



James E. "Jim" Ducatelli

May 14, 1941 - October 18, 2017

James Everett Ducatelli, (Jim) age 76 of McKinney, Texas passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on October 18th, 2017 after a brief illness caused by Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born May 14, 1941 in New York City and married his high school sweetheart, Beatrice McBride Ducatelli, on October 3, 1960. He is preceded in death by his grandson Drew Ducatelli of Westlake, TX, parents James and Ella May Ducatelli of Staten Island, NY, sister Ella May Vitigliano, and brother-in-law Fred Vitigliano of Staten Island, NY. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bea Ducatelli, sister Barbara Twiste (Bob) of Hazlet, NJ, daughters Carolyn Blazeck (Edward) of Bel Air, MD, Cheryl Grech (James) of Colts Neck, NJ, son Thomas Ducatelli (Kristen), of Westlake, TX, 8 wonderful grandchildren, Lauren, Joe, Mike, Jimmy, Bobby, Ally, Jackie, Alex and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman from an early age, receiving the honor at the time, of being the youngest Eagle Scout in the history of the state of New York. In high school, Jim began purchasing and modifying old cars into street hot rods with his friends from Staten Island, NY. Jim met his wife Bea at New Dorp High School in Staten Island, NY. They enjoyed 57 years of marriage and countless memories together.

Jim demonstrated a unique commitment and passion in terms of his hobbies and interests, whether it be taking the entire family on multi-week backpacking trips into the farthest reaches of the Yosemite National forest requiring the use of pack mules to haul supplies, skiing every mountain on the east coast and New England, running in, and completing both the New York City and Virginia Beach Marathons or climbing the highest mountain peak in California, Mount Whitney. Jim's passion for camping, skiing and all things outdoors were engrained in his children's lives, who have repeated the same hikes throughout Yosemite with their own children.

Jim and Bea relocated to Matawan, NJ in 1965 where they raised their family while Jim commuted into New York City working for the JCPenney Company as a systems programmer. Jim changed his focus from cars to boats while in New Jersey, becoming an avid off-shore fisherman, spending any available time on his boat passing on the skills he learned to all his children. Jim ultimately earned his Commercial Captain's license allowing him to captain charter fishing trips for tuna, shark and swordfish.

Jim's career took him to McKinney, TX when JCPenney relocated to the Dallas area in 1988. Jim and Bea joined El Dorado Country Club in McKinney, where over the past 29 years, made many life-long friendships and memories. Jim held various positions within the El Dorado community including President of the Eldorado Men's Golf Association.

Jim retired from the JCPenney Company after 32 years, ending his career as Director of Advanced Systems and Architecture. Since retirement Jim traveled extensively with Bea and their friends throughout the US and Europe. He remained an active golfer, playing several times per week with friends. Taking up photography again during his retirement, Jim was never without his cameras always acting as the unofficial photographer for every family gathering, holiday, or trip with friends.

Technology continued to be a big part of his life, as Jim would build computers for friends and family and provide PC and home network support for anyone that had a technical issue or was looking for advice on how to make their systems work.

Jim had a knack for solving problems, enjoying life to the fullest, and enjoying the company of his friends and family. Jim touched the lives of all who knew him, and will be forever missed by family and friends.

A mass will be held on Saturday, October 28, at 10:00 am at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in McKinney, TX. Memorials may be made to the Drew Ducatelli Memorial Scholarship fund at 1816 Lakeshore Court, McKinney TX 75070, in memory of his late grandson who passed away in 2012 from pediatric cancer.

Memorials

I just learned of Jim's passing today (10/31). It is with a very heavy heart and tears that I extend condolences to Bea and the rest of Jim's family. He was truly a wonderful man who ALWAYS had a big smile and kind words. He would stop his car, wave, and chat for a minute whenever he saw me out walking in the neighborhood. My husband and I will miss seeing him so much. May God comfort all of you during this very difficult time. Jim will never be forgotten.

JIM & KAREN FERRIS, OCTOBER 31, 2017

Jimmy you were the greatest boss, you were my teacher, you're in heaven, I'll see you soon my friend.

MARYLOU JESSEE , OCTOBER 28, 2017

Bea and Family. I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I just found out this morning (10-28) and can not make it up in time for the services. He was a dear friend and a great boss to work for. We had some great times on the courses we played. he will be truly missed.

HAROLD NAD JAN ROBERTSON , OCTOBER 28, 2017

So very sorry to hear..Jim was a great friend and I enjoyed working with him at JCPenney. When he retired he was greatly missed. Rest in Peace....miss you...

GALE DOUTHIT, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Farewell from the Kipps

BILL KIPP, OCTOBER 26, 2017

Continual prayers and warm thoughts for the Ducatelli family during this time of mourning Jim's passing. Jim was always a day brightener wherever he went. People were comforted by his easy manner of greeting and spirit of caring for others. May these wonderful memories of Jim serve as a comfort to his family.

JULI FERRARO, OCTOBER 25, 2017

Bea and family Our sincere sympathy and love to you and your family. Dave and Jean Evans

DAVE AND JEAN EVANS, OCTOBER 25, 2017

I would like to give my sincere condolences to the family and friends during this difficult time. We can take comfort in knowing that God is our refuge and strength in times like these. May our loving and comforting Heavenly Father be with you. Ps 46:1

SAVANNAH FERRO, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Deepest sorrow for your loss

GARY BAUMGARTNER, OCTOBER 23, 2017

Bea; How shocked we were to hear of Jim's passing.He was a man I admired for his devotion to his family while managing an industry leading technology operation.Bless you and your family. Doug and Jan Brunette

DOUGLAS BRUNETTE, OCTOBER 20, 2017

To The Bea & Family, We are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. We just spoke on Sunday about old times. Working with or for Jim for 40 years, his name became a household word. He was a great leader, a great person to work for, very easy to talk with about family, technology or just about anything. He often expressed his love of his wife, children and grand children. He loved working on personal computers, even as late as Sunday he was telling me

about going home to finish one he was working on. We offer our condolences and pray for comfort during your time of need.

SAM & CARRIE MCPHERSON, OCTOBER 20, 2017

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. What a kind and nice person he was. Enjoyed playing golf and being around Jim in my five years at Eldorado.

JEFF STOLTZ, OCTOBER 20, 2017

My heartfelt condolences go out to the family. I'm so very sorry for the loss of Jim. We are all saddened to hear this news. I always enjoyed chatting with Jim. He had such a sweet and contagious smile, a loving and genuine demeanor, and gave great hugs! Sending love and prayers to the family. May his memory be eternal. Love, Ellena

ELLENA FOX, OCTOBER 20, 2017

Bea and family, We are in Indiana and what a shock to read that Jim has passed away. Although we haven't seen you in years, we have fond memories of our years at Eldorado. Keith so enjoyed playing golf with Jim. I know they had some good stories they could have shared. We're sorry that distance prevents us from attending Jim's services. Hopefully we will get to see you when we return to McKinney for the winter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

MARCI & KEITH MEYER, OCTOBER 20, 2017

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Millie and I will have Jim and his family in our prayers. I will always remember the days of JDUTA and the IBM 360/20 that Jim supported. He made the 20 ROCK! I always enjoyed operating the 20 when Jim ran his programs at the JCPenney Home Office in NYC. Rest in peace, Jim. Stephen and Millie Watz

STEPHEN A. WATZ, OCTOBER 19, 2017

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