



James Thomas Takach

February 25, 1942 - January 20, 2012

James "Jim" Takach, 69, died suddenly at his residence on January 20, 2012. He was born in Middletown, OH on February 25, 1942. After graduating from Bishop Fenwick High School in 1960, Jim joined the Air Force and was stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan as part of the Air Force K-9 unit. He once guarded Air Force One and it probably became the reason why Jim had a lifelong fascination with airplanes. Jim was a very charismatic, outgoing man and it was easy to see how becoming a salesman was a natural move for him. He was the consummate salesman (according to his kids, he could sell ice cubes to an Eskimo) and sold mobile homes, insurance and office equipment. He worked for Pitney Bowes for many years, earning the Pacemaker Award for top sales twice and winning countless trips and other prizes with his ability. After retiring in 2003, he refused to let his macular degeneration become an obstacle. He became friends with many people on his daily rounds to Home Depot where they remember him as "kind and funny." He loved road trips, he loved his family and he had a big heart. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Karen of Winter Springs; daughters Marybeth Wydock (Jim) of Lawrenceville, GA and Kimberly Elrod of Nashville, TN; sons Mark Takach of Winter Springs and Christopher Takach (Kim) of Orlando; a sister, Margie Schumacher (Paul) of Cincinnati, OH; two brothers, David Takach of Independence, KY and Joe (Judy) of Middletown, OH; seven grandchildren, Mark Takach, Jr., Dustin Takach, Kaitlin Takach, Madison Wydock, Katie Wydock, Kayleigh Elrod and Justin Elrod. Visitation will be held

on Wednesday, January 25 at 4 p.m. with a service at 6 p.m. at DeGusipe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation or National Federation of the Blind.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273). Please visit www.degusipefuneralhome.com to leave a special condolence.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
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Memorial Service

JAN **25**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ *To the Family,*

I came to know Jim through his relationship with our office here at State Farm. I considered him a friend, we would sometimes talk about things and have a good laugh. Whenever I spoke to him it felt like I was simply talking to a friend and not a client. My deepest sympathies...

Sincerely,

Brenton Rodgers

Office Manager, State Farm

Brenton Rodgers - February 06, 2012 at 10:32 AM

BE

“ Karen, Mark, and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim was called home way too soon for you and all of his friends. I pray that you can take comfort in the great memories that you all have of him.

I only knew Jim for about 17 years. He worked at Ikon when i started a new career in the office equipment business. Jim befriended me, mentored me and was my counselor at times when I struggled getting started in that business. Our friendship and business relationship continued after he moved to RJ Young and I soon followed him there. Jim played a very significant role in my becoming successful in that business and continued to be a good friend after he and Karen retired to Florida.

Jim always had a smile on his face and a joke on his lips and I'll really miss that. He enjoyed life as much as anyone I know.

Brad Evans Nashville, TN

Brad Evans - January 26, 2012 at 07:03 AM



“ *When I think of Jim, I always remember how happy he was always, and how much he enjoyed life and his family in Florida.*

Norbert Young - January 25, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Thomas Takach.*



January 25, 2012 at 08:25 AM

MC

“ *Mark & Laurie Calabrese purchased the Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet for the family of James Thomas Takach.*



Mark & Laurie Calabrese - January 24, 2012 at 02:24 PM

MC

“ *Laurie and I share in your grief and will be there every step of the way as you have been for us.*

Mark Calabrese - January 24, 2012 at 02:13 PM

TM

“ *Jim was a great guy. Very friendly with a great personality. Lost touch for years but my guess is he never changed. I am sure he will keep God busy for a long time. My sympathy to the family. Tom Meehan '59 ----- south pasadena, fl.*

Thomas W. Meehan - January 23, 2012 at 12:02 PM

AS

“ *Dear Takach Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that "the God of all comfort" be with you during this difficult time and that His trustworthy promises fill you with hope until you can be reunited. I found the following scriptures to be of special comfort, and hope you will too: 2 Corinthians 1:3, Acts 24:15; Isaiah 25:8,26:19; Revelation 21:4.*

Amber Wilson, Winter Springs - January 23, 2012 at 09:19 AM



“ Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Thomas Takach.



January 23, 2012 at 07:27 AM



“ Mark, we were so saddened to learn of the loss of your beloved father. We remember the night that you and your father were having a "family night out" on the same night our water failed... and you both dropped what you were doing and came to our rescue! We know your father was your hero. He always will be -- just from a different place now. Wishing you and your family peace... Rosemary & Ali Steinbach

Rosemary Steinbach - January 22, 2012 at 07:50 PM



“ Mr. Takach was my best friend's dad. He was 'always there' for her and brought much love and laughter to so many people. I am so very sorry he is gone so soon! My love to all of his many family and friends.

Coleen Booker and family (Dave, Robert, Michael, and Kevin)

Coleen Booker - January 22, 2012 at 03:31 PM



“ Jim & I were high school friends. He played football & was one of the nicest, friendliest guys in our class. Since our class was small we were all like family. Jim will be remembered fondly.
Charlotte (Murphy) Collins

Charlotte Murphy Collins - January 22, 2012 at 01:43 PM

JP

“ Dear Karen and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about Jim's passing My deepest sympathy to You and the Family, You are in my prayers. Jim and I grew up together and went to school all 12 years We talked and e-mailed each other for the last several years I know he is in heaven now with no pain and suffering. I wish I could be there i can't make the trip at this time.

Joe Presta

Joe Presta - January 22, 2012 at 11:18 AM

DN

Karen and Jim became our neighbors in Winter Springs 7 years ago. They soon became the best neighbors we have ever lived beside. Jim will be sadly missed, he was a good man with a big heart and concern for all. Jim would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. The world was a better place having Jim in it and there will be a void in everyone's life who knew Jim. Our heart goes out to Karen and family. Our family grieves with the Takach family. Patty, David, Nicole, Ally and Adam Novak.

David Novak. - January 22, 2012 at 05:33 PM

JB

Dear Tahach Family: We were so sorry to hear about Jim. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers and that we are praying that you all are doing as well as can be expected during this trying time.

The Sheets Family

John, Dave, Tim, Kathy and Barbara - January 23, 2012 at 01:52 PM

MM

Jim Takach was a mighty football player. It was said that once he got up some speed, you did not want to get in front of him. He had a winning smile and I can still see him in the halls of old Fenwick High. I send prayers and sympathy to his family for this sudden loss.

M. Lisy Meyers, North Haverhill, NH

Mary Lisy Meyers - January 23, 2012 at 03:40 PM

HL

Was so surprised to read of Jim's death in the morning paper. I had no idea that he lived so close to us and our paths never crossed. Our sympathy to his family - he was a great guy. I knew him from high school in Middletown, OH.

Helen Fiessinger Lampke

Helen Fiessinge Lampke - January 23, 2012 at 03:54 PM