



James Sugawara Diggs

February 6, 1955 - March 5, 2018

Age 63, passed away March 5, 2018 and was born February 6, 1955 in Japan. He was raised in Colorado Springs by his parents John Eugene and Candy Masako. James went to Harrison High School and attended the University of Colorado Boulder where he received bachelor's degree in applied mathematics.

Beloved husband of Bernadette Frawley; stepfather of Danica Tyler, Hannah (Nuno) Freire, and Logan Frawley; loving grandfather of Madalena Freire; dear brother of John (Jeanie), Shirley, and Susan; nephew of Cathy Weiss; and uncle to Monica and James. He is also survived by many other cousins, relatives, and friends.

Professionally, he spent over 30 years in technology, creating award-winning software products. He served as vice president at ADP and strategy director at IBM, before spending the past two decades in start-up companies in Ann Arbor, BlueGill Technologies, Janeeva and InfoReady as their product strategist.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 12th, 2018 from 4-7:30pm with a Remembrance service at 6pm at Nie Family Funeral Home (2400 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108).

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:30PM

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Carpenter Road Chapel

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MAR **Remembrance Service** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Sugawara Diggs.



March 10, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Sugawara Diggs.



March 09, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Jim Diggs is in another place now. He'd have something to say about that. He'd say, "Everyone has to be somewhere!" That absurd existential phrase always drew smiles, but today it also somehow gives me comfort. Jim lived a very full life, and made a wonderful difference in the lives of many co-workers, friends, and family.

Hal Davis - March 08, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ "Just peachy" I can hear Jim responding many times to my "how are you?"

I've enjoyed serving with Jim and knowing him for the last 15 years+ on the Board of Directors at Cathedral Corporation. He was a unique guy and I will miss his wisdom and critical thinking. Plus, it was just fun to give him a hard time!

My sincere condolences to Bernadette and his family.

Jeff Williams - March 08, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ If Jim gets to the pearly gates and St. Peter says there is a dress code that requires wearing socks to enter heaven, Jim will simply smile and turn away! He was simply one of the nicest people I've ever known, socks or no socks!

Kevin Moore - March 08, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ I spent the last few years working right down the hall from Jim. He was a grumpy guy by the time I met him but always smiled none the less. Always had a joke about the miserable weather here in Michigan. Always nice. He will be missed.

Andy - March 08, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ I spent most of my professional life working a desk or two away from Jim Diggs. Starting at BlueGill Technologies, and finishing with Janeeva (with a company or two in between), its hard to believe 20 years have flown by. Time enough that I thought Jim would always be here. That the world would always have jokes about the age of his tennis shoes. That his smile, sense of humor and laugh would be here as long as I was. We've lost a great mind, strategist, thinker and friend. I will always miss him.

Shannon Culver - March 08, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ Marianne Gaige and all of Cathedral Corporation purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Sugawara Diggs.



Marianne Gaige and all of Cathedral Corporation - March 08, 2018 at 03:11 PM



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Shannon Culver - March 08, 2018 at 02:43 PM



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Bhushan Kulkarni - March 08, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ It is still hard to believe that Jim left us without giving us any opportunity to say goodbye. I have worked very closely with him over the years both at GDI and then to spin-off InfoReady. I have learned a great deal from him. In addition to helping launch InfoReady's first product, he was a world traveler, walking-talking navigation system, amazing stand-up comedian, avid book reader and outstanding Sushi-maker among many other hidden talents. During early stages of InfoReady, we worked together 24 X 7. I am a late-night person and he was an early riser, so we had frequent phone conversations at 3am at early stages of InfoReady. He had a dry sense of humor. In spite of his health challenges over past year or so, he kept saying “he felt peachy”. I never thought that he will leave us so soon. I am going to miss him!

Bhushan Kulkarni - March 08, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ Your Friends at InfoReady purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of James Sugawara Diggs.



Your Friends at InfoReady - March 08, 2018 at 12:46 PM



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Leslie Lloyd - March 08, 2018 at 11:48 AM



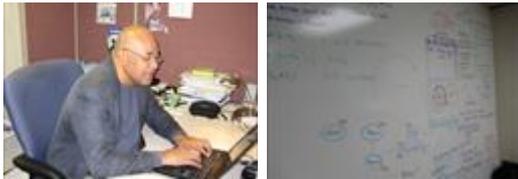
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March 07, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ I worked with Jim for more than eight years and for most of that I sat in the desk next to his. Those were some of my favorite times. It has been a several years since then but I still carry a bit of Jim with me and that will never change. I carry the wisdom he shared, the jokes he told, but most of all I carry a bit of the joy that was at his core. Jim used to joke that he didn't like people, but nothing was further from the truth. He loved people and everyone who had the opportunity to know him is better for it. I'm really going to miss him.



Matt Chittle - March 07, 2018 at 11:19 PM