



## Timothy C. James

November 30, 1954 - February 2, 2019

On Saturday, February 2, 2019, Timothy “Tim” Charles James, loving husband and father of three children, died at the age of 64.

Tim was born November 30, 1954 in Delaware, OH to Thomas and Pam James. Tim attended Miami (Ohio) University where he met the love of his life, Marianne. The couple made their Miami Merger official on June 17, 1978.

After graduating, Tim attended law school at The Ohio State University and received his J.D. in 1980. Tim was a partner at the law firm of Ritter,

Robinson, McCreedy and James for over 30 years. Tim and Marianne raised a daughter, Caitlin, and two sons, Sean and Patrick in Maumee, Ohio.

Tim, also known as, “Bad to the Bone”, was famous for getting better looking every day. He was widely considered the premier youth soccer coach in NW Ohio throughout the 90’s. His advanced tactics included numerous trips to Chuck E. Cheese and the Mighty Ducks Flying V. In Tim’s free time he loved biking, tennis, trivia, basketball and any other activity where he could kick your ass. While dominating every single day, Tim truly loved his life, family & friends.

Tim is proudly survived by his wife Marianne, his children, Caitlin (Dan) Keller, Sean (Marissa) and Patrick (Victoria) James, grandchildren Timothy and Elizabeth Keller, niece Tammy James, brother Walt, sister Jackie Marshall , mother-in-law Ann Desmond and many outlaws and nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Wednesday, February 6th from 4-8 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held

on Thursday, February 7th at the Historic Church of St. Patrick, 130 Avondale Ave., Toledo at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, suggestions for memorials are to his favorite park Oak Openings, Metroparks Toledo, 5100 W Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43615 or the Toledo Clinic Foundation, 4235 Secor, Toledo ,OH 43623. Please view and sign our online “guest registry” at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Historic Church Of St Patrick  
130 Avondale Ave  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall



“ *The life of the party will certainly be missed. Rest in heavenly peace Mr. James.*

*-Jeff, Christina, Harper & Polesovsky*



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**Christina Polesovsky** - February 08, 2019 at 11:44 PM



*Harper & Ella Polesovsky!*

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**Christina Polesovsky** - February 08, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ *Kymerberly Keahey lit a candle in memory of Timothy C. James*



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**Kymerberly Keahey** - February 08, 2019 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to all the family of Tim, especially Marianne and Sharon. I will keep you all in prayer . Joanne McGinnis*

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**Joanne McGinnis** - February 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

CM

“ I only knew Tim professionally but it was apparent to all that he was a great human being in and out of court. His decency and kindness instantly shone through to all that met him. Even though I was always on the other side of the litigation, Tim always had my utmost respect. It was always a great pleasure to work with him. He will be missed! Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

*Christian Moore*

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**Christian R Moore** - February 07, 2019 at 04:04 PM

SE

“ My condolences to your family on Tim's passing. I remember Tim from our days at RB Hayes High School in Delaware, OH many years ago. He was a smart, decent and funny guy. I am sure that time only strengthened those qualities. He will be missed.

*Shawn Endsley RB Hayes High School 1970-1973*

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**Shawn Endsley** - February 07, 2019 at 09:21 AM

SE

“ Scott and Donna Essman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Timothy C. James.



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**Scott and Donna Essman** - February 06, 2019 at 05:29 PM

JK

“ Joseph K. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Timothy C. James.



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**Joseph K.** - February 06, 2019 at 04:40 PM

SC

“ Tim introduced me to handling litigated claims in Lucas County and the surrounding areas and it was like he had known me my whole life the first time we met. I have never met anyone who could make someone feel so instantly comfortable in his presence. I remember long conversations about our mutual love of coaching soccer and how proud he was that those girls he coached were still a part of his life. Tim was a truly remarkable individual and will be missed by anyone that knew him. Condolences to his family and friends.

*Scott Covell*

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**Scott Covell** - February 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JA

“ I will always remember the awesome coach Tim was to my daughter Amanda Brock Parry. The way Tim lead both the girls of Maumee and the parents together was like nothing else. Tim will be forever in my memory as a mentor for my daughter and so much appreciation to Tim and Marrienne. Thank you  
*Janet Shaw (Brock)*

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**Janet** - February 06, 2019 at 12:10 PM

MH

“ So sad to lose a great attorney, but more important a great friend. Quick with a smile and a laugh you could hear across the room. Scores of soccer youth (young and now older) remember their coach. Lawyers, judges, mediators remember their partner and colleague. We will keep him safe in our hearts. Mike Hyrne

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**Mike Hyrne** - February 06, 2019 at 07:53 AM

SG

“ There are too many great memories of Tim to share in one post, but some of my favorites include "Mr. Tim" to my kids playing ball in the hall of the office with them, Tim trash talking Marianne until she wanted to hit him with the tennis ball (or her racquet), and Tim using exploding golf balls from the first tee at golf outings! His sense of humor and willingness to put himself out there for everyone else was a great example over the 20 years I had the pleasure to know him. He always talked about his family and was so proud of all the kids' accomplishments, more than any of his own. He always told me to make times for my kids' games and big events, they were more important than anything else. His love for all of you is evident by the way he lived, and I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Shannon George

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**Shannon George** - February 05, 2019 at 10:24 PM

CK

“ To Tim's Family,

*Tim was as competent a lawyer as I have ever met. His kindness was admirable. As I was always on the other side, his good nature always made the cases in which we were involved a great pleasure. He advocated with spirit and negotiated with compassion. What a great guy! I am sorry for your loss.*

*Chris Knight  
Clyde, Ohio*

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**Christopher Knight** - February 05, 2019 at 09:06 PM

CV

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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - February 05, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.



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February 05, 2019 at 08:05 PM

CD

“ On behalf of everyone at Tronair, we are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathies to Sean, Marianne, Caitlin, Patrick and the entire extended family. While we didn't have the pleasure of knowing Tim, we do have the privilege to work with Sean, and there seem to be many similarities there. I hope in the days ahead, you will find comfort in happy memories that will sustain you in your grief.

*Sincerely,  
Cherie Drinkwater  
The Tronair Group of Companies*

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**Cherie Drinkwater** - February 05, 2019 at 07:18 PM

SD

“ Dear Marianne, Caitlin, Sean and Patrick,  
Thank you for sharing Tim with us for so many years.  
We were some of the fortunate ones who were able to experience the gift of Tim's selfless coaching, watching as he taught mini soccer players to learn and grow on the field as they developed over time into young men.  
Never will we forget watching the playfulness on the sidelines of a soccer game as grapes flew through the air, always being caught in someone's mouth (most likely, Tim's) while orange slices were being ravenously consumed. Then the whistle blew and halftime was over. It was time again for the players to get serious and compete and play hard for the greatest coach ever.  
Tim was always so thoughtful, bringing flowers for the boys' to give their moms at a Mother's Day game or taking the time to wipe the tears of little Ducks after a hard fought loss.  
After game pizza and beer (for the parents), at Chuck E Cheese, and stinky, screaming soccer players running around like crazy will never be forgotten.  
Tim was an amazing role model with so much positive, happy energy.  
The memories are endless and will always make us smile, just like Tim was always doing.  
We are so happy for having been able to share time with The Mightiest Duck of All!  
Thanks for the memories, Tim!  
Greg, Sheila and Dusty DeLelles

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sheila delelles - February 05, 2019 at 02:45 PM

DL

“ I am so shocked and saddened to learn of Tim's passing. Tim and I grew up together in Delaware, Ohio...back in the stone age! My memories of him are of complete kindness, generosity and understanding. A total stand up gent! I last saw Tim 10 years ago at a high school reunion. Absolutely nothing had changed about him...all those wonderful qualities!!! My sincere condolences to all his family.

(Eskimo proverb) “Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”

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**Debbie Legge-Sloman** - February 05, 2019 at 02:40 PM

JS

“ If you spent more than a few minutes with Tim, he immediately moved onto your favorite people in the world list. He was warm, engaging, and funny in ways that I didn't know existed.

*In the best ways possible, Tim was one of a kind.*

*Condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*John Sparks*

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**John Sparks** - February 05, 2019 at 02:28 PM

CL

“ Carl and Isabella Lanfear purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Timothy C. James.



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**Carl and Isabella Lanfear** - February 05, 2019 at 02:21 PM

MI

“ *The Irmen family was fortunate to have known Tim and his family in the neighborhood, soccer field and tennis court. He made any game, situation or time together just more fun in the way he lived his life and interacted with those around him. We will miss him for sure and are grateful to have had him as a great neighbor! Our thoughts and prayers are with all the James families.*

*Mark Irmen*

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**Mark & Cindy Irmen** - February 05, 2019 at 02:10 PM

TF

“ *I always enjoyed working on cases with Tim. Honest, competent, a true gentleman. Our many conversations included family and youth sports coaching. Lots of laughs in sharing our experiences. My condolences to the family as your loss is great. I am sorry that I am away and cannot pay my respect at the services.*

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**Tom Furey** - February 05, 2019 at 01:56 PM

LR

“ *Lu Ann Highman Randall lit a candle in memory of Timothy C. James*



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**Lu Ann Highman Randall** - February 05, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 05, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Tim was a big part of the Westfield family. I always looked forward to seeing him at meetings and Defense Days. He and I talked about grandkids, books we were reading and movies we saw. {Boy, did he love Pitch Perfect}. He was the rare individual who was always kind and sympathetic and willing to listen and his sense of humor brightened the room. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.*

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**Sherry Croyle** - February 05, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 05, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Tim "Courtside" James*



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**Brad Schoen** - February 05, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 05, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 05, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Hi Marianne,*

*I want to express my deepest sympathy on Tim's passing. I very much enjoyed spending time with you and Tim when we were younger. Tim was much fun to be with.*

*All of my best to you and your family.*

*John Hills*

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**John S. Hills** - February 05, 2019 at 09:25 AM

MZ

“ Toledo has lost a pillar of the community. Tim was truly a great lawyer and a better person. Never have I met a genuine ,caring and intelligent person in the practice. Prayers to his survivors during this difficult time.

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**Mike Zychowicz** - February 05, 2019 at 09:20 AM

TM

“ I am Sean's co-worker. While I never had the chance to meet Tim, based on his obituary, he was a smart, caring and funny man. His legacy will continue through Sean and the rest of his family. Rest in Peace.

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**Tim McMullen** - February 05, 2019 at 08:41 AM

CA

“ Graduated with Tim. He always knew how to make people laugh. You never heard anyone say anything bad about Tim. He was such a lovable guy. Will be greatly missed

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**Chris (Linville) Acker** - February 05, 2019 at 06:49 AM

TJ

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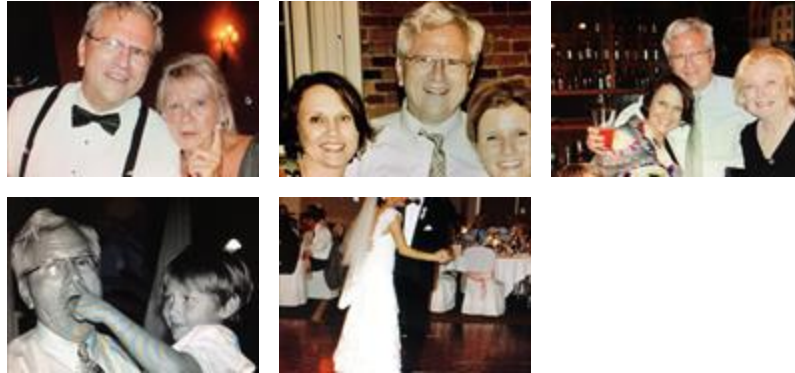


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**tammy james** - February 05, 2019 at 05:45 AM

TJ

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tammy james - February 05, 2019 at 05:34 AM

TJ

*So many smiles!!*

tammy james - February 05, 2019 at 05:46 AM

TJ

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tammy james - February 05, 2019 at 04:55 AM

TJ

*With the family dog, Ginger*

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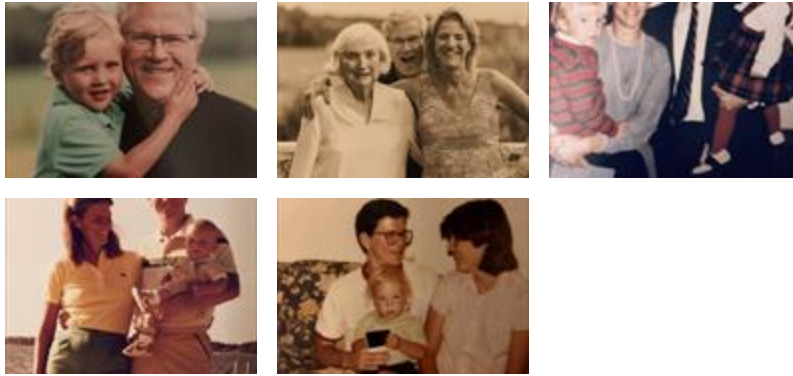
JB

“ I had the pleasure of officially meeting Tim in 2007 when my family moved to the Toledo area. It was recommended to me early on in my new work assignment that I needed to go meet Tim. He is one of those souls that when you meet him, you feel like you've known him for a lifetime. He was always there to provide words of support and encouragement, share stories and experience. Everything always livened up when Tim was around. I will remember fondly the time I was able to spend with him at various events and outings, but mostly the time I was able to get to know the man during numerous racquetball games. There was not a game he didn't win, even if he clearly lost! I'm certain that I was fresh meat to Tim, but those times were filled with laughter and lessons. He would share stories of an experienced father to me, a younger father and I greatly appreciated that. Condolences and thanks to his wonderful family for sharing this great man with all of us.

Jason Bidinger - February 05, 2019 at 04:31 AM

TJ

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tammy james - February 05, 2019 at 04:31 AM

TJ

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tammy james - February 05, 2019 at 04:27 AM

BH

“ *Marianne, Sean, Caitlin & Patrick - how lucky you and the many, many individuals that Tim touched over his too short life are to have known and loved him. No one was fuller of life!! He worked hard professionally, coached seriously, (but you had to be having FUN!), played competitively (but you had to be having FUN!), and loved you intensely. I greatly admired his zest for life - what a wonderful legacy gift he left to all of us! My deepest condolences, Bridget Brell Holt*

**Bridget Brell Holt** - February 05, 2019 at 12:07 AM

JM

“ *Jeannee & Mike Martin purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Timothy C. James.*



**Jeannee & Mike Martin** - February 04, 2019 at 09:05 PM

JM

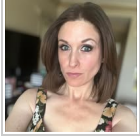
“ *I have known Tim since he was a child growing up in Delaware. We have so many fond memories, laughs, and all around good nature. We send our love and condolences to Tim's family and many friends. We will always remember your kind banter and loving generosity to so many. Jeannee & Mike Martin of San Francisco*

**Jeannee Martin** - February 04, 2019 at 08:58 PM

RB

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Tim through soccer, and playing basketball with him. Best coach ever for my daughter, he brought out the best in the girls and made it fun for them. Condolences to the family.*  
*Rick Burkhardt*

**Richard Burkhardt** - February 04, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ It’s so hard to know what to say about such a terrible loss. Tim was the greatest mentor I could have hoped for. He taught me how to be a good lawyer while also being a good person, and he was universally loved and respected by everyone I’ve met who knew him, even those who were his frequent adversaries in court. I am a changed and better person because of him, and my life is richer for knowing and working with him. Helping him prepare for a two week trial in August 2017, we worked like crazy and laughed like crazy, and had so much fun. I’ll always be immensely grateful for those months and cherish the chance I had to work so closely with a man I respect to the ends of the earth and back. If I feel his loss as deeply as I do, I can’t imagine the loss to family and friends. Please know you are in my thoughts. Tim touched so many lives and inspired so many people that he leaves a behind a legacy of people like me who can only hope to make him proud.

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**Katie Harris** - February 04, 2019 at 08:19 PM



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**Walt James** - February 04, 2019 at 07:44 PM

GS

“ It doesn't seem fair when someone who loves life is taken so early, but God has plans we're not privy to.

*I think Tim would be disappointed if he knew folks were sad, so I choose to remember our banter and laughter.*

*But I will miss you Tim.*

*I pray your friends and family find peace and strength in what must be an abundance of wonderful memories.*

*Glenn.*

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**Glenn Scheuer** - February 04, 2019 at 06:59 PM

GM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tim when I first started working for Westfield over 25 years ago. I'll always remember the smack-talk he provided on those Monday night basketball games in the small Toledo gym! He was a character, yet a great guy that had passion for his family, his work and those that got to know him. My condolences to the entire family.

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**Gary McClintock** - February 04, 2019 at 06:52 PM

GH

“ Thoughts and prayers to Tim's family and all who loved him. He was the rarest of people who could make everyone he interacted with not only laugh, but feel good about things generally. His seemingly endless repertoire of parrot jokes (always politically correct) over a few beers was a study in humor and voice overs-to behold. Although your passing brings great sadness, I count myself blessed to have known you and I will not forget you. I pray that in time, the heartache of your loved ones gives way to the countless fond memories you created for them over the years. I know you would not want it any other way.

*Greg Hirtzel*

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**greg hirtzel** - February 04, 2019 at 06:41 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Timmy. I went to high school with him, and his cousin Cindy was my best friend from 6th grade till she passed away. My deepest sympathy to all Tim's family and friends.

*Wally (Webb) Clark*

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**Wally Clark** - February 04, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.



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February 04, 2019 at 05:59 PM

KW

“ Dear family, I was terribly saddened to read of Tim's passing. We grew up down the street from each other. Our mothers were friends and we spent much time at each other's houses, walked or rode bikes to school together. We shot marbles, climbed trees and generally just played hard. To me he will always be "Timmy James". I wish you comfort and peace of mind in the coming days, weeks and months. The world has lost an incredibly kind man. Godspeed Tim.

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**Kathie Wyant Wray** - February 04, 2019 at 05:44 PM

SB

“ My heart is sad today, for this Earth has let go one of her best. Tim has given me more "free advise", more "free lunches", and more "free entertainment" than just about anyone I know. Tim was a true giver. He did what he did and was who he was because he was simply a blessed and happy guy who just wanted everyone around him to feel the same way.

*I knew Tim because of the work he did for the company I work for. If he is leaving a hole in my heart I can't imagine the crater he is leaving in the hearts of his family and close friends. For this reason I am praying for you all, especially his family, as I know this hurts; it hurts really bad. Try and live on with the beautiful memories Tim has given you. I thank Tim's family for sharing him with us all these years. For behind every great man is a loving wife and family; we are all just a little bit better for having known him.*

*Suzanne Bowles*

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**Suzanne Bowles** - February 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM

DW

“ Simply irreplaceable. Tim would light up any room that he was in with his humor, wit and energy. He was a force of nature who was also as warm and generous as anyone you would ever meet. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. We will celebrate and cherish all of the wonderful moments that we each were privileged to spend with him. Our loss is Heaven's gain and I am truly jealous. We love you Tim and keep a spot on your hoops squad waiting for me! Dan Winkler

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**Dan Winkler** - February 04, 2019 at 05:29 PM

BS

“ Do good by and for others, work hard, play hard and have lots of fun. Tim, more than any person I've ever met, knew the secret of success and happiness. I wish we all had the determination to live like he did. I'll keep trying, knowing that if I stop Tim would be ready to, "kick my ass".

*My sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed by many.*  
*Bill Sterling*

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**Bill Sterling** - February 04, 2019 at 05:28 PM

DC

“ *Outlaws forever !!*

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**Dave Cousino** - February 04, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 04, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 04, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *A first class lawyer and even a better person. He helped me many times and I will be always grateful. Feel so lucky to have known him.*  
*Steve Teetor*

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**Steve Teetor** - February 04, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *I'm going to miss the fun and the "trash talking" from Tim during the hundreds of games of racquetball we played and the countless New Year eve's watching him shoot off rockets! Rest in peace my friend, I will never forget you!!!!* Jeff Dunn

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**Jeff Dunn** - February 04, 2019 at 04:32 PM



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**Dave Cousino** - February 04, 2019 at 04:20 PM



*What a great group of outlaws!!*

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**Elizabeth Stutler** - February 04, 2019 at 10:57 PM

RP

“ *Tim James was the best trial lawyer that I have ever worked with. He taught me everything I know about litigation (but not everything he knew). He was fair, honest and had integrity. He was funny and never took himself too seriously. I have never heard anyone ever say anything bad about him. In that regard he may be unique for a lawyer. It was pleasure to try a ten day trial with him in Port Clinton in 2017. We were co-counsel. The highlight of the trial was his gentlemanly and polite, yet devastating cross-examinations. A close second was the man's appreciation of food. He bought me lunch everyday at the same place for ten straight trial days. Our legal community will miss his sincerity, humility, and sense of humor. Heaven is now an even better place. RIP my friend.*

*Ray Pittman*

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**Ray Pittman** - February 04, 2019 at 04:16 PM

SH

“ *Tim James was an exemplary man. One could not meet a more committed father, husband and coach! Tim's love of sports encouraged our daughter, Mary-Katherine, to pursue her love of running and soccer throughout her high school career. His humor, love of competition, and the kind, fair way he coached created the perfect recipe for a player's continued success ! He will be missed! May God Bless you Tim! Thank you for sharing your gifts with so many!*

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**Susan Harr** - February 04, 2019 at 04:05 PM

KR

“ *Simply an amazing, vibrant, and energetic man. I was fortunate enough to know him professionally. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences*



*Kristen Rock*

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**kristen** - February 04, 2019 at 04:02 PM

DC

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**Dave Cousino** - February 04, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.*



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February 04, 2019 at 03:50 PM

TP

“ God Bless Tim, I never met a more energetic, positive and fun person in my life. He was always the life of the party. That being said no one should doubt how serious he was at work and how skilled a lawyer he was. He handled both fun and work with grace.



*A good friend and a great man.*

*Best wishes to the family. I know you will miss him greatly as will I.*

*RIP Tim!*

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**Tony Piloseno** - February 04, 2019 at 03:31 PM

BE

“ Tim was my mentor for over 10 years. He taught me how to be a lawyer. No one was more influential in my career. He was smart, athletic, funny, and just the greatest person in every sense.

*Brad A. Everhardt*

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**Brad Everhardt** - February 04, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Timothy C. James.



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