



## James K. "Jim" Golle

July 7, 1955 - October 3, 2025

To know Jim was to love him, unless you weren't in on the joke.

Born on July 7, 1955, Jim grew up in New Jersey, spending summers with his grandparents in Surf City and Pine Camp, body surfing and chasing girls. A brief stint in Texas blossomed into a life-long obsession with the Dallas Cowboys, a fandom he shared with his daughter Lauren, son Jon, and his grandchildren Christian and Calleigh. Jim was also a dedicated New York Rangers fan, a curse he bestowed upon his son Steven and daughter Erica.

After graduating from Ridgewood High School in 1973, Jim went to Lehigh University and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, cementing the strong bonds of brotherhood, including among so many others, his best friend "Fitz". The party room at Pike was also where the stars aligned to bring Lisa into his life. He tried to play it cool, pretending not to be completely gaga for this Bethlehem beauty. But love won quickly; he couldn't make it a week without her. In his proposal, Jim promised Lisa that life with him would not be boring. And, for nearly 48 years, it wasn't.

Jim and Lisa raised their four children in Ramsey, NJ in a house full of love, passion, and music. Sit-down family dinners were non-negotiable, and most nights evolved into family dance parties. A dedicated music lover and vinyl collector, Jim built a treasure trove of records that he played often, creating a

soundtrack to his children and grandchildren's lives.

Later in life, Jim and Lisa moved to Pennsylvania to be near his parents, Hal and Dot. Caring for them, especially his mother in her later years, was something Jim took to heart. He was a steadfast, loving son. Jim adored his six grandchildren, who reciprocated with endless hugs, belly laughs, and a vault of inside jokes that they'll carry with them always.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lisa (Bartholomew); four children and their spouses, Erica, Lauren (Curtis Ganster), Steven (Karen), and Jonathan (Rachel); six grandchildren, Christian and Calleigh Terrill, Chase Ganster, Morgan and Eleanor Golle, and Lyra Golle; his sister Barb (Bob Fleming); mother-in-law Gerry Bartholomew, sister and brother-from-another Kristina and Mike Miller; as well as many other in-laws, nieces and nephews, lifelong friends, and local buddies. Jim is also survived by his beloved cat, Lola.

A visitation will be held on Thursday October 9, 2025 from 11:00AM - 1:00 PM at Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E Main Street Annville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-4811

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

October 08, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Tambria &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

Tambria &. - October 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ 4326720034307530 purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James K. "Jim" Golle.



4326720034307530 - October 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ 4326720034307530 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

4326720034307530 - October 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM

BF

“ *Barb and Bob Fleming, and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James K. "Jim" Golle.*



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**Barb and Bob Fleming, and family** - October 07, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BF

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**Barb and Bob Fleming, and family** - October 07, 2025 at 02:38 PM

CW

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy and may the prayers and love from family and friends surround you and comfort you.*

*Coleen Balogh Walther*

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**Coleen Walther** - October 07, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JT

“ Jim, you were my friend, teammate and mentor in 8 ball and 9 ball. You were my partner in the 50 bowl and band of brothers. we survived covid and Calleigh taught you how to color again. Our greatest accomplishment together was to watch our grandkids, Christain and Calleigh, go from day one too young adults! Till we meet again, Godspeed! Jim (aka) Opa



Jim Terrill - October 07, 2025 at 08:33 AM

LT

He loved you, Opa

Lauren Terrill-Ganster - October 07, 2025 at 09:43 AM

BA

“ Lisa and Family, we are so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. May the hole in your hearts be filled with the many memories and blessings. With love, Barry and Brenda

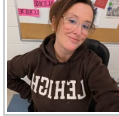
Barry and Brenda Acker - October 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

PG

“ May Jim Rest in Peace knowing he was surrounded by a loving family and having touched many lives. And may Lisa and her family be comforted by a lifetime of wonderful family memories with Jim. May God Bless the entire Golle family at this time of profound loss.

Jim's little Fraternity Brother, Pete & Karen Garibaldi

Peter P Garibaldi - October 07, 2025 at 08:26 AM



*Christmas is every day, for sure, Dad. But, it's not the same without you.*

Erica Golle - December 28, 2025 at 10:24 PM

SG

“ Scot & Nancy Guempel purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James K. "Jim" Golle.



Scot & Nancy Guempel - October 06, 2025 at 09:50 PM

SG

“ Scot & Nancy Guempel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

Scot & Nancy Guempel - October 06, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

October 06, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James K. "Jim" Golle.



October 06, 2025 at 09:11 PM

CG

“ Our sincere condolences to Lisa and all of the family.  
Carol-Ann Geiger and family



Carol-Ann Geiger - October 06, 2025 at 07:47 PM

LG

Thank you Mrs. G ❤️. Our hearts go to you and your recent loss of Mr. G. 💕

Lauren Ganster - October 06, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CG

“ Carol ann G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James K. "Jim" Golle.

Carol ann G. - October 06, 2025 at 07:41 PM

LG

“ I love you Daddy. Thank you for the endless love and support. Please watch over us and protect us 🙏👉👈



Lauren Ganster - October 06, 2025 at 07:34 PM