



James "Jim" G. Heinzen

May 24, 1962 - November 1, 2015

BLOOMINGTON - James "Jim" G.

Heinzen, 53, of Bloomington, a loving husband and father, passed away peacefully at his home Sunday, November 1, 2015.

He was born in Urbana, Illinois, on May 24, 1962 to Raymond and Jean Heinzen. He earned his undergraduate degree from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign before his masters from Indiana University. Jim dedicated his professional career of 26 years to Ivy Tech Community College, where he most recently served as Dean of School of Business, Education, and Public Services. He was posthumously named Dean and Professor Emeritus for the college.

Jim would have been President of his Bloomington Rotary Club next year. He was a member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church and was baptized there on April 30, 2010 with his wife, Tammy.

Jim is survived by his wife, Tammy Wampler-Heinzen; sons, Andrew and Nick Heinzen; mother, Jean Heinzen; brother, Michael Heinzen; and sister, Carol Cunningham-Sigman. Jim was preceded in death by his father, Raymond

Heinzen.

To describe Jim, one would say that he loved life and lived it to the fullest. He had a kind and generous heart and always had a smile on his face. He was always involved in projects around the house. Jim loved to travel with his family and enjoyed family get-togethers. His many hobbies included photography and playing his guitar and piano. He was committed to family and community and will be sorely missed by many.

Jim's early departure from this life has left a huge void in the lives of his family. However, their faith in God and knowing that Jim is in heaven will help them in this most difficult time.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church with burial to follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. All are welcome.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to Lighthouse Christian Academy (for his son Andrew's education fund) or Ivy Tech Community College Culinary Program.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Jim's beloved family: Tammy, Nick, Andrew and all...

Though I barely know you, I feel like I do by being friends with Jim. I am deeply saddened to hear of his sudden departure from you and all who loved him.

In addition to making it ever apparent how much he loved his family, Jim was a great mentor and friend to me--and all who were blessed to know him. In a very Christ-like manner, Jim freely gave love and friendship without deserving and he made a difference in my life, and many others as well.

I am thinking of you in this time and will be praying for strength and peace for you all, and that your grief will swiftly be replaced by comfort and peace in the gifts and love he gave to you in this life--and the assurance that you'll be reunited with him again through Christ.

Jim was a blessing to all and was taken from us all much too soon for sure. But, I am reminded of a recent sermon at our church here in DC, the pastor asked us to envision our loved ones who've departed in a "state of glory" in the presence of our God in Heaven--literally larger than life. It's hard for me to imagine a "larger than life" Jim, as this was nature--but what a joyous day that will be for us all to see "glorified Jim!" I pray you hold fast to that truth, as will I.

Blessings to you all, and "until soon" dear friend--"Doctor" Heinzen!

*Ryan Bass
IvyTech Corporate College
2001-2004*

Ryan Bass - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

LO

“ Tammy, Andrew and Nick: Jim was such a good man. My memories go back to 1987 when Jim and I buddied around Bloomington as graduate students, extend to more recent years when I lived briefly in Bloomington a few years ago, and since then when we would have reason to connect when I was back in town. In the old days (right after he had worked for Dial America!) we went to (and complained about!) classes in the old School of Education building, enjoyed "frosty libations" at Bear's Place, and tried to build careers as we tried to build lives... Jim did both so very well, and was so very proud of each of you. The summer of 2006 the "two Jims" (Julovich and Heinzen) and I managed to play golf once a week at Cascades... we were horrible golfers but good company to each other. We laughed A LOT! It was such a great summer. In more recent years we've had visits to the "man cave" and hilarious weekend chats on the phone. Jim was one of the kindest and gentlest guys I knew. I am going to miss him. May God bless you, keep you, and give you peace. We will be praying for you and all those who will miss Jim.

Loren Rullman - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DE

“ Tammy, Nick, and Andrew,

I pray that you find comfort & peace throughout this trying time. I am thankful to have known and worked with Jim here at Ivy Tech. He was quiet, kind and always smiling...

Dee Dean

Dee Dean - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

PA

“ I had the honor of working with Jim while I was at Ivy Tech, I am sad to hear of his passing. Your family has my thoughts and prayers in your time of loss.

Patrick Maholm - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

SG

“ I am thankful for having had the opportunity to work at Ivy Tech with Jim sine I arrived on campus about 12 months ago. We worked in the same office area, and from day one Jim made me feel welcomed. It is not easy being the new kid on the block so, I truly appreciated his friendly, pleasant, and encouraging nature. I knew immediately he would be a person I could go to for advice and/or support. Jim just had that way about him - a natural helper. I will really miss seeing him during my work week, but I am so happy to have known his kind and gentle soul for the short time I did. May peace and grace be with grieving friends and family in letting go of Jim here on earth.

Susan Garcia - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

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“ Jim was a gentle soul and a kind man. He gave much of himself to Ivy Tech and we enjoyed seeing his smile when he saw us in the halls of Ivy Tech. We enjoyed the Ivy Tech "band" also. Our thoughts are with the family. There is nothing we can say that will ease this tremendous loss!
Iris and Mark

Mark and Iris Esch-Williams - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

JO

“ Jim was one of the most respected men at the college. He always carried himself well and his smile was always at the ready.

This really saddens me. However the best and the greatest is that he is with His Lord and Savior.

I will keep all of you in prayer.

*Joe Joniec
Department Chair
School of Business*

Joe Joniec - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ Dear Tammy, Andrew and Nick,

Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of your wonderful husband and father, Jim. What a special man he was and will be sorely missed.

Blessings to your family today and always.

Jennie Bash Stemm - November 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM