



## James M. DeSalle

July 27, 1949 - April 1, 2020

James M. DeSalle, 70, of Indianapolis, passed away April 1, 2020. He was born July 27, 1949 in Youngstown, OH, to the late Ralph and Mary DeSalle. Jim was a graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State University and was an avid Buckeye fan. Jim was employed in athletic footwear sales for over 30 years. He was an assistant coach for the Lawrence North Boys Basketball Team and board member for the Lawrence Township Boys Basketball League. He was a member of St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy A. (Schweitzer) DeSalle; and son, Nicholas M. DeSalle. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests signing the online register book at this time.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ I knew Jim through my work at Team image. I work in the embroidery department there and did many basketball jobs for him. Jim always joked with me when he came in and said your not busy over there are you. He brought us donuts in and provided us with pizza a few times as a way of thanking us for our work, I was recently off for 10 months due to cancer. Jim must of found out. When I returned and seen Jim he came over to check on me. He shared that he too had a battle with skin cancer and I talked with him about that too as I had to have some areas removed. We just talked in late February early March and checked on each other's health again from the cancer. He was such a friendly caring guy and I'm just so sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with your family with all those at Lawrence North High school and all of his friends. God be with you all through this most difficult time.

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**Laura Hubbard** - April 14, 2020 at 11:39 PM

PM

“ What a wonderful man. I've known Jim for about 30 years, both as a shoe person and as a terrific assistant with Lawrence North athletics. Always pleasant. Always helpful. Always a joy to be around. Please accept our sympathy in your loss.

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**Pat & Lori McKee** - April 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

RG

“ Dear Nancy, We were so saddened to learn of Jim's death. We always loved Jim as our Converse and Reebok rep. Jim always helped watch out for our business and one of the reasons we had success. It was always a joy to have him come into our store with his smile and positive outlook. We seemed often to be Jim's last stop before heading home to You and Nick. The wonderful article in The Star truly represented his character personality, spirit, and love of life. The wonderful memories of Jim flood our souls. Linda and I pray the Holy Spirit will comfort you and Nick. We will continue to raise You and Nick in prayer as you grieve. Ric and Linda Gasaway, Mr. Waggs and Hood Shoes Indpls Retired

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**Ric and Linda Gasaway** - April 07, 2020 at 02:00 PM

TJ

“ My sympathies Nancy & Nick. I just found out about Jim via FaceBook from our sales manager when we were at Converse. Enjoyed reading the article in the paper about how much Jim gave of himself to the school and it's basketball program and all that surrounded it. I'm sure that kept him young.

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**Todd Johnson** - April 07, 2020 at 11:11 AM

TS

“ Nancy I cannot believe it. I played golf with Steele Robert Meyer and rv a few weeks ago and we were telling old orchard stories and Jimmys name came up a lot We sure had a lot of fun back in those days going to the cardinals baseball and football games and I remember your wedding like it was yesterday. It sure seems he was very happy and kept busy from what I have read. Know that pat and I are thinking of you and nick. Tom street

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**tom street** - April 06, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BH

“ *Nancy and Nick,  
We were saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. We knew Jim through many years in the shoe business. He always had a smile on his face and will be remembered by all of the lives that he touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 🙏*

*Bob and Lee Ann Heckman*

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**Bob and Lee Ann Heckman** - April 05, 2020 at 10:26 PM

BC

“ *My deepest sympathies to Nancy and Nick.  
Nick played tennis for us at LN and was such a competitor. Nick is one of the bravest players we ever have had. I appreciated the support Jim gave to Nick and the tennis team. I can see that Nick inherited some of Jim’s best qualities.  
I always enjoyed talking tennis with Jim. He loved all sports. Jim always took care of me each basketball season by making sure I got a team shirt. He was thoughtful in that way.  
Jim also watched out for the students. Several times he let me know of students who were struggling and how he wanted to help. Jim was kind hearted.  
For being an insufferable Buckeye fan, he was always “kind” to this IU fan.  
These circumstances we find ourselves are unforgiving and it saddens me that Jim suffered. I am grateful his suffering is over and pray that Nancy and Nick find peace in their memories of Jim.  
Brad Cangany*

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**Brad Cangany** - April 05, 2020 at 09:00 AM

MH

“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. Several years ago a number of us firefighters had the pleasure of meeting Jim at one of his many yard/garage sales. I was stationed at the firehouse adjacent to Jim's neighborhood so we always knew when the "next" sale was (came to find out that there was always a sale going on at Jim's house!). We got to know Jim through the years from the sales and visits to the firehouse. I always enjoyed my time with the "shoe guy" as he was affectionately known around our department. My thoughts and prayers for your family.

*Mike Harder  
Indianapolis Fire Department*

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**Michael Harder** - April 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JL

“ To Nancy and Nick, please accept my condolences for a great guy who always had a big smile. Got to know Bird about 60 years ago at KYLE playground. All the kids from st Louis ave, Chicago ave, Earle ave and Glenaven ave played sports from sun up till sun down. Bird was a great athlete , because he was a KYLE LOCAL BOY. He was always called Bird , like his sister Burnice Lady Bird , and big brother Ralph Big Bird.

*Bird can now fly free and at peace.*

*God Bless*

*Jimmy Lawrence*

*Kyle and Mooney classmate*

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**jim lawrence** - April 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM

TM

“ *My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with you and your son during this difficult time of loss.*

*I am a former classmate from Cardinal Mooney HS.*

*Terri (Moschella) Marian*



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**Terri Marian** - April 03, 2020 at 10:06 PM