



James W. Holtry

April 26, 1956 - September 7, 2024

James W. Holtry, 68, of Lebanon passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, at his residence. He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis S. (Mcquerry) Holtry.

Born in Franklin County, PA on April 26th, 1956, he was the son of the late Wallace A. and Anna (Helfrick) Holtry.

Jim graduated from Shippensburg University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He spent nearly 40 years advocating for children and retired in 2019 as the Executive Director of Lebanon County Children and Youth. Jim made a big impact in so many peoples lives.

He was a member of the Masonic Cumberland Valley Lodge 315 and the CB Sportsmen's Club.

He was also a member of the Lebanon County Community Health Council where he oversaw the development of a number of community initiatives designed to promote healthy living and family recreation such as Healthy Kids Day, the Under 20 Festival, and the Youth Only Day of Fishing, where he helped foster his love of the outdoors in Lebanon County families.

In his spare time you could find him fishing, hiking, hunting, gardening, watching the Phillies and the Steelers, coming up with new meals to try and spending time with his family who were his pride and joy.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two children, Ryan J. Holtry of Lebanon, Kensley E. Wentling, wife of Nate of Annville, two sisters, Sue Holtry, wife of Lyle of New Cumberland, Debra Weaver of Shippensburg, and two

grandchildren, Adley and Weston Wentling.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made to Community Health Council of Lebanon County, 615 Cumberland St. #2, Lebanon, PA 17042, or to the Liberty Fire Company, 509 N. 9th St. Lebanon, PA 17046, where he was a member.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I knew Jim through him hiring me at Children and Youth. Jim had a passion for the youth and fishing, and outdoor activities, and I was and am big into conservation and environmental protection, so we had that in common. Was sorry to hear this sad news about Jim's passing. Although our paths crossed for just a short time, Jim encouraged me to take my skills to the next level in my career in accounting, and finance. Sending prayers and comfort to Jim's wife and family and thinking of you all through these challenging times.



Chris Sides - September 12, 2024 at 11:06 PM

KG

“ I knew Jim for almost 20 years from coming into the dentist office where I worked always friendly and got to know him and Phyllis well! Wonderful family, so sorry to hear this sad news. My prayers go out to Phyllis and Kensley and Ryn and their families 🙏🙏

Kim Grimes - September 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SK

“ After having Jim as a client for probably 40 years you really make a bond. I admired him for his love for his family. He was always someone I could reach out to if I needed advice. I consider him a good friend. I will deeply miss him

Sandra Kohr - September 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear this. I graduated high school with Jim. Always a nice guy and fun to hang out with. Prayers to all his family



Jill A Rotz - September 10, 2024 at 09:57 PM

JC

“ Sad to hear the news I work with Jim for the pass few years at the courthouse my condolences to the family. God bless the family. 🙏

Julio Cintron - September 10, 2024 at 06:18 PM

JC

“ Sad to hear as I have fond memories of when I worked on the Holtry house on 11th Street. Prayers lifted up for the family.

Jamie Ciotti - September 10, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Brad gave us the very sad news. I was happy to hear from Brad that he got to see and talk with him a few weeks back. Our sincere condolence go out for you and the family. Will keep you all in my prayers.

Donna Reesman - September 09, 2024 at 09:16 PM

BO

From the TKE Fraternity we are sad to see his passing. From those that were are Ship during his time we all have great memories of him. Some we can't talk about or can't remember! It was a pleasure to have been a part of his life.

Brian O'Reilly - September 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM

AT

*So sad to hear of Jim passing away. I started my career with Jim at CYS and continued to see him occasionally throughout the years. Great man---great sense of humor, family, love for life. My fondest memory---bringing live blue crabs to his house to cook and everyone thought they were screaming in the pot!! I'll forever remember the good CYS days with the OG's--they knew their stuff and trained us well. Rest easy, my friend.
Andrea "Bebbee" Tindley*

Andrea Tindley - September 11, 2024 at 04:21 PM

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We are sorry for your loss. I didn't really know Jim well until we started working together at Courthouse. Our friendship grew the past couple years there . We talked about hunting, fishing, and the many mutual friends we had within the County. I will miss him, he was a good man. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Al Yingst

Allen Yingst - September 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM