



## James (Jim) Kevin Hart

December 20, 1961 - December 22, 2018

James Kevin Hart, 57, of Cary, died on Saturday, December 22, 2018. Jim was born in Kinston, NC, the son of the late Willie Gardner Hart, Jr. and Mary Frances Howard.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from N.C. State University, leading to a career as a programmer with SAS.

Jim was very active in the fight against pancreatic cancer. He served as the chair of the Raleigh-Durham affiliate of PanCAN, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. He helped to organize several PurpleStride 5Ks and PurpleLight Ceremonies to raise awareness and funds for research of pancreatic cancer, and to honor those who have fought the disease. His PurpleStride team, Jim's Guts and Glory, was among the top fundraising teams for the past four years. He appeared before legislators in Washington DC to raise awareness and funding for research at the federal level. He also authored a pancreatic cancer blog in CaringBridge.

Jim was a proud alumnus of The Governor's School, having served for 20 years on the North Carolina Governor's School Foundation and the Alumni Association. When Jim realized that the State had failed to retain contact information on the thousands of students who have attended Governor's School, he undertook the daunting task of recording the name and address of all alumni. Jim created the original database used by both GSAA and the Foundation. In 2012, he created the scholarship process and chaired the Scholarship Committee for three years. In 2013, Jim designed and

implemented a survey of 750 alumni, that proved instrumental in convincing the legislature to restore funding for the Governor's School. In recognition of his dedication, The Governor's School instituted The Jim Hart Award in 2014, naming him its first recipient.

Bowling was a lifelong passion. Jim rolled a perfect 300 game on November 1, 2012. He was also an avid reader, and was a fan of the sci-fi and fantasy genres.

Jim is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Erin and son Christopher of the home, daughter Shea of Austin, TX, and his brother Chuck of Charlotte, NC. Jim's Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 3008 Old Raleigh Road, Apex. Inurnment will follow in the church's Columbarium. The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Church, and at a reception in the parish Fellowship Hall immediately following inurnment.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family requests memorial contributions to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN), <https://www.pancan.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

## Memorial Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Oh Jim, I just found out you passed away 2 days after your birthday which was the last time I posted to you on FB. I only knew you for 1 yr when we met at COLT but you were such a sweetheart & we jokingly called each other by the wrong name when we did pass each other in the halls. In reading comments from so many of your loved ones, I can see the legacy you left behind. I'm sure you'll continue to watch over them, especially your family - I know that heartache. Rest in peace now my friend (((hugs)))  
Donna Hager, Volunteer for PanCAN

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**Donna Hager** - June 04, 2019 at 01:42 PM

TW

“ Blessings to the entire Hart Family from the Office of the North Carolina Governor's School. We continue to serve children from throughout this state due to Jim's steadfast commitment to this program. In this way and so many others, his presence with us lives on. We will greatly miss him.

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**Tom Winton** - December 27, 2018 at 07:54 AM

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“ Amy lit a candle in memory of James (Jim)  
Kevin Hart



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**amy** - December 26, 2018 at 09:30 PM

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*Nancy, thinking of you and your family during this time. From all of your posts I could tell Jim and you had a wonderful relationship, my heart goes out to you and tour family. Jim was way too young. May you find the strength in know you are loved by so many sisters and friends and family.*

amy - December 26, 2018 at 09:37 PM

RF

“ *Roice Fulton & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James (Jim) Kevin Hart.*



Roice Fulton & Family - December 25, 2018 at 10:30 AM

LS

“ *On behalf of the North Carolina Governor’s School East staff and students, I extend our heartfelt sympathy at Jim’s passing. We are deeply grateful for his many years of passionate work and enthusiastic dedication to the Governor’s School. Jim’s leadership and vision were an inspiration to us all. He will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed. - Laura Sam (GSE Site Director)*

Laura Sam - December 25, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Kevin Hart.*



December 25, 2018 at 05:49 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Kevin Hart.* ”



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December 24, 2018 at 10:17 PM