



James Frederick Guthrie

May 19, 1944 - March 12, 2022

James "Jim" Guthrie, 77, died unexpectedly on March 12th 2022 in Austin, Texas with his wife, sister and children at his bedside while listening to Leonard Cohen's Halleluiah.

Jim was born in Loma Linda, California on May 19th 1944 to James K and Margaret Guthrie (nee Gallaher). His father was a prominent member of the San Bernardino, California community where he was a founder and conductor of the San Bernardino Symphony and a newspaper executive. Jim met his wife Christine "Chris" in 1976 and they were married on March 4th 1978. Together they have two children and 3 granddaughters with another granddaughter expected this summer.

Jim spent nearly four decades in the finance world. He started his career at Arthur Andersen where he was a consultant. His career then took him to CFO of Jojo's and Naugles Restaurants, before moving on to Times Mirror in Southern California. He then moved with his family to Austin, Texas where he became CFO for IXC Communications. Late in his career he was able to slow down and spend time as a financial consultant. After retirement, Jim spent his post-retirement years traveling, playing with his granddaughters, and pursuing his true love of rescuing dogs.

Jim is survived by his wife of 44 years, Chris, his sister Katie, his brother Bill, his two children Travis and Tyler, their spouses Stephani and Nathan and his three granddaughters Alexandra, Isabel, and Stevie. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, and older brother.

Jim will be dearly missed by his family and those who knew him well for his wit, humor, and his love of his family. He was the heart of the Guthrie family. There will be a memorial service to remember Jim's life on April 9th at 4pm, at the Costa Bella Clubhouse located at 205 Bella Vista Cove, Austin TX 78734. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Jim's honor to support his passion of rescuing his beloved animals. The charity Jim worked with was South Texas Rescue and Network, EIN#84-3609879, 28843 Casey Rd San Benito TX 78586, Paypal - reneenank@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James Frederick Guthrie*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



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travis.j.guthrie - March 23, 2022 at 11:25 AM



If you are Jim's son, would you mind reaching out to me to discuss a brief matter of interest to your Dad's estate? I used to work with Jim back at Times Mirror Cable Television in Irvine, CA.

My email address is tmctguer@cox.net.

Richard Guerrero - September 15, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *We've been neighbors of Jim & Chris for close to 20 years. Jim was always upbeat, positive and engaging. His presence has been missed, not seeing him in the yard with his dogs or riding his golf cart to the mailbox kiosk with one of them along as a passenger. Close to the end of last year, I'm glad I had the opportunity to hit tennis balls with Jim at our court, and just sit and chat a while afterward. A fine person who will be missed.*

Gloria & Tilton

Gloria - March 21, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ *Jim and I served on the Costa Bella HOA Board for many years, a very fine and loyal volunteer for our neighborhood. Jim also served solo as the Director for the Costa Bella Marina Association for many years. A truly fine person, and his passion for the dogs was amazing*

Beverly

Beverly - March 21, 2022 at 05:42 PM

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“ I'm so glad to have so many great memories of Jim over the last 40 years or so: Trivial Pursuit battles, dude ranch rides, South Africa safari sundowners, bad food in Nepal, weddings of all the kids, and our last visit in October when he still was bright, vital and funny. He will live forever in my heart and mind.

Jeanne

Jeanne - March 21, 2022 at 01:43 PM

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“ I will never know a greater man. I hope I can just be an ounce of the person he was. Such a positive light. Always looked at the bright side. Always thought of others. What an emptiness I feel without my dad. But how lucky I am that he was mine. He lives in my heart and in my childrens heart forever. I love you dad and I promise to continue to make you proud. I promise to worry less too. I know you hated that I was such a worrier. Love you.



tyler - March 19, 2022 at 10:24 PM

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“ 15 files added to the album Jim



travis.j.guthrie - March 19, 2022 at 05:18 PM

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Miss you dad

travis.j.guthrie - March 19, 2022 at 05:18 PM

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I have known Jim since 1979/1980 when I first met him as the second year Tax CPA from Arthur Young and Company (AY) coming out to Jojos/Naugles offices to work on the Corporate Tax Return. Somehow, we hit it off and he took me out to lunch almost daily while on the job, starting with The Catch by Angels Stadium. The lunch practice continued and after I left AY to start my own practice in 1984, the Guthries became one of my early first clients and have been their tax CPA for over 38 yrs. We would meet every few years after he moved to Texas when he would go to one of the USC football games.

When you see the dates on the obituary you see the beginning, a dash and the ending. The dash is what matters the most. What that dash represents is all the time he spent on earth for which we all have memories. What matters is how we live, love and spend our dash. Jim would be very proud of how he lived his DASH and all the things we will say and remember. He has made different impacts on all of those that have been fortunate to have known him.

Thoughts and prayers to the family.

The Dash is a great poem by Linda Ellis.

As a tax CPA April 9th is going to be tough but will try.

Brian Ringler - April 02, 2022 at 07:33 PM

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“ *I have known Jim for over 60 years. Our families could not have been closer.*

He was an especially fine man and all that knew him will now have only a spot in their heart that's reserved for such great people.

Big hugs to Chris, Travis, Tyler, Katie, and Bill.

jess - March 18, 2022 at 02:52 PM