



## E. James Kunik

March 9, 2021

E. James Kunik, age 75, passed away peacefully at home in Lancaster on Tuesday evening, March 9th, 2021, after a brave battle with liver and pancreatic cancer this past year. With him were his sister Terry, hospice nurse and his loving partner of 15 years, Pat Levin.

Jim was born on November 2nd, 1945 in Atlantic City, New Jersey to the late James E. Kunik of Atlantic City and the late Margaret A. Balog of Stanford, Conn. His father was an oral surgeon and his mother a nurse. Jim is survived by his two daughters, Chris Baeza and her husband, Jocksan and daughter Elia of Malvern, Pa. and Dana Jensen and her two children, Lucas and Skylar, and her partner Rob and his three children of Chester, Pa. Jim is survived by 6 sisters: Maryanne Dalton(Jimmy) of West Chester, Pa: Margie LaBelle(Denny) of Miami, Florida: Aggie Classen(Scott) of East Fallowfield, Pa: Denise Morris(Jim) of Port St. Lucie, Florida: Bernadette McIntyre(Harry)Glen Mills, Pa. and Terry Fidler(Bobby Olsen) Bellevue, NE. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, business associates, college friends, business customers and the numerous friends he made during his lifetime.

Jim grew up in the Drexel Hill area of Philadelphia, attending Bonner and eventually Villanova University where he received a BA in Psychology in 1967.

He became an avid sports fan of Villanova Basketball, attending many games over the years with his friend John Ermillo, the "Dancing Daddy" of Villanova.

From 1967 to 1970 Jim served as a Military Officer in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a First Lieutenant Executive Officer for the 28th Engineering Battalion and had a Honorable Discharge in July 1970. Jim also received an Army Commendation Medal. He had recently signed up to mentor Veterans in Lancaster.

After returning home from the war Jim began his long and successful career in the textile business, following in the footsteps of the Kunik family's history of tailoring and textiles. He earned an MBA in Marketing at Temple University, attended the Philadelphia College of Textile and Science and took the Dale Carnegie Sales Course, coming in first in his class. Jim won many awards over the years for his sales and marketing skills. In the last several years Jim sold quilting fabric to quilting business throughout several northeastern states, making friends with the owners who sent cards, called Jim and even made him a special quilt.

Among his other interests, Jim was also a Life Master Bridge Player, a scratch golfer, a skilled skier, and a runner who ran triathlons to raise funds for the Leukemia Society. In recent years, Jim and Pat traveled around the world with friends and took an annual Christmas island cruise after their annual Christmas party. Jim had a zest for life and the energy to achieve many of his goals...a list of which he kept on his desk. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim will be laid to rest next to his parents in Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon, Pa. at a gravesite service on May 1 at 10am. A celebration of Jim's life will be held in Lancaster later in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125 or at [www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org](http://www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org) in Jim Kunik's memory.

A special thanks to Dr. Kerr and his staff at the Ann Barshinger Cancer Center in Lancaster for their kindness and professionalism in caring for Jim during these difficult times.

# Tribute Wall



“ *E. James Kunik*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I want to thank Ester from hospice, on the last day of my brother's life my sister maryanne me, my husband and Jim's wonderful daughters were there. My brother wasn't quite responsive at the time, but Ester so lovingly let his daughters and my sister share pictures, memories. Ester said this is good and what alot of grieving families do. So kind and good of her! Also a couple days before when my brother was more responsive Jim's wonderful daughters played all his favorite songs and he was mouthing the words. It was the most beautiful memory I will cherish. Ester smiled, comforted those who cried,..Jim's girls played them all and Jim sang the best he could and we all cried too. Phantom of the opera, John Denver, and I never knew my brother liked the beegees! Landslide, a beautiful song of daughter to dad from stevie Nick's! . My sister Terry was also there. And my brother liked Neil diamond! So do I..! Ty Ester !! May God bless you and your family ALWAYS!!*

**Bernadette McIntyre** - March 24, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Jimmy,  
I will miss the sound of your voice and laughter and will cherish our wonderful times together. As you protected and watched out for us girls all your life, I know you will be greeting us too when God reaches  
out His hand for us girls, your sister, Terry (Theresa Kunik) Fidler*

**Theresa Fidler** - March 23, 2021 at 08:06 PM

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“ *A fraternity brother at Villanova and a class act all his life.*  
*Harry Glah*

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**harry Glah** - March 23, 2021 at 08:05 PM

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*Ginny Kunik*  
*a few seconds ago*  
*I will always have fond memories of Jimmy at Stone Harbor. His smile was contagious and his welcoming personality such a pleasure. Much love, Ginny Kunik*

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**Ginny Kunik** - March 23, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Jim was a wonderful loving man. I will miss him greatly. I have had him on my mind for this year and have prayed for him every day.*

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**Ellie Shirk** - March 23, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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**Ginny Kunik** - March 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM



*Jim was a fantastic person! I played a lot of bridge with Jim over the years. One reason he liked bridge so much was that he met so many people by playing. Jim truly liked people! One memory that I have of Jim was how well he treated his mother when she was alive but aging. You can tell a lot about a man by how he treats his mother, and Jim gave his mother such great care--it was touching to see. I'll also miss his tremendous enthusiasm for Villanova basketball--a college from which we both graduated. Jim will truly be missed. Sam Yake*

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**Samuel Yake** - March 24, 2021 at 04:44 PM