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James (Jim) Arden Wade, 56, of Suwanee, Ga., died on Monday, Dec. 21, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. He lived graciously with it until the very end. In many, many ways, by inspiring and teaching us, he won his battle in other very important ways. He was a wonderful role model right to the end. Jim is survived by his daughter, Logan Wade, of Athens, Ga. and his wife and loving companion, Debra Wade, stepchildren Rachelle Byrd and son-in-law Jason Byrd of Unicoi, Tenn., Jason Elliott of West Palm, Fla., Todd Elliott and daughter-in-law Brooke Elliott of Elizabethton, Tenn. He is also survived by his mother, Nell Wade- Martin, of Germantown, Tenn. and his brother, Ron Wade, and sister-in-law, Christy Wade, of Memphis, Tenn. and their children – his nephew, Daniel Wade, and his wife, Erica Wade, of Little Rock, Ark., and his niece, Anna Bohnett, and her husband, Jeremy Bohnett, of Searcy Ark. Jim was born to the late William (Bill) Wade and Nell Davis on Aug. 6, 1959 in Memphis, Tenn. He enjoyed attending Perimeter Church in Atlanta and graduated Kappa Sigma Kappa from Harding University in 1977, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration. Jim was employed for more than 25 years with SmithKline Beecham-Quest Diagnostics, serving as Vice President Commercial South Region and retiring in 2003. He was an inspiration and mentor to many, approaching life with zest and a sense of humor. Jim had many successes in life but his greatest love was being a father to his beautiful daughter, Logan. During Jim's cancer journey, he heard many life stories of people, recipients, living donors and their families making a difference as donation supporters – one organ donor can save up to 8 lives. At one time, Jim was one of the 122,587 people waiting on an organ. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting you give the gift of love by signing up as an organ, eye and tissue donor in your state at www.organdonor.gov or make a donation to HopeWorks, Inc. to be made in his memory – www.whyhopeworks.org – 1930 Union Ave. Memphis, TN 38104. Receiving friends (visitation) will be held



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Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, December 24, 2015 at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 at 11:30 a.m.



Tribute Wall

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DK

Dawn Kittrell posted:

I had the honor and good fortune to know and work with Jim for several years at SBCL and Quest. He was a great boss, a joy to work with, and someone I am blessed to have known. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed!

January 4 at 12:14 PM

PK

Paul Kasicki posted:

Although I knew Jim for a very short period of time he always made me laugh and also cry. I pray that now he has found the peace he always sought for. My condolences to the entire Wade family and especially for Logan who suffers the greatest loss. Paul Kasicki

December 24 at 9:07 AM

EB

Eleanor C. Brown posted:

A tribute here is given, for Jim Wade: Jim was a very special person in my daughter's life as Logan and Lacey were best of friends from middle school on. It was often that we shared comments and pleasantries as the girls socialized and photographed prior to homecomings, proms and other high school events. His most serious comment came during their senior year as he intimated the girls would be going on to bigger and better things next year! I am so very thankful for the kind heart and humor that Jim has shared with our family. Truly Jim remains close to our hearts, and, Lacey and I will miss him dearly. To Debra, Logan and Wade family, I share deepest condolences and pray for God's comfort and peace as you embrace the infinite love of Jim's life that will be with you always. With Deepest Sympathy, Eleanor C. Brown Atlanta, GA

December 23 at 2:02 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jim Wade.

December 23 at 9:37 AM



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SS

Sharon Sparrow posted:

Jim Wade was my friend and my neighbor. With his wife Debra, they made up one of the close knit families that lives over the shops at Suwanee Town Park. We call ourselves the 'Park Dwellers', and thanks to a large common area in the center of the condos, we often socialized as one big family. We were famous (or infamous) for our informal gatherings, often anchored by Jim and Debra and their energetic Golden Retriever, Piper. First, Jim would come out to catch some sunshine with Piper. Then in ones and twos, neighbors would pull up chairs and fetch glasses of wine as Jim regaled us with tales of travels and concerts he and Debra, and often Logan, had been to. On warm days, you could find Jim and Piper in a special place in the park. Jim on the phone; Debra on her computer; and Piper straining the reaches of her tie out to greet as many dogs and their humans as possible. As in our condo common area, neighbors would often bring their chairs, refreshments, and their canine friends, and a 'pop up' party would ensue. He loved Debra, his daughter Logan, and his Golden Retriever, Piper. He loved his mother, his brother, and all of their extended families. Our community is grieving the loss of our neighbor and friend. He kidded us, encouraged us, sympathized and empathized, and most importantly, made us laugh. I cannot be there today, but I'm sending love and prayers for Jim and Debra and all of their family and friends. Sharon Sparrow Suwanee, GA

December 23 at 7:29 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jim Wade.

December 23 at 5:57 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Wade.

December 23 at 4:42 AM

LA

Larry posted:

First met Jim at a convention at The Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. His enthusiasm was ever abundant for life. Later, Jim eventually worked for me many years at SmithKline Clinical Laboratory and became a great personal friend. Many of our best times were on the golf course and spending time Michelle and his young daughter, Logan. Jim made a big impact on many people and is already missed by so many. May he rest in peace in Gods hands. Our prayers go out to his family ~Larry and Joy Morris

December 22 at 1:23 PM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Wade.

December 22 at 6:38 AM

AH

Alan Highers posted:

I knew Jim from his high school days. He was always a good friend to our family, and he was at our house frequently. His mother, brother, aunts, and cousins were all friends. He was always witty and fun. Although we knew he was ill, his passing at such an early age is still a sock to us. Our sympathy to Nell and all the family.

December 21 at 2:38 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jim by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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