



James J. Kudla, Sr.

January 25, 1948 - September 17, 2018

Hampton – James J. “Jim” Kudla, Sr., 70, of Hampton, died Monday, September 17, 2018 at his home surrounded by loving family.

He was born January 25, 1948 in Methuen, MA the son of the late Joseph and Geraldine (Scionti) Kudla.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA and from Boston College in 1969. Jim began his career with Western Electric, North Andover, MA. This was succeeded by assignments with the AT&T Legal Department in Orlando, FL, and later Lucent Technologies. He retired in 2003 with 35 years of service as International Manager of Marketing and Sales. During his tenure he spent over 10 years working overseas in Iran, Ireland, Brussels, Belgium and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Jim also worked for Blue Socket in Burlington, MA as Director of Business Development for several years after his retirement.

Jim moved to Hampton after his retirement and family was most important to him. He also enjoyed golfing with his friend Wayne Broulette and was a knowledgeable historian on WW II.

He shared 37 years of marriage with his wife Kathryn J. (LeCain) Kudla.

In addition to wife he leaves two daughters, Kristin Kelley and her husband Kevin of Haverhill, MA, Tracy Pizzo of Hampton, his son James Kudla, Jr. and his wife Cora Mendez Kudla of Hampton, four grandchildren, Anthony Pizzo, Brooke Kelley, Amelia Lynn Kudla and James J. Kudla, III, his sister Caroline Balavitch of Salem and her children Lauren LeBella and Stacy Balavitch, and his sister in law Ellen LeCain and her children Eddie Ellis, Jr., Jenny Zelmer and Jimmy Williams.

Visiting hours will be from 6-8 P.M. Friday, September 21, 2018 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 9 A.M. Saturday, September 22, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Church, RT 1A, Seabrook Beach. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen, MA. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hampton Firefighters Charitable Association, 140 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

130 N Lowell Street
Methuen, MA 01844

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
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Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church
1 Lowell Street
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *he was the best grandfather in the world, i love him so much i cant forget him ever. all the memories ive had with him were one of the best, im so happy i was his granddaughter.*

Amelia - June 14, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *James J. Kudla, Sr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

RK

“ *To The Kudla Family - We are so very sorry for your loss. May your many happy memories together bring your hearts comfort and peace. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers in these days ahead. With out deepest sympathies - Rob & Meg Kudla, Rockland, MA*

Rob & Meg Kudla - September 24, 2018 at 11:56 PM

RK

“ *Rob & Meg Kudla lit a candle in memory of James J. Kudla, Sr.*



Rob & Meg Kudla - September 24, 2018 at 11:54 PM

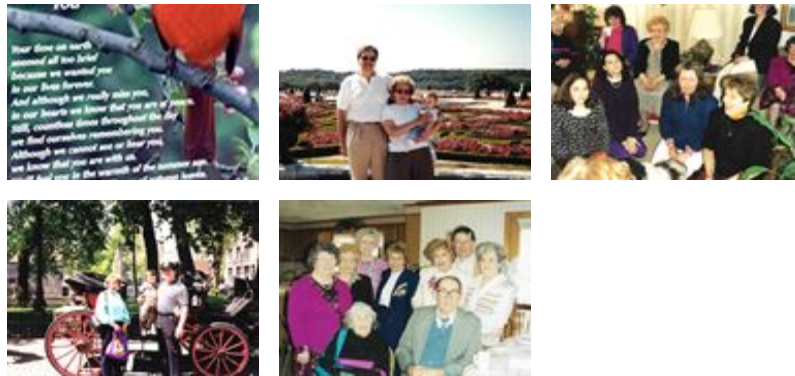
JS

“ I have not seen Jim probably since high school - there he was always the kindest and most uplifting person...great sense of humor and heart of gold - I feel bad he lived such a short distance from me and yet never reconnected. To his family, I'm most sorry for your Jim was the best - God Bless you all...
Jim Scully

james f scully - September 21, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ 152 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 21, 2018 at 11:33 AM

KK

“ Jim was a wonderful husband and father, he made sure we had a all the best for as long as he could. He was the leader of our family...we will carry on for him, especially in the considerations of our grandchildren. He loved them so much. We will miss him more than we can say.

Kathryn Kudla

Kathryn Kudla - September 21, 2018 at 10:13 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to the James Kudla family and to sister Carolyn. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Lillian Stutzman and Bill Rossi*

Lillian stutzman - September 19, 2018 at 06:44 PM

RM

“ First I want to express my sincere condolences to the Kudla family. My wife and I have known Jim and Kathy since before they got married in Orlando. I met Jim when we both were in Iran. And got to know Kathy after we got back. Jim was a man of class and always was well dressed, was highly intelligent, and we had many laughs together. We were good friends. The kind friend that you have for a lifetime. Our family went to visit when Jim and family were living in Brussels. When we were there, Jim said I got to take you somewhere. A TWO HOUR drive later, (Jim was a VERY fast driver) we went walking in some dense forest and Jim pointed to indentations in the ground and with total excitement said "do you know what you are looking at? I thought he had lost his mind. I said "I have no clue" We were in the forests of the Ardennes where the Battle of the Bulge took place. Those indentations were foxholes where our troops looked for protection from the onslaught on the German army. His love of World War II history was amazing. Jim was the guy that also got me into appreciating good wine. Many, many thousands of dollars later my wife and I still enjoy a good glass of wine. Thank you Jim, I think. He appreciated the good things of life and lived life to the fullest; traveling all around the world when he worked for AT&T International. The last five years were not good to Jim health wise. But he was blessed to have his family there every day. Especially his loving and dedicated wife, Kathy. We will miss you Jimbo. We have lost a great friend.

PS. I still don't like the New England Patriots.

Rich and Sunday Massong

Rich Massong - September 19, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MD

“ Sincerest condolences to the Kudla family. While it wasn't mentioned in his obituary, I do believe that Mr. Kudla was my third grade teacher at St. James School in Haverhill, Mass. during the 1969-70 school year. I still have my report card signed by Mr. James Kudla, and I remember that he had a daughter (maybe a new baby) named Kristen. I wanted to write because Mr. Kudla was my favorite teacher of all time and truly shaped the course of my life. He treated us with respect and talked to us about world events, presidential elections, and topics likely not discussed in other third grade classrooms at the time. He challenged us to think, to write, and to set goals. In addition, he was the first male teacher (most of the teachers were nuns) we'd encountered in school, which made him all the more remarkable and memorable. When I saw his name and face in the obituary page, I instantly recognized him and wanted you to know that while he did not pursue a career as a teacher, he will always be remembered by me (and, I am sure by many of my classmates) as a teacher who made a tremendous, lasting, and positive difference in the lives of his students. Wishing you comfort and peace as you mourn his loss and celebrate his life.
Maryellen Kennedy Duckett
Powell, Tennessee

Maryellen Kennedy Duckett - September 19, 2018 at 03:31 PM

JJ

My dad told me of when he was a teacher and I forgot. It really means alot to me that you remember him. Thank you.

James Kudla Jr - September 20, 2018 at 11:17 PM

LT

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Kudla family. I hope that your memories of happier times, and knowing that he is no longer suffering will help you through this difficult time. While I did not know Jim well, I always enjoyed a quick chat with him when I would stop by to pick up Amelia. He will be missed, but his memory will live on in your hearts forever. Honor his memory by taking good care of each other during this sad time.

Lynne Towle - September 18, 2018 at 01:27 PM