



James M Burness

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Oldsmar, Florida - James Michael Burness (66), passed away unexpectedly on June 12, 2025 at Mease Dunedin Hospital. He was born on October 28, 1958 in Ithaca, New York to Virginia and Charles Burness.

James, "Jim", is a graduate of Ithaca High School, attended The University of Florida, earning a degree in Finance and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He pursued a career in investment management and financial planning, with positions at Merrill Lynch, Advest and ultimately, founded his own financial planning firm, Dublin Wealth Management. Jim spent much of his adult life in Dublin, Ohio. He was an active member of the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, serving as Club President and chair of the International Committee for many years. Jim was known for his love of spicy food, including growing his own hot peppers in his plentiful vegetable garden, famous homemade limoncello, his humor and dedication to his family. Jim was a lifelong boater, spending many years boating with his family on Lake Erie and then the Gulf/Tampa Bay area following a move to Florida in 2021. He was happiest by the water with his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife, Susan Durso Burness; beloved daughters, Megan (Greg) Bennett, Kylie (Remy) Lynn, Mackenzie (Ryan Ludwig) Burness; granddaughters Claire Bennett, Adira Lynn; brothers, Jeffrey (Constance) Burness, Thomas (Dawn) Burness; sister-in-law Michelle (Jim) Spinella; nieces Rachel Spinella, Nicole Spinella, Justine Burness. He was preceded in death by his parents Virginia Burness, Charles Burness; father-in-law Michael Durso, mother-in-law Katherine Durso.

A Celebration of Life for Jim Burness will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 PM at The Country Club at Muirfield Village
8715 Muirfield Dr, Dublin, OH 43017 Hosted by The Burness Family
Please join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Jim Burness. We will have a brief program at the start where friends and family will share memories of Jim.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the [Dublin A.M Rotary Charitable Foundation](#) and the [Intensive Care Nursery at the Pennsylvania Hospital](#).




Events

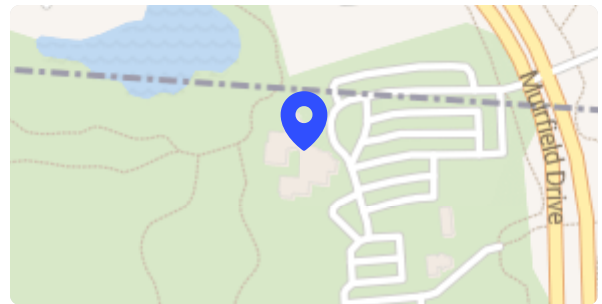
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, August 9, 2025

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **The Country Club at Muirfield Village**
8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin OH 43017





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Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of James.



July 25 at 1:43 PM



Benjamin Goldberg posted:

Hi Mrs Burness and family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr Burness. I have such good memories of when we were next door neighbors in Syracuse many years ago. Mr Burness used to play lacrosse with me and my brother Joe and we were so excited when we asked him to give us a ride in his Porsche and he said yes! I even remember when Megan and Kylie would come over and play with my sister Ariella. May his memory be a blessing. Ben Goldberg

July 15 at 11:03 PM



Charles Haupt posted:

I'm struggling to write something, Jim. I don't want to write — I want to talk to you about college escapades that came about from being roommates. I want to relive our road trips together, compare our family vacations, and hear about your boating adventures. I want to pick up the phone and talk about life, politics, the stock market, and listen to you brag about your wife and kids. But that is not the way it is supposed to be. I hope you are hearing our prayers and know how much you are missed. Godspeed, Jim. All this will have to wait until I catch up to you. In Hoc Signo Vinces Charlie Haupt Sigma Chi Fraternity Brother and Friend

June 23 at 4:46 PM



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Dave Williamson posted:

During his term as President of the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, Jim came to me after one of our meetings and said he has just seen a video on a new program called the Veterans Honor Flight which flew veterans from all across the country to Washington D.C. and toured the national monuments in their honor and recognized their service to the country. Jim knew that several members of our club owned private aircraft and was wondering if I, as Chair of our Veterans Affairs Committee, would be willing to lead an effort to have our club sponsor a similar program for local veterans. Jim indicated that as Club President he was willing to do anything he could to support such a program. That was the genesis of a club program that lasted for over ten years and flew over 60 veterans to Manassas, Virginia, a van drive into Washington D.C., stopovers at nine national monuments dedicated to their service, lunch at Fort Myers chow hall, and multiple opportunities for stories and tales of service life and experiences for these WWII, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam veterans the club supported on these trips. Jim was the sparkplug and key supporter for this club program and so many veterans were grateful and thankful to have had this experience all in their honor. Dave Williamson, Chair, Dublin A.M. Rotary Veterans Affairs Committee

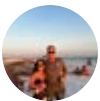
June 19 at 3:20 PM



Keri Campbell lit a candle in honor of James.

With love, Keri and Jeff Campbell

June 18 at 7:33 PM



Keri Campbell posted:

My fondest memory of Jim is a very recent one where he gave one of the very best speeches and toasts at Ryan and MacKenzie's wedding May 10. What a class act as a father and husband. Every time my husband Jeff and I were around him, was so comfortable and enjoyable. We know he will be very missed by family and friends. We love you Sue, Megan, Kylie and Mackenzie. How wonderful is it to have been loved so deeply by your husband Sue, and father, girls. Hold that in your hearts...

June 18 at 7:28 PM



The Saponaro Family planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of James.

June 18 at 3:09 PM





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Karen Saponaro lit a candle in honor of James.

Love to all of the Burness family. We have wonderful memories of your family and Jim as we all raised our girls together. Jim was a light and a wonderful person. Our love and prayers to you all.

June 18 at 3:05 PM



Love, Shirley & John Schrup sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Burness family.

June 18 at 2:19 PM



Love, Shirley & John Schrup planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

June 18 at 2:19 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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