



Dr. James Howard Howenstine

January 15, 1944 - September 17, 2022

Dr. James Howard Howenstine, age 78, of Tequesta, Florida, formerly of Steubenville, Ohio passed away September 17, 2022, in Tequesta following a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Canton, Ohio on January 15, 1944, the son of the late John Emery Howenstine and Mary (Ickes) Howenstine. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years Catherine Loyal Howenstine. James was a graduate of Canton Lehman High School, Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio and Illinois College of Optometry. He married his high school sweetheart in 1967 and they shared their lives and raised their family together in Steubenville. James was an Optometrist for 35 years and was the owner of Ohio Valley Vision Center in Steubenville. He was active in numerous Steubenville and Jupiter, Florida area civic and charitable organizations.

James is survived by his son, John (Amy) Howenstine of Powell, Ohio; daughter, Katie (Brian) Cich of Jupiter, Florida; grandchildren, James, Charles, and Evelyn Howenstine of Powell, Ohio; and Lauren, Catherine, and Emerson Cich of Jupiter, Florida.

James's family has planned a private service to celebrate his life. His family would like to thank Treasure Coast Hospice for his care. Memorial contributions can be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997, or to Trustbridge Foundation, Inc., 5300 East Avenue, West

Palm Beach, FL 33407, for their hospice care of his beloved Catherine.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James Howard Howenstine*

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“ *Jim's passing was a sad personal loss. Jim commanded the most respect anybody could from me, and I considered him a close friend.*

We served together on the Riverbend BOD and I got to know Jim's character firsthand. He was a standout president and a pleasure to work under. In fact, he is the reason I stayed on the BOD so long.

After we left the board, we would get together every few days for coffee to start off our day. We also kept in touch by phone after we sold our condo and moved back to Ohio.

In the final years I could feel Jim's pain because I was going through Lung Cancer at the same time. I knew exactly how he felt. Throughout his suffering Jim would still banter back and forth with my wife and I.

JoAnn and I loved the man and he will be missed.

*John & JoAnn Pinter
9/23/2022*

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“ Jim was in my life only briefly, but left a lasting impression. As his primary care physician, Jim dealt with a lung disease that just hit him out of the blue.

When I met him, he was already battling this awful fate. Yet, his sense of humor never left him. Though my role was as a doctor, I believe what Proverbs says, “Laughter is good medicine.” Jim and I had a lot of laughs and for that I am grateful.

He dearly loved his family and spoke of them often. Jim was faithful to his vows and he attended to his loving wife for many years until she left this earth for her eternal life.

When I first met Jim, he described how God had brought Karen Gomer into his life through a friend at the Maltz. That made the world even smaller, since my wife and I have known Karen for almost 40 years.

He survived Covid and so many other lung related setbacks until his body just had no more reserve.

You made my life and the lives of those around you just a little lighter and I will miss you my friend.

May the Lord use you for His glory in eternity. As is said in the movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, “You’ve earned your wings”.

Dr. Ron Surowitz

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