



James J. Whitehead

July 8, 1944 - January 29, 2022

James J. Whitehead, age 77 of Murrells Inlet, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022 with his family by his side.

He was born July 8, 1944, son of the late Lewis and Jennie Mathis.

Jim, also known as “Uncle Jimmy” to most, was a force of life. His humor and generosity were a gravitational pull, keeping his family, despite geography, and friends the center of his life. He enjoyed helping others financially support their lives as a financial advisor at NRL Federal Credit Union before retirement. His many hobbies (a devout generalist, as he would say) such as guns, cars, music, watches and more filled his time and sharp mind. More than anything, he loved his family – filling his roles as husband, father and (his very favorite) Poppy/Papa with devotion.

Jim is survived by his wife of 34 years, Dorothy Whitehead; daughters, Kelly Whitehead, Jacklyn Fetbroyt and her husband Dan, and Alexandra Morris and her husband Jeb Tyler; grandchildren, Lucas, Evan, Carmela and one on the way, August James. He is also survived by two sisters and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the America Cancer Society at . <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s Death. I worked with Jim for several years at NRL. He was a very funny guy who worked very hard for his clients and he was a good friend to me. I had lost contact with him over the years. I am really sorry to see of his passing. To Dorothy and the girls please accept my deepest sorrow for your loss and for God’s blessing and his peace to you all!

David Feger... 😞

David - January 14, 2023 at 09:34 AM

JC

“ JEAN COYLE lit a candle in memory of James J. Whitehead



JEAN COYLE - July 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of time spent working with Jim at the credit union. There was never a dull moment with him. He was always upbeat and fun to be around, but most of all he was kind. He treated everyone with the same kindness and respect regardless of who they were. He often took the time to send personalized handwritten notes to both his clients and friends. He was so meticulous that he would use a ruler to ensure that all the lines were written perfectly straight! Jim was a truly wonderful person. I am so very grateful I had the privilege of knowing him. My deepest sympathies to Dorothy and the girls. He loved you all so much. His family was his pride and joy.

Cindy Tomlinson - February 05, 2022 at 04:21 PM

EN

“ Jim was a great friend and mentor to me when I joined NRL credit union as a financial advisor. He was a memorable, one-of-kind character who was always fun to be around. He always offered sound, practical financial advice and he will certainly be missed by his friends and former clients at the credit union.

Ed Neveleff

Ed Neveleff - February 05, 2022 at 10:45 AM



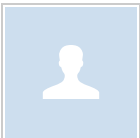
“ Jim - always a charming, charismatic , generous and fun-loving guy. The world is a better place because you were in it. I miss you.

Barbara Ganley - February 04, 2022 at 08:23 PM

LM

“ RIP Jim. I fondly remember our younger days at HBWilson grammar in Morgan Village, South Camden. We graduated in June 1958. Your home across the street from school was a great place to take a break. You were always cracking us up with the latest tissue jokes. Your friend, Lou Ludwik Marczuk, class of 58.

Lou Marchuk - February 01, 2022 at 11:48 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of James J. Whitehead.



February 01, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DS

“ I first met Jim in 1958. From that day on, we bonded and continued our friendship through our high school years at Camden High and beyond. The way I can describe Jim was calm and cool. My condolences to the Whitehead family.

Jim, the Lord saw you were getting tired. He put his arms around you and quietly took you away. Thanks for the memories we had over the years together. What a guy!

Dave Studstill

David Studstill - February 01, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ I met Jimmy in 1998 when I started my career in Financial Services. He was a mentor then and quickly became a personal friend to me and my husband. Jimmy was special and anyone that knew him knows that. He made time to stay connected to his friends, and I consider myself fortune that we were amongst his friends. He was smart, funny and the guy you wanted on your side when you needed support. I know his family is feeling a great loss as are all that knew Jimmy. He was truly a special person!

Joyce Cool - February 01, 2022 at 10:58 AM

JF

“ I will always have our friendship to treasure. From our early teenage years, til now. He was one of a kind and that was a good thing. Dorothy the years have passed by too quickly. God Bless Jimmy, you and the girls. Jim and Margie Franchetti

Jim Franchetti - January 31, 2022 at 09:00 PM

BR

“ So Sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Jimmy. Dorothy & family we are sending prayers to you during this difficult time, so sorry for your loss.

We always enjoyed seeing & talking with Uncle Jimmy at Valentinos, such a sweet Man. Rest in peace
Bernadette & Gianna Rossman

bernadette Mancini rossman - January 31, 2022 at 11:18 AM

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I knew him from back when we were kids in NJ. I knew his sister Judy and we all went to grade school together. Condolences to his family. Rest In Peace Jimmy. Joanne Poore Tiedeken

joanne tiedekrn - January 31, 2022 at 09:04 AM

JM

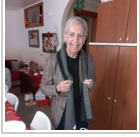
“ i knew jimmy growing up in camden n.j. he was alot older than me but he was always good to me a great person who will be missed condolences to his family may he rest easy

jim murphy - January 31, 2022 at 08:59 AM

MR

“ So so sorry,about your loss, of Jim,great memories working with Jim, Godspeed

Mickey Ramos - January 31, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ *My Heart and Prayers are with all of Jimmy's family and friends; he was indeed a very special man; always upbeat, kind and generous in many ways. During his illness he never complained when I sent messages; he was always upbeat. He will indeed be missed by many. Love, Anthony R. Venella.*

Anthony Venella - January 31, 2022 at 04:11 AM

KW

“ *Prayers for you Jim, and your beautiful Family. Fond memories of our friendship during our early teenage years in South Jersey. Always smiling, always kind, a friend to all.*

“I Only Knew Him As A Boy, He Is That To Me Still.” 🌹

Kay Haffey Wood - January 31, 2022 at 03:48 AM

CM

“ *Dorothy, until tonight I had no idea of the pin your family was going through. Today I spent the whole day sorting photos & videos from Steve's phone. I know that Jim is getting ready to take another ride with Steve & John. The 3 of them are just going to rattle a few windows together again.*

Jim spent a long time on the phone with me, talking about Steve's illness, he was so supportive & gave me hope for a little while.

You & your family are in my prayers.

Cheri Martin - January 31, 2022 at 12:29 AM

SE

“ November 2021 This picture is everything to me



Samantha Eddy - January 30, 2022 at 10:17 PM

SE

“ I met Jim when I worked as his Assistant beginning in 2003. He was so hard on me I never thought I'd work for him for as long as I did. But I started to see a softer side of him. We've never lost touch. We'd talk at least bi-weekly and when he moved, I'd visit when I vacationed in SC. He most definitely was like a father to me and a best friend all in one. My kids, who are shy and don't like anyone new or someone they don't remember but all 3 of them absolutely adored Uncle Jimmy. My heart hurts so bad because I literally called him for everything. He always gave the best advice and always reminded me of how great of a person and mother I am. I'm going to miss his voice. I love you always & forever Jim 💜

Samantha Eddy - January 30, 2022 at 10:15 PM

TR

“ A truly amazing soul. Always so welcoming and encouraging. He was so kind and made everyone around him feel loved and appreciated. Some of my favorite memories of him are from staying at his home for Allie's bachelorette weekend. That whole weekend he was so accommodating and asked so much about my life, Karic, and my family. He made us feel at home. And boy did he LOVE his family, you couldn't help but take notice to it! He was a blessing to have on this earth.. we will all miss him dearly and I'm grateful to have known him. My thoughts are with your family.

Tara Rae - January 30, 2022 at 10:10 PM

KW

Prayers for you, Jim, and your beautiful Family. Fond memories of our early teen years in South Jersey. Always smiling, always kind, a friend to all.

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Kay Haffey Wood - January 31, 2022 at 03:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James J. Whitehead.



January 30, 2022 at 10:05 PM

LO

“ Uncle — of all the many blessings however great or small to have had you as an uncle was the greatest one of all. The family chain seems broken now and nothing feels the same but as God takes us one by one the chain will link again. Rest in enteral peace Uncle Jimmy



Lynn O'Brien - January 30, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James J. Whitehead.*



January 30, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Tom and I are so grateful to have had Uncle Jimmy not only as our fun, giving, amazing friend but as our family. What a true gentleman! We love and miss you Uncle Jimmy and I know you are always with us. Dorothy, we love you and know we are always here! With our deepest sympathies, Judy and Tom Connaughton*

judy Connaughton - January 30, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Dorothy, I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. It has been a few years since we were in touch and I was wondering how he was doing with his illness. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sincerely,

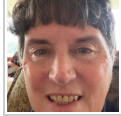
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claudette - January 30, 2022 at 07:27 PM



Dorothy, Allie and all of your family, we are so, so sorry for your loss of such an exceptional person, who lit up every room with love and laughter. We love you all. Love, Mark and Donna and kids

Donna Watson - January 30, 2022 at 07:40 PM



He was my financial advisor while at NRLFCU and a real pleasure. He would have the annual dinner at the end of the year for his investors and was so personable! I enjoyed his company. Looks like he had a very full life! Time marches on for all of us. Another angel gets his wings.

Barbara Hill - February 01, 2022 at 02:16 PM