



James "Jim" Hamilton Spears

May 10, 1936 - October 16, 2011

James (Jim) Hamilton Spears passed away October 16, 2011 after fighting a vigorous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by friends and loved ones as he made his journey to Heaven. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Wilma; and his son, Tod. He is survived by his lovely wife, Barbara; children, from his previous marriage to Janet Troutman, daughter, Gigi Kite; and sons, Chris, Sean and Tim; stepchildren, Cheryl Blatz, John Walker and Robin Eissler; grandchildren, Dustin, Natalie, Tina, Shanna, Taylor, Christa, Will, Mark, Luke, George, Max, Dominic, Zach, Campbell, Kaylee, Melissa, Jennifer, Oliver, Evan and Ellie; great-grandchildren, Jackson and Samantha; and sisters, Sandy Lunders and Cheryl Rutenschroer. Jim was born in Indianapolis, May 10, 1936, and was a Hoosier at heart. He graduated from Howe High School in 1956, and was a star basketball player for the Hornets. He attended Indiana University and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He started his thirty-seven year career with Organon Pharmaceuticals in Indianapolis, transferred to the East Coast and eventually returned home to Indianapolis as he rose from Sales Representative to Regional Director and was a driving force within the company. His accomplishments during his time with Organon were many and were highlighted by numerous divisional and regional honors. Most importantly, he was a great leader, mentor and coach. Jim positively impacted the careers of hundreds of his colleagues. He and Barbara spent the ten years before retiring in Boca Raton, FL, and moved back to the Midwest in Springboro, OH,

for retirement. He spent many of his retirement days on the golf course at Heatherwoode Golf Course in Springboro, and his best golf score of 79 won't soon be forgotten. He was known most fondly as Dad, Pappy, Grandpa and Peepaw and will be remembered for his warm smile, generosity, positive outlook and enthusiasm, and he will be greatly missed by many friends, family and loved ones. Services will be held at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., on Saturday, October 22, 2011, with Mike Pinkerman officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services at 1:00 p.m. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be made in Jim's honor to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, Radnor Station, Building 2, Ste. 320, 290 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor, PA, 19087. Visit www.theaftd.org for more information.