



James J. Makar

September 7, 1944 - June 23, 2018

James J. Makar, the man behind the camera

James J. Makar, 73, of Willbrook Plantation died June 23, 2018 at his residence.

Born in Rahway, NJ, Jim is a son of the late James and Florence Makar. Jim was a Rahway High School varsity wrestler. He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, stationed in Alaska, specializing in radar repair. Jim transitioned into computer networking sales, working most of his years for Cisco Systems. He was the president of the South Carolina and North Carolina Marty Lyons Foundation. He was also the president of the Litchfield Country Club Men's Golf Association.

In his earlier years Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing. He developed a love of golf along the way. This led to his lifetime dream of living in South Carolina. Around that time he developed a passion for photography where he captured nature at its finest.

He is preceded in death by his devoted wife, Gloria Makar.

Survivors include sons, Michael Makar and family from Monroe New Jersey, and Jason Makar and family from Cream Ridge New Jersey; Sisters, Susan Christine and Lenora Gordon; Brother, Peter Makar.

His final years were spent at Willbrook Plantation with his loving companion Diane Atherton

Jim will be remembered as a loving friend, brother, father and grandfather.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 11 am at Precious

Blood of Christ Catholic Church by Father Patrick Stenson and Father Paul MacNeil.

Donations may be made to The Marty Lyons Foundation, 354 Veterans Memorial Highway, Commack, NY 11725.

A guestbook can be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Pawleys Chapel is charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Deepest sympathy to Family & Friends*

I haven't seen my Uncle Jimmy in person for several years but just from what he shared on Facebook I know he was loved by many and truly enjoyed his life. I'm thankful to have fond memories from my childhood spending family gatherings with him, Aunt Gloria, Michael and Jason.

You will surely be missed! "Hugs"to you and Aunt Gloria in Heaven!

Love,

Christine

Christine Cavalaris - July 01, 2018 at 08:30 AM

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“ *The Makar Family,*

Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Jimmy was a great person and such a good friend of our family. Your family and ours were always so close while growing up in Rahway. I will always remember Jimmy and cherish fond memories .

Andy Ross

Harmony, NJ

Andy Ross - June 26, 2018 at 06:32 PM

PH

“ I was introduced to Jimmy by a mutual friend (Wayne Conrad) in 1999, prior to the Makar’s relocation to Willbrook Plantation. Jim was described as a very successful businessman, who despite his accomplishments remained just “an average guy with a big heart”. We made arrangements to play Willbrook Golf Course one Sunday morning as a “foursome” - Jimmy, his buddy Harry, Wayne and I. We had a great day, despite the lofty scores. Jim impressed me as an immensely likeable person, a sentiment that would be repeatedly echoed, once the Makar’s completed the move to Willbrook. Jim’s golf game obviously suffered from a lack of practice. That would soon change! On this day, Jim at least had the opportunity to meet a few new neighbors, usually while he searched for errant golf balls on adjacent homeowners lawns.

It’s difficult to accept that both Jim and Gloria are gone a mere nineteen years later. Gone but not forgotten. Pat and I will always treasure our memories. The holiday celebrations, college “homecoming” weekends, and a Caribbean Cruise when Jim won first place for his “Elvis” costume. You had to be there!

Fairwell and God Speed to “an average guy with a big heart”.

With sincere condolences to the Makar family and Diane

Pat & Dick Hoffer

Pat & Dick Hoffer - June 26, 2018 at 05:59 PM

Joe Greco

“ *Jim was bigger than life! Truly a friend to everyone that knew him. I especially enjoyed the time playing golf at Willbrook Plantation not to mention a cigar and adult beverage on his back porch! He really will be missed but we will keep him in our hearts.*

Bill & Laura LePage

Joe Greco - June 26, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James J. Makar.*



June 26, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BN

“ *Michael and Jason -- Sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. What a great neighbor and friend -- How can anyone on Central Avenue forget sitting on their "steps" summer nights. Please find comfort in knowing he is resting peacefully with mom. May all the good times and wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. My prayers are with you.*

God bless you and yours -- Betty Burnett

Betty Burnett, Rahway NJ - June 26, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of James J. Makar.*



June 26, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ *My dearest Michael, Ron and I wish to express our deepest sympathies on the passing of your dad. He is now with your mom and let that be a comfort to you and your brother. We have great memories of the times we all spent together. Good memories can never be taken away from us. God bless your dad and keep him forever in your heart. Ron and Joanne Stevinson*

jJoanne and Ron Stevinson - June 25, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *A close friend for 58 years, part of my family prior to our getting married my mom fed him with the rest of the broad. My children, always called him Uncle as well as his calling me Uncle. A bond and respect existed that couldn't be broken. My condolences to his family, friends and Diane.
Harry, Kathy, Kristin and Ray and Jackee*

Harry and Kathy Hunt - June 25, 2018 at 06:41 PM

Joe Greco

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Joe Greco - June 25, 2018 at 05:58 PM

Joe Greco

“ *Jim, We have only known you for the 12 years that we have been in Willbrook but your friendship has meant the world to Ellen and me. We will always remember you as the vibrant persona that you were. Rest in peace, my friend! You will always be in our hearts.*
Joe & Ellen

Joe Greco - June 25, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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“ Diane~

We are so saddened to hear of dear Jim's passing. Know he fought the valiant fight and are so blessed to have known him. Will always remember him driving up with you in that great convertible for our get-together and a great time it was. Know you both have been in our thoughts and prayers & they will continue as you go through this difficult time. Do share our sympathy with his family as we know it is a difficult time for them as well. Wish we could be with you at Precious Blood but know you all will be blessed by Fathers Pat & Paul.

Hope to see you on our return,

Susan & Joe

Susan & Joe Maloney - June 25, 2018 at 04:18 PM