



James Cornwell

April 5, 1943 - October 4, 2022

SHIRLEY : James Robert Cornwell, 79, passed away peacefully at Nashoba Valley Medical Center on Tuesday, October 4 after many years of fighting heart disease.

His wife Pat, who passed before him in 2009, was waiting for him with her dancing shoes on when he left here for his next life.

Jim, the oldest of three children, was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania to James and Stella (Martyna) Cornwell.

Being an army brat, he was lucky enough to travel the world and would love to tell stories of the various places that he had lived through the years. When his dad was stationed at Fort Devens, it became Jim's forever home. He also found the love of his life here. Jim and Pat were married on February 26, 1966 at Chapel Two in Fort Devens.

Jim was very active in the community, for years he coached softball, was on the recreation committee and served on the School Committee for LAW in Shirley. He worked various jobs through the years from bill collector and truck driver to packaging and finally machine builder. His job as Dad and especially Bapa, was where he excelled and did his best. You would always find Jim and

Pat on the dance floor at any function. He was a lifelong Elvis fan, loved his mustangs, the Yankees and his Green Bay Packers. He took pride in always being a sharp dressed man with his suit and ties always so well put together, this earned him the Dapper Dan nickname at church.

Jim is survived by his three children all of Shirley, Cheri Cornwell, Rob Cornwell and his girlfriend Cheryl and Jessica Filz and her husband Kevin. He is also leaving behind his two favorite people in the whole world, his grandsons; Christopher Filz and Hunter Filz both of Shirley. He is also survived by his nieces Cristie Downing, her husband Chip and their kids, Derek Spaulding, his wife Amy and their boys and Sasha Blevins and her boys. His sisters Patty and Carol, niece Sandi Kuss, her husband David and son, his nephew Ernie, his wife Yvonne and their two boys all of South Carolina. His sister in laws, Michele Spaulding and Susanne Kiriatty. He was predeceased by his nephew Billy Byrne of South Carolina and brother in law Peter Goggins of Massachusetts. He also leaves behind two of the best friends a guy could ask for, Stan Kerr of Florida and Roger McPadden of Ayer.

We would like to thank all of the staff at Bayada Home Health care, especially Kyle, Meaghan, Kristie, Paula and Christian. He enjoyed his time with each of you so much. We would also like to thank the staff at Nashoba Valley Medical Center for their care throughout all the years.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Friday, October 14,2022 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

. Memorial contributions may be made to the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy 235 Orleans Road Chatham, MA 02650 to help continue

Hunter's fundraising efforts that he was so incredibly proud of.

To view a recording of Jim's Funeral Mass, please click the following link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/james-cornwell-2022>

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

TC

“ To the Cornwell Family: Please accept my deepest sympathy. Jim was a class act! Always a gentleman. I enjoyed working with him for a time and we shared many laughs. My fondest memory was being invited to his Friday night card games. I guess I had beginner's luck and my friend and I won the "kitty". Much to Jim's chagrin, we left so could go out. " You're supposed to put your winnings back into the pot". May love and light guide you through this time. Rest in peace my friend..

~ Tobe Conway, Groton, MA

Tobe Conway - November 01, 2022 at 01:02 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss! I had the pleasure of knowing your Mom and Dad for most of my life growing up in Shirley. I also worked with Jim at the Horn Corp in Ayer. He always had a smile on his face and time to talk about..well anything and everything!
Always liked seeing him at the St Anthony's Bazaar- he was the reason I went there when I was older and no longer living in Shirley!
Jim will be missed by many and we are all lucky to have had him touch our lives.

Laurie Maroni MacDonald - October 13, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James Cornwell.



