



## Iaconis, James

January 17, 2013

James Francis Iaconis passed away January 17 in Houston, TX. He was 76 years old.

Jim was born and raised in Clarksburg and graduated from Washington Irving High School, where he earned All-State honors in football and track. He was a longtime resident of West Virginia, earned a Bachelor's degree from WVU, and was a member of the WVU football team. He traveled extensively throughout the state, often to attend high school football games. He also enjoyed visiting new places both as a tourist and while in military service. As a proud member of the U.S. Army, Maj. Iaconis was deployed in Europe, Southeast Asia, and Central America, was a Viet Nam Veteran, and served in over 50 countries. An avid traveler and linguist, he could speak 3 languages and might greet you in over a dozen more.

Jim worked at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale, WV, for almost 20 years, and his wife Cathy also worked there during that time. He never met someone he couldn't find something in common with, and enjoyed finding that connection no matter how obscure it might be. Jim's family and close friends were well aware of his favorite songs and his singing voice and if one of Jim's jokes is believed then he will return in his next life as a professional singer. Most mornings, Jim could be found at McDonald's drinking coffee with the Moundsville klatch, at Bob's Lunch, or at Rigas Restaurant. He was an active member of the Sons of Italy and rarely missed working a Thursday night pasta dinner there. He seemed to know at least one person in every corner of the

Upper Ohio Valley region. Jim enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, watching football, and learning more about historical events. He liked to cook, his diners never complained, and there was no recipe he couldn't improvise. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary (Priore) Iaconis of Clarksburg, WV; sisters Mary Frances Lindgren of Covina, CA, and Christine Pintabone of Waltham, MA; wife Catherine Pauline (Bodnar) of Weirton, WV; and their daughter Catherine Ann and son Matthew.

Surviving Jim are (sister) Deanna Tomao of Corpus Christi, TX; (sister) Joan Beto of Pittsburgh, PA; (sister) Gloria and Marlin Moore of Dayton, TX; (brother) John Iaconis of Arlington, VA; (son) John and Pam Iaconis of Carnegie, PA; (daughter) Larisa and Omar Tidwell; (son) James Iaconis of Houston, TX; (granddaughter) Kelly Snoden of Kings Point, NY; and (grandsons) Alexander and Nathaniel Tidwell of Houston, TX.

Jim and his humor will be sadly missed by family, friends, and the people he bumped into on the street.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-8pm and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville.

Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated Friday at 11:00am at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 610 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Dear Larisa, Jimmy & John, I was so saddened to hear of your dad's death. He was such a good man. I will never forget how many times your dad & mom came to my assistance without my ever asking. I loved when he took trips to Pittsburgh because I would always find my refrig stacked with goodies after the trip!! Your dad had such a gift for always bringing some laughter to any situation. ( I wouldn't be surprised if he had a joke or two for St. Peter when he met him at the gate!!!) Each of you were his pride & joy!! Please know my thoughts & prayers go with you during this difficult time and pray it is great consolation for you to know he is at peace in the arms of His Father! Much love to you, Hope we can keep in touch! Taffy

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**Taffy Fuhs** - January 25, 2013 at 09:03 AM

CM

“ Larisa, Omar, Jimmy & Family, Our family was saddened to hear of your father's recent illnesses and passing. We certainly enjoyed being able to meet, greet, and work with him over the years. He was a definitely a good soul and will be missed by many. I'm sure he is very proud of the family he raised and is thankful for all that you given him in return. Peace be with you all. Love, Chris, Claire, Kirstie, & Gracie

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**Chris & Claire McCallum** - January 24, 2013 at 08:48 AM

TJ

“ Sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was always smiling and asking about your day. I worked across the street from RMH and he never forgot me even after I left there! May your memories keep him with you and keep you strong. Sincerely, Terri Johnson

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**Terri Johnson** - January 23, 2013 at 03:45 PM

DF

“ Dear Laris, Jimmy, John & all of your family, Peace be with you all during this difficult time. May the memories of your dad provide comfort and strength in the days ahead. You all have been such a huge part of so many memories in my life. I will keep you all in my prayers & thoughts. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for service & everything Mr. Iaconis. You & Cathy will always be remembered. All my Love. Dee

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**Dee Balgo & Family** - January 22, 2013 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. I have many happy memories of him when we were kids. He was always so much fun and very kind to our family. I know he will be greatly missed. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Shelley

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**Shelley Hart** - January 21, 2013 at 03:14 PM

PS

“ Dear Larissa, I was so deeply saddened to hear of the death of your father. He was a good friend and I will miss him alot. I last emailed with him a few months ago and was shocked to see his obit in the paper. He always kept me up to date on happenings in the Ohio Valley after I moved to Phoenix. Please accept my sincere heartfelt condolences and hope and pray that you will solace and peace in knowing that your father was a very special person. Your father always kept me up to date with all the happenings of you, John and Jim and I would like to keep in touch with you. You will have my email address if you would like to do so. I am so sorry that I live so far away and will not be able to attend the service but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Pat

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**Pat Scheinholtz** - January 20, 2013 at 04:56 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about your father. While I didn't know him well, he is one of those rare people who was always friendly, enjoyed life, and made the world a better place. No matter where I saw him he also spoke. My thoughts and sympathy are with his entire family. I'm sure he was a joy to have as a father and grandfather.

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**Jay Knapp** - January 20, 2013 at 08:42 AM

KN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was truly a great man. He was able to always put a smile on my face and I always remember him to be happy. I have been blessed to know such a great person. My deepest sympathy go out to his family during their time of grief. The world is truly a little less bright today but I take comfort in knowing I will see you again someday my friend. Sincerely, Karen Nieto (Cunningham)

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**Karen Nieto** - January 20, 2013 at 08:15 AM

MC

“ Our deepest thoughts and sympathy go to Jimmy's family. He will be greatly missed. He always had a smile on his face and could always bring a smile to our face as well. We have shared many good times and we look forward to seeing you again. God bless

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**Mary & Charlie Cunningham** - January 20, 2013 at 08:06 AM