



James "Jim" Richard May

February 5, 1952 - February 18, 2023

James "Jim" Richard May,

71, went home to be with his Lord on February 18, 2023. Born on February 5, 1952 in Columbus, OH, to the late John D. and Jean (Wolfe) May, Jim married Marianne Lucile Metcalf on August 16, 1975. Early in his career, he was an assistant pastor at Burge Terrace Baptist Church and a Greek professor for Indiana Baptist College, followed by 22 years as an exchange repair technician for AT&T.

A loving and much-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Jim always had a smile, kind word and joke for the people in his life. Those who knew him can attest that the jokes ranged from extremely corny to quite witty, but they always drew a laugh.

Jim possessed a lifelong passion for cycling, and also took great joy in the pursuit of knowledge. He may have been the only person on earth to earn, chronologically, a bachelor's degree in divinity, master's degree in ancient Greek, associate degree in electrical engineering and master's degree in business administration. He was always eager to discuss subjects ranging from Greek syntax to statistics to theology to the trajectory of technology over his lifetime.

Jim constantly looked for ways to make sure people knew that he cared for them, from lovingly doling out dollar bills and childhood stories to his grandkids to making flash cards to learn names and personal details for his fellow warriors at Rock Steady Boxing.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, with funeral services there Monday at 10:00 a.m. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed and available by clicking on the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/1604418983>

Jim is survived by his wife, Marianne May; brother, Tom Moore III; son, James (Elise) May; daughter, Melissa (Doug) Myers; and grandchildren, Owen Harder, Ava Harder, Sam Harder, Ezra May and Calvin May.

He will be missed by all and his departure leaves the world a bit less warm and entertaining.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to the following organizations: Franklin Road Baptist Church, 51 N. Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219 and/or Rock Steady Boxing, Inc., 6847 Hillsdale Court, Indianapolis, IN 46250 <http://www.rocksteadyboxing.org> and/or Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jim was my Sunday school teacher when I was a kid. Jim Jr. and I were also friends. He once took us outside and used a rope to measure out how long Noahs Ark was. Thank you for the lessons.
Jason Hiscock

Jason Hiscock - December 01, 2023 at 09:01 AM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 28, 2023 at 02:12 PM

BR

“ Jim was such a shining light to everyone and the world around him. I will always fondly remember his infectious smile, humor, and his love for cycling. Jim enriched the lives of so many and will leave a lasting impact.

Fly high Jim. I will miss you dearly.

Bryan Pressner

Bryan - February 27, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Richard May.*



February 27, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ *Jim was such a people's person. Boundless levels of energy, and I saw that when he biked and ran in the Rock Steady Boxing gym. Most importantly, he really loved interacting with boxers before class, and it was fun sharing what was on each others mind at the time.*

Douglas Bland - February 27, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Dear Marianne, Jim, and Melissa, We were in Israel when we heard of Jim's homegoing and began to pray for you. We will continue to pray for our Lord's grace, and peace to comfort you. May you all rest in Christ's love and sufficiency in the coming days. In Christ, Stephen and Linda Rejko*

Stephen Rejko - February 26, 2023 at 05:33 PM

RK

“ Our deepest sympathy to Marianne, Jim, Melissa, and all the family for your great loss. Jim is a dear friend and his kind, generous, caring, witty heart was so enjoyed by us because he was so intelligent in knowing how to use all of that to encourage us and point us to the sufficiency of Christ! Jim's great gain is to now bask in the fulness of that sufficiency ... a bask that has only begun! Jim will be greatly missed until we can rest together in the presence of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Marianne, we have to wonder what kind of celebrating Lucile and Jim are sharing!! May your knowledge of Jim's incredible gain somehow bring comfort to you in your great pain! Celebrate Jim's life well, and then trust in His sufficiency to help you move on. We're sure that is what Jim would want! We pray that for you!!

Rob & Cheryl Ketcham - February 25, 2023 at 04:03 PM

CY

“ Your Rock Steady Boxing family sends love and deep felt sympathy to Marianne and the children. Jim will be sorely missed but always remembered. Mr. #1 will continue to be the first one at the gym in our hearts.

Your RSB Family

Charolette Ybarra - February 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Richard May.



February 23, 2023 at 11:08 PM

DP

“ DAVID & NANCY P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James "Jim" Richard May.



DAVID & NANCY P. - February 23, 2023 at 04:13 PM