



James Allen Staub

April 12, 1943 - October 25, 2023

James A. Staub, 80, passed away on October 25th, 2023, in his home in Vancouver, WA in the company of his loving wife. He was born in Somerset, PA on April 12th, 1943, to Karl and Margaret "Peggy" Staub.

In his 80 years, Jim had a vast number of experiences. As a child, Jim loved to get up to shenanigans in his small town. Some of his favorite memories included sledding in the snow, playing high school football, and celebrating Christmas by making sand tart cookies. Jim grew up with his sister, Pat Rosania, and continued to have a strong relationship with her the rest of his life. Jim obtained a bachelor's degree in Sociology at West Virginia University then proceeded to serve in the Army as a First Lieutenant. It would be easier to list the jobs Jim hasn't had. His career highlights include being a salesman for Pepsi and Vice President of Marketing at Standard Bag Manufacturing. He was so good at his job, he got pulled back from retirement twice. His work took him to over 17 countries and across the United States. In his retirement, Jim continued to cook, spend time with his friends and family, and play with his dog Charlie.

Jim met the love of his life, Alina, while working in Miami. He managed to charm her and gain the approval of her Cuban family. They always love to compare the beginning of their relationship to the movie My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Jim and Alina were married on August 17th, 1985. They were married 38 years, and even in death their love continues to be palpable. Jim and Alina had a strong and loving relationship. He was her best friend and

rock, and despite a 17-year age gap, he brought so much life, humor, and spunk into their relationship. They had a daughter, Melinda, whom he was very proud of and loved very much. They talked daily and he loved to boast about her and her fiancé's, Elijah, medical careers. There are no words to describe how heartbreaking it is that he will not be able to attend her graduation and wedding in May 2024. Jim was very excited to present his daughter at the wedding and although he has passed, you bet he will make sure his spirit will be present.

Jim has two daughters from a previous marriage - Ingrid and Josie. He loved them deeply and couldn't be happier when he was able to spend time with them and his granddaughters Sophie, Gabby, and Caroline. Jim was also the "American Dad" to Connie Terpening. He and Alina took her in when she moved from China in 1994. For all intents and purposes, Jim considered Connie his daughter and her daughter, Alex, his granddaughter.

Anyone who knew Jim will agree that he was profoundly kind. Jim was a friend to all and always took time to make sure those around him were taken care of. Jim was the hardest worker and had an abundance of strength. He persevered through almost a decade of heart issues and cancer. Jim had a close connection with God and was a man of faith his entire life.

Although his death was unexpected, he spent his last days happy and would appreciate that it happened quickly. Jim took each day as a blessing, and we are blessed for each day we were able to spend with him. Jim was a truly good man and incredible father, husband, brother, and friend - he will be missed by all. We are deeply saddened by this profound loss. We will be holding memorial services at Lutheran churches in Vancouver, Boston, and Miami so that all loved ones have a chance to say goodbye. Please reach out with any updated contact information for more details to follow.

We greatly appreciate everyone's support, kind words, and prayers during this difficult time. We implore you to honor Jim's memory by performing an act of kindness, taking a little extra time to talk to your loved ones, or indulging in a sweet treat.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

EF

“ *Coming to love Melinda is always closely followed by loving her parents. I may have had the added hurdle of being the boy brought home by their precious, only daughter, but meeting in person for the first time it felt like Jim already knew me. Of course, this was probably because Melinda and her parents keep each other in tune with all the going-ons on a very regular basis and any sweet gesture or airheaded mistake on my end made it to them very quickly. Jim's kindness cannot be overstated: being folded into this family I only saw more examples of the lives he touched with his care for others. A wonderful example of this care is Jim's love of all things cooking or baking. As has already been mentioned, Jim was happy to serve others and ensure they weren't wanting for anything from casual snacks to full-course meals. He put-together a wonderful binder of his and Melinda's favorite recipes that he sent to Melinda and I in St. Louis so we could have a taste of home too. And it's probably no surprise that when I asked Jim for his blessing to beg Melinda for her hand in marriage, we were baking a cake together. These examples were all in the context of a man fighting multiple health battles but never letting these struggles influence the way he treated others. And I hope to be the husband to Melinda that can replicate both the quiet strength and servant's heart that Jim showed me so clearly upon every interaction.*

Elijah Farrales - November 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ We have been blessed to come to know Melinda and her family in the past several years. She often spoke fondly of her father and their relationship together. When visiting, Jim's kindness and thoughtfulness permeated their home - from his concern that everyone always had enough to eat and his appreciation of marionberries to his willingness to share the stories of his life and his deep love for his family and dog Charlie. He was always intent to listen and quick to laugh. Having spent time with them, it is clear that the generosity and kindness of Jim and Alina shines through in Melinda and that his legacy will continue to live on in those he loved.

Jeri Oranski & Kevin Yin - November 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so thankful that Melinda and Elijah arranged for us to meet Jim and Alina this past March. Jim was so kind, easy to talk to and clearly a beloved man. While we sat watching Melinda and Elijah play volleyball together Jim would share about all the things he got to watch Melinda do as a young girl and he just had this adoring, loved filled joy shining from his eyes and smile. He will be missed tremendously but I know the beauty and care that he cultivated in this life will be treasured by all the lives he touched. Love, Mel & Jacinda Farrales (future in-laws)

Jacinda Farrales - November 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Much love, Mel and Jacinda Farrales



Anonymous - November 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ From the day I met Melinda, it was evident how kind and generous her parents were, helping us move into our new apartment, and making sure we both had anything we needed, despite having just met me. It did not take long to see how close Melinda was with her dad. She always spoke about the time she spent with him when she went home, their holiday traditions, his sense of humor, and the way he pampered Charlie. When we visited Vancouver last summer, Jim was incredibly thoughtful and kind, making sure there were snacks to fit everyone's taste, preparing breakfast every morning, and making sure we were each set for the day. He spent time with us in the evenings, listening while we rambled about random stories, making jokes while we unpacked our shopping bags, and watching bad reality tv with us while making the most amusing commentary. I am glad to have gotten to spend time with him and to have gotten to know how considerate and kindhearted he was.

Lili Barbar - November 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Melinda and I met in swimming classes when we were really young, and became best friends, sisters. Our lives became so intertwined we started calling each other's parents e-mommy and e-daddy, for extra mom and dad. Jim has been my e-dad as far back as my memory goes, and I am a better person for knowing him. There are so many memories to choose from, but each are laced with the the love, safety, and security that he gave us. Melinda and I took any opportunity to scare him, whether we purposely set off the house alarm when he didn't realize we were in the house, or jumping out from our hiding spot in the pantry while he was mid-cooking another incredible meal for us. He would always jump, shout "GIRLS", and then fall into a fit of laughter with us.

E-daddy, may you rest in peace. I'll keep watch over our favorite girls for you, always.

Ciara Frowick - November 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Anyone who knows Melinda also knows how close she is to her parents, updating them daily on the fun and stress of being a medical student far from home. As her friend and classmate, I always admired the relationship between her and Jim. There was so much love and trust, I was looking forward to meeting him and Alina when they came to visit St. Louis for the first time. From the beginning, I felt so at home with both Alina and Jim. Earlier this year I was able to stay with both of them in Vancouver during our summer break. Jim was so excited for us to come and stocked the fridge and pantry with all sorts of goodies, making sure our group of vegetarians and food allergies would have plenty to eat. He wanted everyone around him to enjoy themselves to the fullest, and then he would sit back and listen as we updated him and Alina on all our drama and lives. Jim, while quiet, has such a sharp sense of humor and would frequently make me burst out into laughter with sly comments during stories or while watching reality TV. I'm so grateful I was able to spend some time with him, and will always remember how he treated everyone he met with love and respect.

Sneha Chaturvedi - November 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ From the very first time I met Melinda and her family at Amerigo's the night before we moved into our college dorm, it was clear that her parents would become my parents too. We spent that first night at dinner getting to know each other, and what was initially such a scary evening ended up being amazing. Alina (mom) and Jimberly (as I started calling him randomly) were always so sweet and caring. It was very clear how much he loved Melinda and mom--so much that he called each of them Melina on move-in day. It was clear they were both always on his mind. I remember when I went to visit their home in Vancouver after my sophomore year of college. Every morning when we woke up he already had coffee and breakfast ready for us, and was so excited to hear about what Melinda planned for us to do that day. And of course, he was already asking what we wanted to eat for lunch or dinner when we got back. In true Tiffany Melinda fashion, we repaid him by getting suggestively shaped donuts from Voodoo donuts and leaving them on the kitchen table to which he opened the box and said "really...". Melinda and I could not stop laughing. The love and kindness from this family radiated off of each one of them. I am so deeply saddened by this sudden loss, and my heart goes out to Mom and Melinda. Melinda, I wish I could be there for you to cuddle you like we would when things got hard in college. I know how much you loved your dad, and it was so clear he loved you even more. He will always be with you. So much love XOXO The Shields' Family

Tiffany Shields - November 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Uncle Jim was my only uncle and Karen and I were blessed to have him in our lives. We will never forget his sense of humor and eternal optimism, and I am sure he is brightening the days of other kind souls in heaven. One of many fond memories was an Alaskan cruise we all enjoyed in 2013 for my parent's 50th wedding anniversary. Jim's spirit will forever be with us.

Rick and Karen - November 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *James Allen Staub*

Alina Staub - November 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*



Anonymous - November 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As I was mesmerizing about our lives together, the wedding song (I pledge my love to you) that you chose for us keeps playing in my head over and over. it's being over a week since your passing and still unreal. Thank you for your love and the wonderful life together! 💔 I will keep my promises to support and watch over our daughter Melinda until you and I are reunited and dance again in heavens. You will be with me everyday for the rest of my life. Te amo ❤️❤️*

Alina Staub - November 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Anonymous - November 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We were heartbroken to hear about Jim-Uncle Jim was such a special caring ,loving person .Although we didn't have a lot of time together - we will always remember the family times and cherish those memories . Uncle Jim in all of our family conversations was full of fun, laughter and joy. We will all miss him❤️ Tami and Mike Prentis

Tami Prentis - November 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ All my memories of Tio are fond memories. Every time I think of Tio, I remember the times he used to play with me outside, tossing the football in the backyard at their place in Aloha, Oregon. He was always very energetic and excited to play outside with me. I also remember the time he took us to see Mt. Hood. That was the first time I saw snow and played in it. I will miss him dearly, but I will hold on to all the fond memories I had with him and Tita.

Love you Tio and you will always be remembered,

Ralphie Cossio

Ralph Cossio - November 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ My family had the once in a lifetime, pleasure of being neighbors with Jim Staub. Eventually the Staub's moved to Vancouver and we moved out to Helvetia but when we look back on our time in that neighborhood, the best memories are with the Staub's. Jim was like a second father to our kids, especially Maile. When they moved to Vancouver we all cried, but Jim and Maile figured out that if Maile road home with Jim on Fridays, Jim could drive in the commuter lane and Maile could see Melinda. They shared many long commutes together and Maile enjoyed time with Jim. She called him 2 nd daddy.

We enjoyed many wonderful impromptu encounters with Jim as our neighbor, all of which were positive. Jim was always proper but never stuffy. He was the perfect balance of traditional yet fun. He would do anything for the pleasure and happiness of his loved ones. Many times he endured all kinds of shenanigans with the girls and he always played along and smiled. Jim was warm and kind. He was an excellent host and loved to cook. We enjoyed super bowl at Jim's and seeing what recipe he was going to surprise us with. He enjoyed blessing others with his hard work. Jim was a natural servant to his community, and anyone in his sphere would benefit from knowing him. We feel absolutely blessed to have known Jim Staub and we know he will be waiting to greet us when we join him in Heaven one day.

Much love, The Kams

Terri Kam - November 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I have spent a lot of time thinking about my friend Jim since learning of his passing. I met Jim when our daughters began kindergarten together, and thus began a decades long friendship. We shared family vacations, birthdays, and holidays, and I felt lucky to be a part of Jim and Alina's unofficial extended family.

There is no single memory of Jim that illustrates just how amazing he was, and what his friendship meant to me. I guess above all I think of him as a complete person. He lived for his family. He moved to Vancouver to give his daughter a better education, and then commuted for hours back to Hillsborough for two decades. He made amazing meals, and cooked all the food at his and Alina's famous super bowl parties. He was unfailing kind, and considerate. For me he was a great example of how to live a successful and full life. He was always there for me when I went through tough times, and always ready to have fun, like on a beach in Cabo where he and Alina surprised me with drink service we still laugh about.

I will miss Jim greatly. However, I have many memories of him that comfort and guide me in his absence. If I can live a life half as full and successful as my friend Jim I will count myself lucky.

Jeff Bingham - November 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ One of my favorite, most recent memories with Uncle Jim was in the Pacific Northwest in September 2020. My friend Matt and I spent a week in the area and during our visit to Portland, Aunt Alina and Uncle Jim were so hospitable. We had such full, memorable days together visiting Canon Beach and the Columbia River Gorge. We enjoyed a nostalgic meal together at the Old Spaghetti Factory and ended the evening with a surprise... the Darcelle Drag Show! Pretty sure I bought Uncle Jim and Aunt Alina some cocktails as a thank you. I'll never forget this day and am so grateful for this special adult time spent together. Love, Nicole

Nicole Rosania - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Jim was my American dad. I came to the country in my early 20s. Jim and Alina took me in and I stayed with them until I had enough work history and saved enough money to rent my own apartment. Not only didn't they ask for anything in return, they also treated me as a family. Jim and Alina paid for my wedding. When I was getting my online accounting degree, Jim was the monitor so that I could take tests for online classes (this is how it was done 30 years ago). He encouraged me throughout graduate school. I have spent every Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday with Jim and Alina. So for me, Jim was my dad in every way. He is missed everyday! But for me, he isn't really gone. He will be with me all the time. My way of thinking is influenced by his way of thinking. My way of living is influenced by the way he lived. Even my way of cleaning is influenced by Jim because he made me homemade mops. I use them to clean my floors. We will pay respect to Jim by being a good person, as good as he was. We will make Jim proud by being strong, to love and support those around us. We will make Jim happy by living the best and happiest life we can.

Connie Terpening - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Jim was everything warm. He made everyone feel loved and listened to. He cooked for my family, took us to dinner, came over to bbqs, and my son called him Grandpa without prompting. He was a sweet man, full of wisdom and the best advice. Logical, but fun. I'll miss him for us, but especially for Alina, who I consider a best friend. He loved her in the most special way. They were an amazing example of love and a healthy marriage. We will never forget the wonderful memories.

Allison Teveldahl - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ It is very difficult to accept not seeing you, in my difficult moments you were there for me, your advice, your unconditional support and your love for my children and my family, you smiled at my craziness and antics, I miss you so much Jimbo. and you will always be there in my heart.

CristinaCamara

Cristina Camara - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I will miss Jim sorely. Although we always lived many miles apart after leaving our home in Somerset, we remained close, by weekly phone calls mostly after our mother passed away in 1996. As there was a 4 1/2- year difference in our ages, we were not especially interested in each other's activities and interests during our school years in Somerset. As Jim was an excellent cook, we often exchanged recipes and especially food items from our "PA Dutch" and German heritage. He was such a loving husband, father, and a loyal brother and friend to so many.

Patricia Staub Rosania - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ I met Jim in 2008, when he hired me as a salesman for WesTx packaging. Over the years of working together and traveling all over, I have lots of great memories of him. Jim was a great friend and had a huge heart. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Such a profound love for his family. I am blessed to have known him and to have spent time with him

Willis Lofton - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Words will not be able to express our feelings when we think of or talk about Jim Staub, a great and humble man whose nature was serving and helping others. We are all grateful for having had Jim in our lives. Personally, I will always thank Jim for all the love he offered my family and me. When we visited his house, he was always willing to give us more than he had. He took time to show us around and to create experiences with us. His barbecue cooking was delicious as well as his cookies and cakes, specially those he always shared in Christmas. His laughter was unique! It still sounds in my mind as a wonderful tune of joy.
We will always remember Jim. In fact, he will always be with us.
Thank you, Jim, for all you gave each and every one of us.

Alain Leon Sanchez - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your body is gone but you will never leave my heart. Thank you brother for your beautiful memories, I close my eyes and see you smiling. Someday we will meet again while I still love you from here
I love you my Jimbo
Cristina Cámara 💔

Cristina Cámara - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *James Allen Staub*

Cristina Cámara - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for James Allen Staub - October 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM