



James M. Hess

November 29, 1951 - October 26, 2023

James M Hess, age 71, passed away October 26 at ORHS. He is survived by his loving wife Carla and their 3 children, Elizabeth En Naoui (Hich), Emily Kelley (Conan), Andrew (Antonelle), and 3 grandchildren.

Jim was born in Chicopee, Mass. to Col. Walter & Elizabeth Hess. His siblings include Keron, Kerr, Michael Hess (Jackie) and Darcy Hess (Leon). He is preceded in death by his brother Stephen Hess.

As the son of a serviceman, he had 7 residences. He started his lifelong love of the Gators and graduated in 73' and again from law school in 75'. His law career started at the firm of Driscoll, Layton & Langston. In 1985 he joined Herbert Langston to form their own law firm that went on to earn the highest rating in Martindale Hubbell. He earned many honors such as board certification and admittance to the US Supreme Court. Jim was diagnosed with cancer in 2020 and he fought the disease with optimistic bravery never losing his sense of humor as he continued to work full time.

Visitation will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home November 7th, 5 -7pm with Funeral Services November 8th, at 11am at Good Shepherd Church Orlando.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Florida Levin College of Law UF Law Student Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 117620 Gainesville FL 32611, or St.

Jude's Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Closed Casket Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Funeral Mass

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepard Catholic Church
5900 Oleander Drive
Orlando, FL 32807

Tribute Wall

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“ I am just learning of Jim's passing, and I am so sorry for this tremendous loss. I worked with Jim, for many years. Also, we had great times tailgating. Jim was a kind, amazing man who was a wealth of knowledge. The family has our sincere condolences and prayers. Rest well, Jim. ~Sincerely, Del and Tamiko

Tamiko - November 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM

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“ Jim Hess will always have a place in our hearts. Everyone is fortunate and better for having known him. I will deeply miss my friend Jim



Alton Jones - November 09, 2023 at 01:52 PM