October 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM

SM

“ *Cheri, Rob, Jess & Family,*

We are so sorry to hear the passing of your father. He was liked by all and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this very sad time...R.I.P. Jim

*Love,
The Mauro Family/Tiny's Restaurant*

Sharon Mauro - October 12, 2022 at 07:14 PM

TR

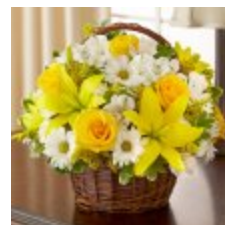
“ *The Mauro Family/Tiny's Restaurant purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of James Cornwell.*



The Mauro Family/Tiny's Restaurant - October 12, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of James Cornwell.*



October 12, 2022 at 07:13 AM

TW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Family. I knew Mr Cornwell growing up in Shirley as I went to school with his son Rob. Later as an Adult I would run into him and Pat at the fair at the Templeton developmental school every year. He and his Family we're always friendly to me. He will be missed. Tim Welton

Tim Welton - October 09, 2022 at 09:58 PM

DL

“ Rob, Cherie and Jessica my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I'll always remember your Dad for his competitive spirit.

David A Lambert - October 08, 2022 at 04:12 PM

PA

“ Jess, so sorry. Thinking and praying for you all at this time. Many happy memories of Jim.

Pat Arsenault - October 06, 2022 at 11:04 PM

PA

“ Pat Arsenault lit a candle in memory of James Cornwell



Pat Arsenault - October 06, 2022 at 11:01 PM

NT

“ Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of James Cornwell



Nancy Tarbell - October 06, 2022 at 10:02 PM

BK

“ Heartfelt condolences to you and your family in this sad loss. Jim was such a nice man- we had fun at Halloween party's in Salem. May he R.I.P. 🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Knowles - October 06, 2022 at 06:44 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great man who influenced countless lives. ...he will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Cornwell family. Hugs - Kerry Cooper

Kerry Cooper - October 06, 2022 at 08:20 AM

JM

“ Don and I are so sorry to hear about your Dad, Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.
Don & Jackie Maki

Jacqueline Maki - October 06, 2022 at 05:58 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of James Cornwell.



October 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM

TD

“ Cheri, Robbie, Jess, Kevin, Christopher & Hunter-

Jim will be missed by many; our family being one of the many.

He fought until the very end and was most recently able to witness memorable milestones when it came to his grandsons; Christopher's graduation and Hunter's 10th Birthday. We all wish we would have had more time with him, but he is now in a better place, free of all ailments and with Pat, of course.

Our family will cherish the many years of memories we have with all of you - especially with our parents. Christmas Eve's, family events, countless weekend nights of coffee, cigarettes, and TV until 11pm between the four of our parents... well really three because Rog couldn't keep his eyes open - while us kids ran around! Lending support when life was worth celebrating, and when it was not, fighting like cats and dogs; like family members do, and mostly, all the dances that were left on the dance floor - mainly by our parents, but they have instilled the love for dance in all of us... we're the lucky ones.

My personal memories of Jim that I will remember as a kid will be of him and your Mother taking us kids to the 4th of July parades and treating us to McDonald's before hand, our annual Christmas Advent calendars, the many car rides with the Veteran's poppies attached to their car dash or rear view mirror that never moved, and the day I got to go to work with him at Shanklin's... so cool! (Traci)

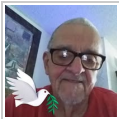
Our families are fortunate that our parents had one another, leaving behind us kids who too, will continue to have one another. We are here for all of you, and always will be. Here's to making memories, sharing the fond ones while laughing or crying, ripping up the dance floor, and many more shots of Amaretto!

We Love You Jim!

The McPadden Family



Traci Donell - October 05, 2022 at 12:46 PM



Gail & I pass our condolences to the Cornwel family. Always remember dancing at the Rotor Club on Saturday nights. Elvis just left the house. RIP Jim

Albert Wendling - October 07, 2022 at 08:31 AM

TM

Matt and I are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We only got to know him a little, in the last 10 years or so, when he ushered at St. A's with Matt and when we'd see him at Bowers Brook where my mom also lived. We saw him less as his health declined the last few years, but we will remember there were almost always laughs in the short conversations we had. Sympathies to Robbie and the whole family.
Theresa & Matt Richards

Theresa & Matt - October 11, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Cornwell.*



October 05, 2022 at 11:55 AM