



James Allen McConahay Jr.

December 9, 1941 - July 15, 2020

James Allen McConahay Jr.

Omaha, Nebraska: 12/09/1941 Orlando

Florida: 7/15/2020.

When he was fifteen, Jim and his parents moved to Miami where Jim enrolled at Coral Gables High School. After graduation, he attended “The University of Miami.”

July 4th, 1964, when he stopped to talk to his neighbor, Alvi. It was love at first sight. One year later they were married. 55 years of marriage produced a daughter and two sons. Jim spent a year working for Hertz Rental Cars, then hired on as a ticket counter agent with Eastern Airlines. This employment provided travel opportunities for Jim and his family through much of Europe, Canada, Mexico and across the U.S.

In 1971, Jim transferred to McCoy airport in Orlando. Approximately one year later, still working for the airlines, Jim, his father-in-law and uncle, created Gabriel’s Brass. They went on to form Squire Recording Company and Gentry Records. With Jim as co-owner and manager, the company produced three record albums, one exclusively for Spanish distribution. Jim was instrumental in booking “The Brass” for a ten year performance contract at Walt Disney World.

With the closing of Eastern Airlines, Jim was then employed, for a short period of time with Delta Airlines. He went on to work as a travel consultant in the group travel department of Walt Disney World. After ten years, he retired from his position and moved to Universal Orlando, also as a group travel coordinator.

Jim and Alvi built a home in Belle Isle, where Jim began his years of service on various community boards, serving terms as President of Sertoma International Central Branch and Pine Castle Center of the Arts. He also volunteered with the "American Cancer Society," the "Arthritis Foundation," and "Heavenly Hooves," while also spending several Thanksgivings feeding the homeless.

Jim retired from Universal Orlando seven years ago to enjoy time with his family and friends. Jim considered his greatest accomplishment to be his two sons, Michael and Brian, whom he loved with all his heart.

That love and pride extended to his talented daughter-in-law, Shari, and his beautiful granddaughter, Chianna.

Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly Ann, his parents, James Sr. and his mother, "Lady Bea", his sister, Jean Kelm and brother-in-law, George, along with many family members and friends. Jim was a giving soul and a man who enjoyed a life well lived.

Tribute Wall



“ Jim, you truly will be missed by so many!! You always made us laugh at work and we were so sad that you retired from Universal but you made the right decision. Prayers to your family but i know your smiling in Heaven. Here are just some pics i believe tjat i took on April 26 2013 at your retirement party from Universal!!! We Love you Jim

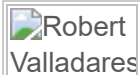


Amanda Brown - July 21, 2020 at 08:50 PM

AM

Thank you, Amanda for posting these photos. Leaving Universal and all his co-workers was a difficult decision for Jim because he really loved all of you.

Alvi McConahay - July 22, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Jim tough me how to be a professional sales person, how to not worry for small mistakes and to always smile even on dark times. I sure will miss him very much and his funny jokes.

Robert Valladares - July 21, 2020 at 08:33 PM

AM

You were an important part of Jim's work life. You brought great joy to his life and for that we are grateful.

Alvi McConahay - July 22, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MF

“ Jim's family is sorry to announce, due to the Corona Virus, a memorial service in Jim's honor will be delayed until the end of the year when his son and family will return from Switzerland for the holidays. RIP Jim. Your are loved and you are missed so very, much.

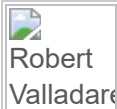
McConahay Family - July 19, 2020 at 08:50 PM

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Alvi McCoanahay - July 19, 2020 at 08:37 PM



Robert Valladares

I will miss him so much

We worked together for so long at Universal and later share the same desks for 3 years

So sad Jimmy I hope you laugh and share your jokes and sense of humor from beyond

Robert Valladares - July 21, 2020 at 08:31 PM

AM

People touch our lives in so many different ways. You were a wonderful part of Jim's. Sending grateful hugs.

Alvi McConahay - July 22, 2020 at 05:10 PM

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Alvi McConahay - July 18, 2020 at 12:26 PM

AM

Jim's cousins were so very, special to him. This is a photo he loved.

Alvi McConahay - July 19, 2020 at 12:30 PM

HM

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Harold Maxwell - July 17, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James Allen McConahay Jr..



July 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

AV

“ Sophia sharing dessert with Uncle Jim! She loves visiting Baba and Uncle Jim’s house!



Ara, Janet and Sophia Vino - July 16, 2020 at 08:15 PM

AV

“ Uncle Jim was a wonderful person. He cared deeply for his family and we enjoyed the times we had with him. I could always talk about all things Disney with him and he was happy to share in his perks. He could always make us laugh with his stories and little quirks. We will miss him deeply and know he’s enjoying a nice big steak and potatoes (with chocolate cake) in heaven. Xoxoxo



Ara, Janet and Sophia Vino - July 16, 2020 at 08:10 PM

LD

I remember Jim well. I was the manager at Walt Disney Travel but also his neighbor in Belle Isle. Always a smile and a big hi from Jim in the neighborhood. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Alvi and your family at this time. Linda DEYOUNG 🤗

Linda DeYoung - July 18, 2020 at 06:04 PM

AM

Thank you, Linda. Jim's time with the travel company were some of his best years. Happy memories. Sending grateful hugs.

Alvi McConahay - July 19, 2020 at 12:28 PM

RR

I just want to send condolences to Jims family I worked with him since 98. He was the best so kind and sweet and his Halloween costumes were fabulous, i was sad when he retired,May he rest in peace,I know I will enjoy the memories of him. Rosanne Racanelli

Rosanne Racanelli - July 22, 2020 at 04:49 PM

AL

He did like dressing up for those company Halloween parties. Thanks for sharing the memories of times that brought Jim much happiness.

Alvi - August 08, 2020 at 03:05 PM