



James David Shelley

October 5, 1946 - June 2, 2024

James (Jim) David Shelley, Ph.D. of Tequesta, FL, passed away on June 2, 2024 at the age of 77. Jim was born on October 5th, 1946 in Cumberland, MD to Harold and Grace Shelley. He moved with his parents to North Palm Beach, FL in 1957 and remained a proud Florida resident for the rest of his life.

Jim was blessed with a very powerful intellect and earned several undergraduate and post graduate degrees in physics, math and computer science. He worked at the University of Miami for 34 years, retiring in 2009 as Vice President for Academic and Research Computing Information Technology.

Jim was fluent in several foreign languages, particularly Spanish and German, and he often traveled internationally for both work and personal interests. He was also a talented and accomplished trumpet player in his younger years, and had a great appreciation and love for music throughout his lifetime.

Jim moved to Tequesta after retiring from the University of Miami, where he enjoyed an active lifestyle and the peaceful tranquility of his home on the Loxahatchee River next to Jonathan Dickinson State Park. He loved animals of all kinds and delighted in viewing the wildlife and natural scenery behind his house.

Jim also had a number of beloved pet cats over the years and one Chihuahua named Chloe and regularly provided financial support to Furry Friends, the Humane Society of Greater Jupiter/Tequesta.

Jim is survived by his brothers Jack Shelley (Heidi) and Keith Shelley (Helen), his nephews Greg Shelley (Kelly) and Richard Shelley, and his nieces Pamela Shelley (Neil), Peggy Sue Eckert (Rob), Brenda DeJersey (Ken), Valerie Shelley, Cathy Shelley and sister-in-law Jo Shelley. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Ted Shelley.

A Visitation will be held on June 15th at 11 AM with a Memorial Service beginning at 12 PM. For those unable to attend you may watch the service by Livestream using the link below:

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcxODIxNTAxNzMxMzU4MiZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Jim's memory to Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic & Ranch: <https://furryfriendsadoption.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Livestream of Funeral Service

JUN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

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Celebratory Luncheon Following Service

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Baldino's Italian Restaurant
791 US-1
Tequesta, FL 33469

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Shelley — Jim — thank you for everything you did for me. Your guidance shaped my life in ways I will always cherish. I will remain forever grateful. May God bless you and keep you. Alex*

Alexander Iliev - December 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Yvette Pizzo lit a candle in memory of James David Shelley*



Yvette Pizzo - June 15, 2024 at 09:03 PM



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Pamela Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 06:06 PM



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Pamela Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ Uncle Jim always had a story to share with us during our visits. He spoke of his worldly travels, the customs, languages and the people he had met along the way. He would give our children ideas of what they could do when they grew up, and encouraged them to pursue their goals. He was a sincere, patient and generous man.

One of my favorite memories of Uncle Jim was when we were visiting with Grandma Gracie and sitting at her kitchen table. He loved Grandma's cooking and he told me his favorite was her vinegar pie. I laughed because I thought he was joking, as I had never heard of vinegar pie. He laughed with me ,with that twinkle in his eye that shined when he was amused, ' you never heard of vinegar pie"?

When I see you in the next life Jim, I will try your famous vinegar pie and we can share a slice together.

Kelly Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 01:44 PM



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Greg Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 07:42 AM



Rest in peace, Uncle Jim. A very gifted and special man who was like an older brother to me, loved and admired by all who knew him.

Greg Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 07:48 AM

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I can't seem to find the words to express how much I will miss Uncle Jim. He had a way of making everyone around him feel special. He was truly one of the best people I ever knew and I will always cherish my memories of him.

Pamela Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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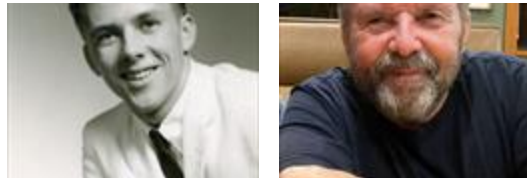
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zhanna grozny - June 13, 2024 at 07:43 AM



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Greg Shelley - June 09, 2024 at 08:56 AM

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Jim was a great friend. Very sincere man. He lived a good life for himself. I would see him every two weeks and he had the best stories. We had many laughs and he would always have great advice. He's a loving, caring man. I will have never forget this man. May God rest his soul. Love, Yvette Pizzo

Yvette Pizzo - June 10, 2024 at 05:59 PM

LO

My name is Lou I cut Jim's hair. A lot of charisma always had something nice to say treating me like I was someone., he will surely be missed by many 🥹

lou - June 11, 2024 at 02:13 PM

SJ

Jim was a great guy, and a real father figure growing up. He taught me how to lift weights, and taught my brother and I guitar and tennis, among many other things. A truly gifted and generous man, he will be missed by so many. ❤️🙏

Stephen Josephson - June 11, 2024 at 09:57 PM



Mr. Jim as we called him, was our neighbor. When his precious Chloe was still around, we'd see him daily walking her and would often stop to chat. My young daughter would run out to pet Chloe and Jim and I would talk backyard animal sightings as both our yards face the state park. When Covid put us on lockdown, he knocked on our door to let us know that he had a large library of DVDs my kids can borrow from whenever they wanted. He also set out chocolate protein bars on his front porch for just the two houses with kids on our street every Halloween. We never get trick or treaters out here. When my young son and his friend (Jim's other neighbor) started a car washing business, Mr. Jim was their first customer and best tipping one at that. He really did love living here. We will miss his quirkiness and his kind and generous spirit.

Jamie May - June 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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Not too often in life do you meet a man who is as genuine, committed to a cause, humble and intellectual as Dr. James Shelley, Ph.d, a.k.a, our thoughtful neighbor, simply known as Jim. From his colorful stories of alligators, iguanas, hogs, and the various wildlife that lurk beneath the river's surface and habitat in the stillness of the adjacent park, he taught me how to live among nature in harmony. Whether it was his daily ritual of laying seed for the birds or feeding the raccoons, I could always count on Jim to remind me that we, as humans, need to respect more than just our species' survival. As neighbors who shared the same vantage point from our backyards, Jim often marveled at the ingenuity of the osprey's nest above, as we both reflected on their grace and beauty in flight. Jim would often comment in his (muted) excitement, the osprey are back!

And perhaps, no one will miss Jim's basement, garage and many crevices beneath his house more than our agile and curious cats. One thing was for certain, anytime one was missing I could accurately predict he was at Jim's. This relief gave us peace and calmness as we knew Jim loved cats, and that they were always safe rummaging around his home. Jim often commented, "I call them over but they don't come to me; that's a good thing that they only respond to those most familiar."

He was always looking out for their safety.

But Jim did not only respect nature and earth's creatures; Jim respected what was important to those around him. He was a wonderful neighbor that gladly collaborated on what was ever asked of him without question or hesitation. You could always rely on Jim to do the right thing.

From the moment I met Jim many years back, to the brilliant conversation we had when he came for lunch recently, I knew he was an insightful, complex, and a highly intelligent man that I wish I had known better. With great fondness and clear recollection, during lunch he shared his vivid and animated stories from his earlier days at the University of Miami, his worldly travels, and his once romance. I listened with anticipation as Jim reflected on snippets of his life, and gave me the gift of partaking in his joyful memories.

While Jim is already missed, his spirit survives to inspire and teach us all to appreciate more, what is right in front of us.

May he Rest In Peace, Zhanna, Michael, and Marcel

zhanna grozny - June 13, 2024 at 07:41 AM



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Greg Shelley - June 15, 2024 at 07:45 AM