for a reason and we just have to take it "one day at a time."

"Motor" as he was nicknamed because of his ability to simultaneously finish a conversation and a meal in five minutes" was an incredible husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, confidant and mentor. He would want us to say he was an incredible golfer, but that's just a bit of a stretch.

Born in Toledo, OH on August 27, 1946, Jim was lovingly adopted by Kathryn and Marcus Mauntler who nurtured and supported him throughout his life. He graduated with a degree in Business from the University of Toledo in 1968. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he married his Pi Beta Phi sweetheart and "the rock in his life", Barbara Chapman. They spent 42 wonderful years full of

love and laughter raising a family in the same home his grandparents built. After college, Jim taught math at Woodmore High School, later changing directions to work in the insurance industry as a benefits consultant and auditor. He loved his clients and they loved him. His real passion, however, was his tireless mission of helping others to find a life of sobriety. Nearly 30 years sober, Jim was a sponsor to countless men and women in the Toledo area and they are grateful for his dedication and support. His family will be forever thankful for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Jim loved playing golf, cards, cribbage and scrabble. Actually, he loved playing any game where you could keep score. He was very competitive and a stickler for rules (okay, so some of the rules were actually created by him, but that was the fun part). He was a former member of the Toledo Country Club as well as the Toledo Club where he spent so many happy days with his family and friends. He loved gardening, telling jokes, annual vacations in Aruba, his perfect green lawn, his mother's pink angel food cake and his morning coffee at Plate 21. His grandson Jace was his joy and his unmistakable twin.

Jim loved his children and bragged not only of their professional accomplishments but about the kind of people they grew up to be and of their tender hearted spouses. He was an outstanding role model, acting as father to many more than just his own children and he was honored to do so.

Jim Mauntler never met a stranger and telling the truth was his bottom line in life. He will be missed dearly, but his legacy will certainly live on forever.

Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Jamie (Tracy) Mauntler of Toledo and their son, Jace; daughter, Lynn (Tom) Braker of Lexington, KY; and brother, Ed (Nancy) Mauntler of Toledo.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 4th at Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road from 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm. A funeral service will be held at 1 pm on Sunday, June 5th at Corpus Christi University Parish, followed by a reception at Parkway Place in Maumee. We encourage all who knew and loved Jim to join us for a celebration of his life and an opportunity to share

stories about him after the service. The burial will be private on Monday. Thank you to Hospice of Northwest Ohio (Perrysburg) for providing Jim with comfort and care while giving his family a peaceful place to say a very long goodbye. Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's honor to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

The first annual Motor Memorial golf tournament will be held Friday, August 26th with proceeds to benefit the University of Toledo men's golf team.

# Tribute Wall



“ Barb,  
*I was shocked when I read the obituary in the Blade this morning. My heart goes out to you and your family. May God provide comfort to you as you go this this tough time. Steve W.##imported-begin##Steve Webster websters@bluffton.edu##imported-end##*

May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a beautiful and straight forward obituary honoring an angel on Earth. Jim was indeed a mentor to many, making a person who was in his presence feel as if they were all-good and empowered. He was a person who gently, or matter-of-factly when necessary, guided a person to question and to improve themselves. Jim was non-judgemental, welcoming and absolutely hilarious at times. Reflecting on Jim's good natured spirit and how he has touched the lives of so many gives me faith in God's presence. He will be dearly missed, but his spirit will continue in all of us who have been blessed by his friendship.##imported-begin##Sarah Myers##imported-end##*

May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim was a special person in my life and I owe alot to him for his guidance, counsel and friendship. May God grant you and your family peace as you move thru this season.##imported-begin##Gregg Klear gkdc01@windstream.net##imported-end##

May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Jim Mauntler,

*Please accept my sincere sympathy in the passing of Jim Mauntler, a person who indeed made this world a better place in which to live. Over the past 11 years, I have known Jim as the health care consultant for the Mercer - Auglaize Benefit Trust. During those years, I learned a lot about Jim, both professionally and personally. Let me tell you this, no matter how many times I may have been in a meeting or had a telephone conversation with Jim, he would always share something about his family. Was he ever proud of his family! He shared many stories about family gatherings and he treasured his family more than anything else in this world...especially when he could engage them in some sort of competition. Not only will this very good man be missed by your family, but he will also be greatly missed by the others he served and in the many ways he served them. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Fortunately our good Lord provided us with memories so that Jim Mauntler will live on in our memories forever. God bless the Mauntler family and my God now welcome Jim into his heavenly kingdom.*

*Kurt##imported-begin##Kurt Kuffner  
kuflinks@watchtv.net##imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim' s obituary tells the story of a life well lived with lots of love and laughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and friends during this time.##imported-begin##Martha Vetter mvetter@r-p.com##imported-end##

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Jim M i was very glad to have jim as a friend, for the past 25 years plus, what a humorist he was, thoughts, and prayers too each of you , in gratitude,,, Mike MacAllister###imported-begin###MikeMacAllister mike7224@att.net###imported-end##

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb,  
I was so sorry to hear about Jim. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.If there is anything I can do please let me know.

Love,  
Frona###imported-begin###Frona Hunt###imported-end##

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Barb and Family,  
My sincere condolences on Jim's passing. Hopefully, His grace will come to all of you and give you peace. Just remember the "fun" times.

Debby Goodman Harrison###imported-begin###Debby Goodman Harrison###imported-end##

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mauntler Family,*

*We want you to know we are thinking about you and send our deepest sympathy.*

*Chuck and Connie Darnell###imported-begin##Chuck and Connie Darnell Conandchk@buckeye-express.com###imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Barb and the rest of Jim's family:*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Jim's untimely passing. I remember Jim as a bright and warm fraternity brother during the days that we overlapped at the University of Toledo and at Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. Even then, I saw in Jim many of the extraordinary qualities that are reflected in the beautifully descriptive obituary. I regret that I cannot come back to Toledo this weekend for the funeral, but please know that I will always treasure my memories of Jim as an exemplary person, a good friend, and a highly respected fraternity brother. May his memory be eternal. Warmest personal regards to all.*

*Terry Perris###imported-begin##Terry Perris terry.perris@ssd.com###imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Opie and Lynn,

*I'm sorry to hear about your Dad's passing.  
Sending you comfort, warm thoughts, and hugs. Katie###imported-  
begin###Katie Coyle Todd Katie@KatieToddArt.com###imported-  
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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb and family,

*Carol and Chris sent me the sad news of your husband's death; you  
have my heartfelt sympathy. I watched the video and had a brief  
peek into Jim's and your family's life and I appreciated the  
opportunity to see the blessings of family, friends and a life well  
lived.*

*May you be comforted today and all tomorrows by the love you  
shared and that lives on in all of you.###imported-begin###Maryann  
simpson maryann.simpson@rbc.com###imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, Jamie and Lynn,

*Words can't express what Jim meant to Dan and I. I will always be  
grateful for the wisdom and guidance he provided as well as his  
friendship and humor. I can't even begin to say how much he will be  
missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this  
difficult time.*

*My deepest condolences,  
Connie###imported-begin###Connie Sullivan###imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb:  
*Judy and I are very sorry for your loss. May God be with you in this difficult time.*  
*(We are the two sisters from Zoar Caregiver session).##imported-begin##Judy Schramm and Linda Hegedus*  
*LJH1948@bex.net##imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jamie and Tracy, *What a beautiful video and obituary as a tribute to your father. It sounds like you were truly blessed to have him in your life. I feel certain you must hold in your hearts, many, many wonderful memories. I wish I had known him. There are no words to express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. My prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Colleen Leirer cleirer@bex.net##imported-end##*

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“ Barbara and Family,  
*I am very sorry to hear of Jim's death.*  
*For several years I had the pleasure of playing golf, and occasionally I believe we had a platform tennis game or two, and we shared the same Profession. I had not seen Jim much since I left TCC in 1979, however I am truly moved to know about his Mission of reaching out to people who needed him in order to be sober. What a Wonderful gift he gave to our world!*  
*God Bless,*  
*John Kirk##imported-begin##John Kirk*  
*jekirk@financialguide.com##imported-end##*

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May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb (and family),  
I am so very sorry for your loss. What an emotional ride you have endured! I am glad you were all able to be at peace with each other and that you were there together when Jim left. May God bless you and may your memories bring you comfort.

Anne

(scrap4art)##imported-begin##Anne Kwiatkowski  
kkwiat@bex.net##imported-end##

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“ What a lovely vigil you held at Jim's bedside. I'm so glad that you had time with him to say goodbye. He must have been a wonderful man! Thank you for the privilege of caring for him during those last days. I think of your family often.##imported-begin##Ellen S.##imported-end##

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