



James A. Kohlmeyer

June 17, 1944 - January 30, 2007

NEW HARMONY - James "Jim" Allen Kohlmeyer, 62, died Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

He was the owner and editor of The Posey County New since 1982. Prior to purchasing the newspaper, Jim served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1968. In the early 70's, he worked in public relations with USAC overseeing the Marlboro Championship publicity. He was also a part of the entourage that went to Raphael, Argentina for the championship race in 1971. He worked for John Bishop at IMSA (professional sports car governing body) as Director of Public Relations. Before returning to Posey County, he also worked for the Indiana Motor Truck Association. He worked as a sports writer for the Evansville Press after leaving Indianapolis.

He was a member of the Johnson United Methodist Church. He was formerly a member of Caborn United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Republican Party, where he was the former Posey County chairman. He was also a member of American Legion Post 370, Masonic Lodge 632 and VFW Post 6576.

Jim graduated from North Posey High School in 1962. Following high school, he attended Evansville College where he studied journalism and art. He was member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl A. Kohlmeyer, his nephew, Gregory Schmitt his niece, Amy Schmitt, and grandparents, Walter and Matilda Seifert and Alfred and Minnie Kohlmeyer.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Smith Kohlmeyer, mother, Mildred L. Kohlmeyer, sister Melody Schmitt and her husband, Larry, nephew, Michael Schmitt, two step-children, Lori Forrester and her husband Tom, David Patton and his wife Janelle, four grandchildren, Andrew Forrester, Marra, Emily and Darin Patton, several aunts and uncles and his cat, JJ.

He will be remembered by his family and friends as an optimistic, friendly and easy-going loving person that enjoyed life. He knew no strangers and believed he lived in paradise. He was a huge fan of the Evansville Otters and the University of Evansville Purple Aces.

He was a heart transplant recipient in April 2003 and was a donor himself. He was a big advocate for organ donation.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM, Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street in Evansville. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 3 at the Rapp-Owen Granary in New Harmony. Burial will follow at St. Johns Cemetery at Caborn.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to Johnson United Methodist Church, 402 Raintree, New Harmony, IN 47631.

Family and friends unable to attend may leave condolences online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rapp-Owen Granary
New Harmony, IN

Tribute Wall



“ James A. Kohlmeyer

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I'm one of the few left who worked with Jim at USAC. He and I sat right across from one another, sharing a common desk, during the early-1970s when the Indy Cars were called the Marlboro Championship Trail. We worked for a man named Lynn Hendershot, who was confined to a wheelchair. I haven't heard from Lynn in many years. Wish I could find out where he was to tell him about Jim. I have many fond memories of Jim, having just seen him at Tri-State Speedway last August. We'll miss him. God speed.##imported-begin##Dick Jordan##imported-end##

February 03, 2007 at 10:32 PM



“ Dear Donna, our hearts are with you at this time. James will truly be missed. I will remember James as a loving husband and a caring son/brother with a compassionate nature to those he came in contact. We are sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Brad, Linda, Jordyn, Chase, and Madison Kohlmeyer.##imported-begin##Bradford S. Kohlmeyer##imported-end##

February 03, 2007 at 09:45 AM



“ Although we can't be with you, our thoughts are with you. We'll miss that gentle smile.##imported-begin##Donald & Carolyn Stone##imported-end##

February 02, 2007 at 03:42 PM



“ *Newspapers - and their readers - have lost a good and loyal friend. My deepest sympathies on Jim's passing.*

Libby Keeling

North Posey Class of '87##imported-begin##Libby Keeling##imported-end##

February 02, 2007 at 11:16 AM



“ *Dear Kohlmeyer family;
I met Jim on the bus ride to basic training in 1966, we went through basic and our advanced training together. I saw him occasionally over the years; at a race or political event, etc. Always a pleasure to visit with him. I was fortunate to have known him.*

Blessings,

Bob Hill

Greenwood, In##imported-begin##bob hill##imported-end##

February 02, 2007 at 09:30 AM



“ *Donna and family - What a fun friend. We meet in Indianapolis in 1970 and stayed in touch over the years - should have visited more - but that's life. It's great to be able to say and know that at least we new him along the way. Donna will be in touch when we return in Indiana in mid February.##imported-begin##Stu and Marie Grauel##imported-end##*

February 01, 2007 at 02:58 PM



“ Donna:

We are so sorry to hear about Jim. He will be remembered by so many. Both of us are out of town and cannot come to pay our respects; however, we wanted you to know we were thinking of you.

Trent and Beverly##imported-begin##Trent and Beverly VanHaafaten##imported-end##

February 01, 2007 at 02:12 PM



“ Good-bye Old Friend...

*You were there for me...
when I was down & depressed..
when I needed a cheerful & light tone..
when only you would listen to my problems..
when we were both crushed by the demise of a close racing friend..
I am so glad to realize that during the past 10 years, although you struggled with health issues, that you had Donna with you and wonderful support & love from her family. Through my tears as I write this I must smile in remembering your laugh and your friendship.
I will never forget you.*

DW##imported-begin##Dave Wilhoit##imported-end##

February 01, 2007 at 11:54 AM



“ Dear Donna,

I just received the news about Jim. My heart is so sad and so wish I could be there right now to put my arms around you. Know that you are in my prayers that the LORD will comfort you in this time. I look forward to seeing Jim in Heaven and really getting to know him. See you in May - to give you that hug!

Love,

Jeff###imported-begin##Jeff Sparks##imported-end##

February 01, 2007 at 11:37 AM



“ *I first met Jim in Kiwanis. The man I remember was kind and soft spoken, and concerned about the community in which he lived. Jim will always be an important part of our family's history and will be remembered every time we look at our family scrapbook and see the pictures and read the articles about our children and loved ones throughout the years.*

Most precious of all is a picture of my oldest daughter Abbey Jim took on the court house square during a community wide Easter egg hunt. She was about 5 years old at the time. That was nearly 12 years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless!###imported-begin##Andy Weintraut##imported-end##

February 01, 2007 at 10:30 AM