



James F. Ruffner

May 18, 1943 - June 28, 2016

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Jim was a graduate of Madera High School, attended Elizabethtown College, a graduate of Point Park College with a degree in microbiology, Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Following his graduation from Mortuary School, he worked as a funeral director for Slater Funeral Home in Pittsburgh before taking a job with Colgate-Palmolive Research in Piscataway, NJ during which time he also managed a McDonald's Restaurant there. He then moved to Lebanon and worked for Taylor Funeral Home which he purchased in 1972.

Jim was an entrepreneur as he also owned Dairy Quik, The Cookie Corner, Mobile Medics, Lebanon Alerts, F & R Rentables, and Ruffner Candle Co. all of Lebanon.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Lebanon where he served as a Deacon and Elder on the church Consistory, a member of the choir and Him Singers. Jim also held memberships with Mt. Lebanon Lodge #226, F. & A.M., Harrisburg Consistory, O.E.S. Chapter #115, Lebanon, Halcyon Board of Directors, President of Lebanon High School Booster Club, First Aid and Safety Patrol, past President and member of the Lebanon Country Club, the Chemical, Friendship, and Hook and Ladder Fire Companies, Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, Lebanon-Schuylkill Funeral Directors Association where he served as president and secretary/treasurer, Lebanon Kiwanis Club serving as secretary/treasurer and Lieutenant Governor, the Lebanon Travelers Protective Association serving as secretary/treasurer, as well as the State secretary/treasurer of TPA from who he recently received the National Merit Award.

He was an avid golfer, bingo player, and loved playing Santa with his wife Carol for DDS, Halcyon, Kiwanis underprivileged children, and at TPA functions.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are daughters Kimberly J. wife of David Edmondson of Colorado Springs, CO, Heather K. wife of Michael Daub of Myerstown, sons James Scot Ruffner and wife Kristy of Palm Springs, Florida, Troy E. Krall of Lititz, a sister Sally Singles, and 9 grandchildren Andrew and Taylor Rahalewich, Emma, Alissa, and Cole Edmondson, Ryan and Colin Daub, Riley and Addison Ruffner.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at St. Mark's UCC, 426 N. 8th Street, Lebanon, PA 17046. A viewing will be held on Friday evening from 6-8 PM at the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville and also on Saturday from 10-11 AM at the Church. A

masonic service will be held on Friday evening at 5:45 PM prior to the viewing at the funeral home. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family in Alexander Cemetery, Madera, PA.

Contributions may be made to St. Mark's UCC or the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #115, C/O Kathy Murphy, 200 W. McKinley Avenue, Myerstown, PA 17067 in his memory.

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *James F. Ruffner*

Cedric Sherk - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I'm very saddened to learn about Jims death. My deepest sympathy to Carol and all the members of the family. I will always have fond memories of Jim from our First Aid and Safety Patrol days. Rest in peace Jim.*

Denny Magdule - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Carol, God bless you and your family. I will never forget all the kindness you and Jim showed to me and my family over the years.*

Kim Reager - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Carol and Family, Was so sorry to read about Jim. I always enjoyed working with him at the LHS basketball games, counting out the red fish, making pizza and of course eating those delicious big cookies. He was a good family man and gave so much back to his community. My prayers are with all of you.*

Gisele Hamm - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Carol and the whole family. Jim was a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Bruce - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Carol and family, we cover each of you with prayer.

AI - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

Monique Cummings - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Carol and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a good friend for many years. He was a great man of faith and will be missed very much. TPA, the organization that he loved, will ceretainly miss him. Our thoughts and prayers will be continued for each of you

Richard Martin - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ May God and his son Jesus Christ give the whole family comfort in their loss. Randy & Sue Martin So sorry for your loss of Jim.

Robert Martin - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Carol and the kids, you guys were like the family i never had. Jim was a very nice man and treated us very well as employees. I considered him a father figure to me, learned alot from that gentleman. My deepest sympathy to yourself and the kids.

Bobby Walters - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Our sincere condolences to Carol and family. You both were always very helpful and caring and treated me like a son during the time I was an employee. I will cherish the memories forever...Bill & Sue Christner*

Bill Christner - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I will miss you forever, it was a blessing to have you as my brother...Love Your Sister Sally*

Sally Singles - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM