



## James Russell Davey

October 22, 1960 - June 29, 2020

Frisco, Texas – James Russell Davey, Age 59 passed away on June 29, 2020 after a difficult battle with cancer. Born in Albany, he was the cherished son of the late Joan and Daniel Davey and the beloved brother to Bob (Patty Edwards).

Jim was in the first graduation class from Bishop Maginn, completed his undergraduate study at Siena College (Class of 1982) and received his Masters Degree from The State University at Albany.

After completing his study at UAlbany, Jim started a very successful 30+ year career at AT&T in New Jersey. His tenure began at AT&T Computer Systems, moved throughout Consumer, Strategy & Business Development, Mobility, Enterprise Network Services and most recently in the Dallas Corporate Headquarters where he led Product and Marketing for Legacy Products.

Jim valued what he accomplished professionally but what he truly enjoyed was the people he worked with, the colleagues he mentored and the friendships that came from working with great people.

Jim was an avid traveler, appreciated a fine bottle of wine and a voracious reader of many different subjects. His favorite pastime was sports. He participated in fantasy baseball games, could hit a jump shot for three and had mean topspin forehand. His passion for the Mets was legendary. One of Jim's last trips was a weekend in Cincinnati with his brother to make sure he got to see Jacob deGrom from behind home plate. He adopted a new team when his sons both attended SMU. As a season ticketholder, he developed a real passion for Mustang basketball. Jim also followed the Siena Saints, even if it was from afar. He would never pass up an opportunity to chat about baseball or college basketball.

Jim is survived by his two beloved sons Scott and Jeff, his stepdaughter Dorothy and their mom, Janice. He lived long enough to see his oldest son Scott graduate from SMU and start his career. Jeff his younger son will graduate from SMU in December with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Anyone that got to know Jim, pretty much knew him forever, as he always stayed in touch and truly enjoyed their company. We will all miss him forever.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 10:00a.m. (Eastern Time) in St Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY. Please enter only through the main doors; masks and social distancing are required. Church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and answer questions. Please try to arrive before 9:45a.m. For those that cannot attend in person the Mass will be available via streaming at [stpiusxloudonville.org/archived-videos/](http://stpiusxloudonville.org/archived-videos/) after 11:00 am Eastern Time.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Mass, in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Colonie, NY. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Jim's love of education and sports, donations may be made to Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

Online contributions can be made at [Siena.edu/alumni-and-friends/giving](http://Siena.edu/alumni-and-friends/giving). The family will match any personal contributions.

The family will plan a future celebration to unveil his grave marker when the virus allows.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit <http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com>



# Comments

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“ I am so shocked by Jim's passing. We lost touch many years ago but my memories of Jim are quite fond. We worked together at Bell Labs in the mid-1980s. But it wasn't the working relationship that was cherished. We lived in the same apartment complex and we played many, many sets of tennis together. We were so competitive and it was so fun playing with him. We also got out to the U.S. Open a couple of times. I remember his love of the Mets and remember sitting with him watching the game where the ball rolled between Bill Buckner's legs, game 6 of the 1986 World Series. He was elated! Workwise, he was brilliant and insightful in all he did. I also remember his fun-loving humor. I offer my condolences to the family and feel awful that it has taken me a year to even know this. RIP Jim.

**Michael Shilling** - July 08 at 02:55 PM

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“ Jim was a character - knew how to take a rather innocuous situation and share a laugh; a great person; a great family man; and undeniably brilliant. I lost touch with Jim in the years after AT&T (who can forget AT&T's foray in to local? - yes Dallas}, at Cisco Systems. I wanted to reach out and share the latest non-sensical technology {a bust} and uncovered that he had sadly passed. Wow -- new tech is sorely going to miss Jim. My best to his family.



**Jen G** - March 29 at 12:34 PM

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“ I did not get to know Jim very well, even so, in our interactions at work he was always friendly and welcoming (never too busy to say "good morning"). I was saddened to read of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

**Rick Byarley** - August 25, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I worked with him at AT&T Consumer Products and sat next to Janice when they started dating. He was a great person and all of his co-workers loved him. My sincerest condolences to his entire family.

Rita Soisson

Rita H. Soisson - July 17, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ Bob,  
Sending my deepest sympathies on the loss of your little brother.  
Sue Malinowski Catroppa

Sue Catroppa - July 15, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ I had the good fortune to have Jim's friendship over many years, and I will always treasure the time we spent. May the memory of Jim's smile and laugh live on in all of us. God Bless Jim and his family.

Joe Speeney

Joe Speeney - July 15, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ When I close my eyes and think of Jim and how I want to remember him, I think of the poem, The Dash by Linda Ellis. We all have a beginning date and ending date to signify our time on earth, but it's the dash between the dates that represents all the time we spend alive on earth and how only those who loved him know what that little line is worth... Jim's dash is a remarkable legacy to a man who lived well, lived honestly, lived with gusto and embraced life to the fullest. His contribution will be remembered by those who loved him for a long, long, time. I was not able to attend the funeral of my cousin Jim due to a virus currently plaguing the earth, but I've had time to pray and think about my dear cousin Jim, and all that he endured at the end of his life which was so very difficult. We texted a bit before he was no longer able to and his message of warmth back to me gave me peace even though I knew he was suffering. My intention was to provide him some peace... but he gave me peace instead with his words. He had that gift of expressing himself that brought joy to every situation. What a beautiful soul. I'm so sorry that he is gone and weep for his sons and brother whom he left way too soon. With much love, Cousin I say goodbye, until we meet again.

Kathryn Clouter - July 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM

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“ Good and valued friends are a gift that I truly treasure. Since our shared days at AT&T, Jim and I developed a treasured friendship that I am already missing. His character, intelligence, integrity and warmth are the traits that many of us hope for, but rarely truly reach.

I miss you my friend and I offer my condolences and sympathies to your sons, with whom you truly found such joy and pride, and the remainder of your family and friends.

Rest in Peace my friend!

Michael Keith - July 13, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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“ Judy Jazz lit a candle in memory of James Russell Davey



Judy Jazz - July 13, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ My cousin Jim was a wonderfully kind person who was one of life's true treasures. The world could certainly use more men like Jim in it. He will be greatly missed. I am without words at his untimely loss.

**Judy Jazz** - July 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ I have known Jim since 1995 when he was my manager at AT&T. I worked for him twice in fact. He became a dear friend and mentor. He was one of the smartest people I know and so clever and funny. He never missed wishing me a happy birthday in over 20 years. I always looked forward to that phone call when he reminded me that he was younger than me by 4 months. I was so sad when he and his family moved to Texas, but we still managed to stay in touch. I know he really liked it there so I was happy for him. To the entire family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. He spoke so highly of all of you always. He was such a great man and friend. I will miss him greatly. RIP Jim.

Dana Motyl

**Dana Motyl** - July 12, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Sad news-while I haven't seen Jim since our graduation from Magnin and Siena, I do have fond memories of playing basketball with him and Susie Flanders. He was a kind person who was fun to pal around with. I was honored to know him

**Roxanne Lowenguth** - July 12, 2020 at 06:16 PM

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“ I was a high school classmate of Jim's and had a lot of fun working with him at Shoe Town in Albany way back when we were young. My condolences to his family and to all who loved and knew him.

**Jim Interlicchio** - July 12, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ My condolences- Jimmy was a great guy - smart, fun and caring- May his memory be a blessing

**benita zahn** - July 12, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Jim at AT&T for many years. He was a joy to work with – always a gentleman and highly knowledgeable. He was the best mentor of young talent that I have encountered. He was the spark-plug that got people together for lunches and after-work socials.

We shared a fervor for college basketball and professional baseball. Although we followed different teams, he was always eager to make sure I knew what the Mets and the SMU Mustangs were up to.

I enjoyed following the progress of his boys as they made the big move to Texas and worked their ways through SMU. Oftentimes, our children have little sense of their parents' professional reputations. They should know that Jim had a sterling reputation at AT&T, and had a knack for evolving working relationships into genuine friendships. I'll miss him.

Dale McHenry  
Dallas, TX

**Dale McHenry** - July 10, 2020 at 10:15 PM