



James David Converse

December 3, 1944 - April 20, 2024

Jim Converse, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 79 in Cary, North Carolina, after a three-year health struggle. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

At the age of 21, Jim married the love of his life, Sandy, with whom he shared 58 years of unwavering love and devotion. Together, they built a life filled with joy, laughter, and countless shared adventures. Sandy was not only his wife but also his partner in every sense of the word, and their bond was a shining example of true love.

Jim was a proud father to his daughter, Carri Bojara, and son, Bradley Converse. He cherished every moment spent with them, guiding and supporting them through life's many milestones. His love knew no bounds, and his children will forever be grateful for the wisdom, guidance, and unconditional love he bestowed upon them.

As a grandfather to Chase Bojara, Jim found immeasurable joy in watching his grandson grow up and was delighted by the man he has become. He treasured their time together, creating cherished memories that Chase will carry with him always.

In addition to his immediate family, Jim is survived by his sister, Betty Jean Lasbury, of Kokomo, Indiana, along with eight nephews, one niece, and countless friends who were like family to him. His kindness, compassion, and

unwavering friendship touched the lives of all who knew him, leaving a lasting impression that will never be forgotten.

Jim was a 1967 cum laude graduate of the University of Cincinnati (member of Sigma Iota Epsilon and Beta Gamma Sigma honorary fraternities) and spent 30 years working for the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, in various management positions. One of the highlights of his career was being chosen in 1982 as a member of President Ronald Reagan's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (the Grace Commission).

Jim was active in the Rochester community, volunteering for the Rochester Jaycees (President), Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Bethany Presbyterian Church (Trustee), Summerville Presbyterian Church (Trustee and Treasurer), West Irondequoit PTA (Treasurer), Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and the Rochester Yacht Club (Board of Directors).

He was an avid sailor and golfer, and no one had a prettier lawn than Jim. A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at 2:00 at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, North Carolina. Flowers are being managed by Fallon's Flowers in Raleigh. Anyone wishing to donate in Jim's memory can do so to the Kirk of Kildaire Endowment Fund or to the charity of their choice.

Rest in peace, Jim. You will be forever loved and remembered.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church
200 High Meadow Dr.
Cary, NC 27511

Tribute Wall

SY

“ Steven Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James David Converse.

Steven Y. - May 08, 2024 at 12:03 AM

PE

“ Sandy,
Learned of Jim's passing through Ann Oates and I'm very sorry and sad to hear it. It was my privilege to care for you in Rochester and I have missed you both. Take care.
Peter H Van Brunt

PeterHVanBrunt - May 04, 2024 at 09:40 PM

CT

“ Christian T. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James David Converse.

Christian T. - May 02, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James David Converse.



May 01, 2024 at 03:38 PM

LD

“ Love, Chris and Dawna purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James David Converse.



Love, Chris and Dawna - April 26, 2024 at 03:37 PM

RO

“ We were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. When we moved to Smugglers Lane in Rochester, Jim showed Sam the ropes in regards to the fine art of lawn care. Jim passed the torch to Sam when he and Sandy moved to NC. May he rest in peace. Sam and Rosanne Hodgetts

Rosanne - April 26, 2024 at 01:56 PM

WK

“ We Love you, The Keenans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James David Converse.

We Love you, The Keenans - April 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James David Converse.



April 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM

GI

“ *Sandy and Family, my sincere condolences. Jim was always so welcoming to me and had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed.*

Gina - April 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM