



James M Ness Jr

November 4, 1940 - February 16, 2025

James M Ness Jr, died 2/16. He is survived by his family and many friends. Although he was born in New Jersey, Chicago was where he felt at home. After a successful business career, Jim spent his time enjoying his family and friends, traveling, and actively participating on many local boards and committees. People who knew Jim knew he was a dog lover. Be it in Asia, Europe, or anywhere, Jim always stopped to pet dogs that passed him. Memorial donations can be made to Chicagoland Lab Rescue, 2070 Green Bay Rd, #164, Highland Pk, IL 60035. Please remember Jim with a smile. No public service planned.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jim was a very dear friend from his time in Maryland years ago. An admired professional, my association was personal as a friend. If I could describe Jim in a few words they would be empathetic, caring, giving and loving. He was always there for friends and stood against injustices when necessary. We kept in touch via Facebook and Christmas cards in later years and I loved watching his travels, his devoted dog and his happiness sharing his life with those he loved. I hadn't realized he had passed until I was writing cards and realized I had not received a card this year. While I knew he had been hospitalized several times he always seemed to recover to continue his adventures. I am so sad to find he is no longer with us and treasure the times together.

Joan Hamilton - December 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM

LJ

“ I worked for Jim, about 20 years ago, We kept in touch over the years and the last few months had been the longest stretch we'd been out of touch, so I wasn't aware he'd passed. When he retired, I wrote something, embodying who Jim was. The heavens will be happy to have such a spirit. ❤️

Jim,

It is with great regret that such a moving force, such as yourself, has had to embark upon a new journey in life. Your perseverance, tenacity, and wit are elements of what has not only made you the dynamic person you are, but each of us will carry a part of you with us when the day seems long and the task arduous. I believe that each of us can remember a moment when we asked ourselves, ". . . but am I keeping up with Jim?" And it did not matter our age or length of time spent at Captive Plastics.

Your presence is passionate and indelible. Your sincerity and commitment, clear. We have all been fortunate to have crossed paths with you as co-worker and friend.

We, at Captive know that retirement will not be typical for you. You will not rest. You will not become complacent. Your adventurous spirit will find and conquer new challenges. As the road bends, we are forced to ask ourselves still, ". . . but are we keeping up with Jim?" For as we know, you are all wheel drive! :)

LaCheun L. James-Patten - December 19, 2025 at 08:47 AM

SL

“ I had the chance to know and work with Jim 15 years through his investment and engagement in his home community of Edgewater and commitment to improving his neighborhood. He lived right next door to my office and often called for suggestions or to brainstorm. I often saw him walking Gracie. He was such a kind, loving person and he will be missed greatly ❤️

Summur Lawson - February 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SR

“ Thank you for being a dear friend to me. We love you. We will miss you Jim.
Shirley & Mark

Shirley K. Ruehle - February 23, 2025 at 05:57 PM

LS

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LAUREN SIMON - February 20, 2025 at 08:20 PM

LS

May his memory be a blessing.

LAUREN SIMON - February 20, 2025 at 08:22 PM

LB

“ I will miss the company of my twin brother greatly, I remember when he went off to the Navy and then off to college how I missed him so much. I will never forget the good times that we have had over the years so many good memories, we always admired and loved one another greatly. Jimzey will remain in my heart forever I will always remember him as he asked me Time After Time with a smile on his face that's how I will remember him always. I will also be making a donation to the Chicagoland lab rescue. Rest in Peace Jimzey with Great Love Your Twin Sister Loretta Ness Borrack



Loretta Ness Borrack - February 20, 2025 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ Jim Clute lit a candle in memory of James M Ness Jr



Jim clute - February 20, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JC

Jim was my brother in law he was a great guy who enjoyed life he will be missed

Jim clute - February 20, 2025 at 07:07 PM

TB

“ *Theodora Bryan lit a candle in memory of James M Ness Jr*



Theodora Bryan - February 20, 2025 at 03:05 PM

TB

“ *Our friend of 38 years will be missed. We may have had our differences and spirited conversation, but Jim always managed to see the world through rose-colored glasses. When Jim was made they throw away the mold! He was an optimist at heart and made others feel special. To those he left behind you have are deepest sympathy.*



Theodora Bryan - February 20, 2025 at 03:02 PM

LB

My Uncle is a very great man with many accomplishments, always took care of the kids whenever nieces or nephews or grandbabies were in need of anything he was there he will be greatly missed. His twin sister here in Florida is my mother and Loretta she misses him greatly as we all do many prayers going out for him his friends and family we will never forget him the memories will live on forever he is at that our minds, hearts and souls. My deepest condolences and sympathy to all of his family and friends sincerely, Loretta Jr

Loretta Maureen Borrack - February 20, 2025 at 03:37 PM



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Barr Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 01:32 PM

LB

*I will miss the company of my twin brother greatly, I remember when he went off to the Navy and then off to college I missed him so much while he was gone away. We always admired and loved each other very much had good times together, Jimzey will always remain in my heart and my memories with a smile on his face, as he has told me time after time that's how he wants to be remembered and that's a given I will never forget his smile. And I will be making a donation to the Chicagoland lab rescue as his love for dogs we're so great as they were for everyone. So many great memories that I will always have with me. Rest i
Peace, Loretta Ness*

Loretta Maureen Borrack - February 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM