



James C. Peterson

November 7, 1950 - May 24, 2011

On Tuesday, May 24, 2011 of Alexandria, VA. Beloved husband of Margaret J. Peterson. Loving father of Amy E. (Ronnie) Wingo; Stacey M. Peterson and Karen J. (Fernando) Condori. Son of Lucy M. Peterson and the late Carmen A. Peterson. Brother of Michael J. Peterson. Grandfather of Leo A. Condori and Megan E. Wingo. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Thursday, May 26, 7-9pm where a memorial service will take place 11am Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to: National Stroke Association.

Comments



“ Unfortunately I just heard of Jim's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing Jim through the Botball program and always looked forward to seeing him each year. You never knew what amazing robot Jim would have this time around or if he would show up with steel drums! I spoke with several other folks within the Botball program and know for certain that Jim will live on in their memories - from him being a member of the "PVC Pipe Band" to all the tremendous help he provided over the years. Thanks for everything you've done Jim.

January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim, you are sorely missed! You were an inspiration, a good friend, and I always enjoyed our spirited conversations and appreciated the time you found time to mentor others, especially me! I loved your sense of humor, infectious laugh, and I'll never forget that grin. Your passion for life, your family, your work, your hobbies and volunteerism was truly inspiring. My deepest sympathy to all Jim's loved ones.

May 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I frequently tell stories about one of the most brilliant software developers I've known in my career -- but my true memories are of Jim's fun-loving spirit and what an absolute joy he was to have as a co-worker and a friend.

May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was a great influence on all who knew him, and not just in technology. Jim sponsored various competitions with Edison High School students, and I was able to work directly with him for one ("The Maze" in 1993). He had an open, engaging, and creative spirit that inspired me personally to do more. He had great quotes on his door; one, "the most obvious solution is rarely the best solution," speaks to his unflagging curiosity and intellectual rigor to understand why one approach was better than another. He is a man whose spirit lives on in the lives of those he touched, and we will miss him.

May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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“ Jim and I have been coworkers for 28 years and worked at four companies together. Being the genius he is, Jim was certainly destined to work in software development. Thank you Jim for teaching me so much and for being a friend! You will be sorely missed! I'll see you when it's my turn to be on the other side! Joe Prosser

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“ My sincere condolences to your whole family.

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“ The middle of the bell curve is called 'normal'. When it comes to people, 'normal' is often also 'boring'. NOTHING about Jim Peterson could be called boring. For the three decades that I knew him, he lived his life a full six sigmas from the norm, and did so with confidence and joy. His example is an inspiration that I will cherish. There are too many stories: solving CICS application bugs with Ray Brow, mentoring at Edison, juggling rubber chickens, trips to IBM in England, games of Leap Frog. Look out, Heaven! Jim Peterson just came in through the gates, and you are not ready! With fond memories, Jim

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“ Although I wasn't present...I also heard the stories of Jim Foxworthy (standing at well over six feet) playing leap frog with Jim. Jim always took great pride in sharing this story. I will miss Jim. But will still keep fond memories of working with him as well. I always left talking with Jim wearing a smile on my face. To me, that's how I will always be when thinking pf Jim.

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“ I will always remember the smile that Jim had. It could mean he was happy to see you, or it could mean he was up to something and you best be on your guard. Aside from the brilliant technical mind was his ability to keep people on their toes and to always give folks a laugh. A conversation came up once about how life would be boring if everyone were the same, but when someone said that if everyone were Jim, it would be anything but. From equipping his office with demonstration equipment from a jet airliner, to the rubber chickens to rumors about why there was the hole in the wall behind one of his awards, he was unique. And he will definitely be missed, by so many people...

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“ In the 28 years that I knew Jim, I don't recall too many "normal" conversations. His stories and questions always challenged me to think "outside the box." I sometimes left his office very puzzled and shaking my head, but smiling the whole way back to my desk. You could pick out his laugh at the other end of the hall, and his laughter and smile were contagious. A trip to see him could definitely get you out of a funk. When my daughter was little and came to the office, she always wanted to go see the guy with all the toys. Jim would always stop work and oblige her with a juggling act or show us how his latest gadget worked. I often wondered what life at home with Jim was like. Long ago, I asked Margaret, who replied--with a big smile-- that it was never ever dull with Jim around. At her reply, Jim erupted with laughter. When I think of Jim, I can always hear that laugh.

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“ Jim was always so very kind to me, when we worked near one another at Landmark and ASG. He had such great enthusiam for 'Botball' robotics and life in general. I'm sure he'll be missed by many people, who have had their lives enriched by knowing him, whether for just a day or many years. My sympathy to Jim's family and friends. So sorry that I'm too far away to attend his memorial, but I'll be there in spirit.

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“ In a company (Landmark) full of one-of-a-kind personalities, Jim was one-of-a-kinder.

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