



James Bruce Michaelson

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James Bruce Michaelson, 69, of New London, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at his home. Visitation will be held from 2:30-4PM on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care in Albemarle. A memorial service will follow at 4PM in the Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care Chapel officiated by Pastor Christian Herring. For those unable to attend, his memorial service will be live streamed through the Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care facebook page.

Mr. Michaelson was born July 1st, 1952 in Chicago, IL, to the late Howard James Michaelson and Elizabeth Zalig Michaelson. James was owner of Wilson Building Corporation. Mr. Michaelson was very involved with his family and pets. He enjoyed golfing, photography, and volunteered for 10 years with As Good As Gold Golden Retriever Rescue of Illinois. He served on numerous different church boards and attended Faith Fellowship church in New London. James loved technology and was a computer guru.

James is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Maresso Michaelson of New London, NC; daughters: Elizabeth Michaelson (Victor Watrous) of Ft. Wayne, IN, Katherine Michaelson of Plainfield, IL; granddaughter: Aria Skye Watrous; brother: David Michaelson (Annette) of Yorkville, IL; sister: Cynthia Fredrick (Gary) of Des Plaines, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to As Good As Gold Golden Retriever Rescue of Illinois at www.asgoodasgold.org, Samaritans Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org, or to the Salvation Army of Cabarrus and Stanly County at PO Box 511, Concord, NC 28026.

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Michaelson family.




Events


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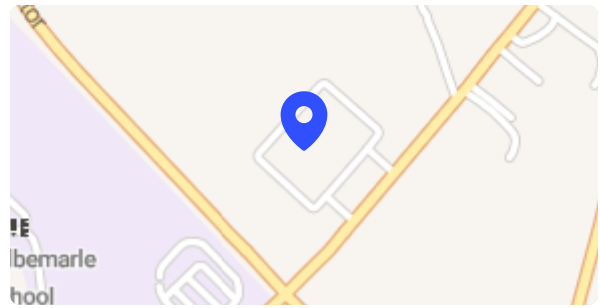
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Visitation


 **Thursday**, April 14, 2022


 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Albemarle**
1835 Badin Rd, Albemarle NC 28001

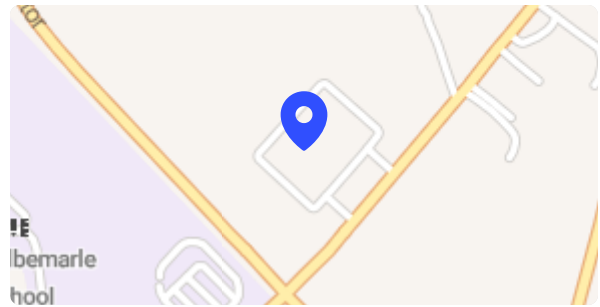


Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, April 14, 2022

 4:00 PM ET

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Katharine Gilbert posted:

Jim was a larger than life person and getting to know him as a friend was one of my greatest joys. I will miss him greatly!Kat Gilbert

May 17 at 7:52 AM



Mary Michaelsen May 25 at 10:34 AM

Thank you Kat 😊



Eldon Foster posted:

I am truly saddened by the passing of my dear friend Jim whom I have known for nearly two decades. I first met Jim at a job site where he hired me as his Plumber. I immediately liked Jim's sense of humor. We started cracking jokes at each other and from then on, I was hired as his right-hand plumber. I continued to work for Jim until he retired and relocated to North Carolina. It was so pleasant to work for Jim, he was very positive and always in a good mood. He really had a way with people, everyone who knew and loved him. I will always miss my dear friend Jim who thought me so much about life and pulled me up when I was down. May God continue to bless his family. Eldon Foster

April 18 at 1:02 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 20 at 12:35 AM

Thank you Eldon, Mary



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Cindy F posted:

Our Hearts are broken Mary Liz Victor Katie Gary Dave Annette. The Tuckman (Tucker) The crazy one (Bailey) on April 10. The pain that we are all going thru is unbearable at this moment. Time will heal us with the Lord's help, I hope. Loss is part of LIFEbut no one said it was easy.We now have all of our great memories of Jim; he was a great husband, father and great friend to many. Gary and I had some great memories where all that we could say was "Thats Jim for you " Jim loved to golf and would often tell Gary if Gary had golfed bad that day "Well you didn't have your Wingman" Gary and Jim were very close. Gary spoke of him as his brother. Gary missed his golfing buddy when Jim moved to N.C. Its ben a very difficult time for the both of us. I didn't know I had that many tears!! miss my brother deeply. HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND.I talked every morning to him even after he moved to North Carolina. I always knew when he was in his car because he would be calling me again in the same day. Our conversations would always end with Jim saying, "Just Living the Dream" Giving up the business was a difficult moment in Jim's life. Jim found it hard to be sitting around in retirement and like his father wanted to stay busy or he was going nuts.I have a childhood memory that I think about every time it storms. I have never forgotten the memory. I was nine years old we lived in a two-bedroom house where the three of us shared the same bedroom with our beds. I was always scared of thunder and lightning. I remember running into my parent's bedroom scared and my father saying, "go back to bed" I ran back in the room and my brother Jim had awoken from the storm and saw how scared I was, and he took me by him, threw a blanket over my head and said, "stay by me it will be okay as I shook " 69 years have gone by and he has always stood by me. When Gary and I needed help with the computer he was always there for us.Today is Jim's day, his memorial service to honor him for what he deserves. Jim I love you, I will think about you everyday. I am sorry that I don't have the strength to be there, the hurt is too much for us. I hope time will heal the pain. Mary, Katie, and Liz you should be very proud of your husband and father. I hope the boys Tucker and Bailey make it thru all this they were they were his best friends too. Love you forever YOUR BEST FRIEND AND SISTER CINDY

April 11 at 5:20 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 14 at 5:06 PM

Beautifully said Cindy. Hopefully time will help us all heal.



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GF

Gary F posted:

Countless times, Jim was there for us.... install something, fix the computer, you name it he was there. In golf, Jim called me his "Wingman". Just recently I told him about my round of golf - and he asked me "How did you shoot?" My reply 98 prompted him to say "You need your Wingman". Our golf buddies Joe, Buzz, Larry all joked about never letting him drive the golf cart. Jim always said we posted his picture in every pro-shop like a wanted poster in a post-office to warn them not to give him keys to a cart. And Jim, how can you shoot 108 and still win the par 3's? He could miss five fairways in a row but put it on the green on the par 3's. Jim was the one who read the greens the best. Yes you will be missed but the memories are forever. We just watched the Masters tournament "together" even though 1000 miles apart. Yep, I am crying while typing this, and yesterday a complete stranger asked me if I was OK, as I wiped the tears from my face. Love you - miss you. I'll see you again at the Big Tee Box.

April 14 at 7:06 AM



Mary Michaelsen April 14 at 5:22 PM

You were a great buddy and brother. This is like a bad slice into the rough. One day we will be back on the green. Know you are loved. Mary

GC

Gene Cromwell posted:

All my best to Jim's family. Lost track over the years however I will always remember working demolition for him as well as golfing and playing hockey as a member of the Duffers. My deepest sympathy to Mary and the girls. Gene Cromwell

April 14 at 5:01 AM



Mary Michaelsen April 14 at 5:25 PM

Thank you Gene. His jersey was present at his memorial today. It was not just a team but a brotherhood to be a Duffer. Take care, Mary



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Paul Mcskimming posted:

Where do I even start about telling a story about Jim Michaelsen? Jim and Mary were my next-door neighbors before they moved south for the better weather of the Carolinas. I will always remember our conversations, whether they be about hockey and the Chicago Blackhawks, RAM trucks, or playing golf together. We both enjoyed our time together and embraced our friendship. I remember Jim in the backyard tinkering and spending time with his golden retrievers. I always made a point to come over to the fence and pet the dogs and talk to Jim about whatever was going on in our lives. What can I say about Jim's audiovisual movie room? If you've never watch the Blackhawks playoff game on 135" screen.... You haven't lived. It was truly incredible and he knew what he was doing when creating it!!! didn't realize how much we were talking and texting the last few months. We texted on 3/31 and I remember it being busy with my month end. But, I made time to text him. I was always able to make Jim laugh with my stupid humor. Lately, it was about him truly having a heart, or if he still needed a jump-start, or just "how's the ticker?" I can still hear Jim's belly laughs through the texts. Love ya bud! I'll see you up there for the back nine! I will always miss our friendship and talks!! You were a true friend will be forever missed!!

April 13 at 8:05 PM



Paul Mcskimming April 14 at 5:41 PM

Well, now it's our turn to keep in touch!! Keep your chin up Mary!



Mary Michaelsen April 14 at 12:11 AM

Loved these memories Paul...almost as much as we loved you. Jim was so happy you stayed connected after the move. You brought him joy and a pretty darn good pickup. He was the envy of every redneck at the Wal-Mart parking lot! 😊 With love, Mary



Mark Lengyel posted:

My deepest condolences to the Michaelsen family especially CINDY and GARY. Jim AKA DR. WANG. Shot a 69 in life. I had the pleasure to be with Jim on a lot of golf vacations in Florida and Illinois. We just had a Lotta good times. Being DR. WANG we always had a great table for lunch and dinners. Jim you went to the clubhouse to early. Next time I see you we will finish the round. GOD BLESS RIP BUZZ LUV

April 13 at 12:01 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:01 PM

Thank you Buzz. He had so much fun with you over the years. Don't forget those good times. ❤️ Mary



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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Michaelsen family.



April 13 at 7:32 AM



Joe Peterson posted:

I met Jim many many years ago through his sister Cynthia and her husband Gary we became good friends and spent many days golfing together always had a good laugh and I now cherish the memories I'm glad I got to talk to him 10 days ago about his health even though he's gone I can still hear his voice positive about his prognosis. My sympathies to Mary and the girls

April 13 at 6:50 AM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:04 PM

Thank you Joe. He sure fought hard to get better. You have been a valued friend. ❤️ Mary



Drs. David And Susan Leader lit a candle in honor of James.

Jim was a wonderful man with a huge heart and an easy smile. Our world was a better place because of him. Our love and sympathies go out to Mary and the remainder of the family, both human and canine. He will be missed.



April 13 at 6:21 AM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:09 PM

Such kind words, Dear Ones. Thank you, ❤️ Mary



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Michaelsen family.



April 12 at 6:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Michaelsen family.



April 12 at 4:46 PM



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Esther Maresso posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Mary,Elizabeth and Victor, Katie , David and Cindy. I will always remember Jim coming to pick me up at the airport from Canada and how wildlings he was to buy me my favorite foods from the Italian store and to share any new discoveries they made. I will miss him very much i know how good he was to my sister and his kids.He was loved.

April 12 at 4:12 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:12 PM

We all have food memories with Jim from way back. He always said he married me for lasagna! ☺ He loved you and Gaetan so much.



Gregory Lopatka shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was so sorry to hear that we lost a great friend. Jim played hockey with the Duffers in the 1980s, he was always laughing and smiling. Here are a couple pictures of him from his playing days. The colored photo has Jim on the far right as we gathered for his first Duffer Hockey Road trip. The black and white picture shows Jim's hockey number 29 as he posed for a fun picture. He will be missed. Greg Lopatka



April 12 at 9:49 AM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:22 PM

Thank you for this Greg. He loved the Duffers and I was proud to be a hockey wife. I think he played hockey for 17 years and often laughed about losing his front teeth while fishing! Then there's the Duffer dentist replacement teeth. That story went with him everywhere and brought us so much laughter over the years.Take care,Mary



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Michaelsen family.



April 12 at 7:23 AM



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MF

Mike & Jane Fesperman posted:

Jim was truly a happy man. His smile was contagious. Regardless of how he felt, he always greeted you with open arms and let you know that he was very interested in what you had to say. I will miss the joy he brought to Faith Fellowship as well as his dedication to our Church. He and Mary were meant for each other, it was easy to see that they were very much in love with even after 46 years of marriage. Rest in peace, Brother.....I don't think it will be long until we see you again. I'm very grateful that Jane and I had the privilege of knowing Mary and you. Mike & Jane Fesperman

April 11 at 6:17 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:25 PM

Thank you for your kind words. We are blessed to have you as friends and neighbors. ❤️ Mary

BM

Becky Miller posted:

Jim always had a winning and welcoming smile for everyone. A tech guru, Jim and Mary's theater room was something to behold and open to anyone who wanted to view the latest movie. Glenn and I send our deepest sympathy to Mary and the family. Becky Miller

April 11 at 5:20 PM



Mary Michaelsen April 13 at 6:28 PM

We will all try to remember his smile and remember how he was probably the only husband in the community that loved his wife enough to play mahjong during the quarantine! ❤️ Love you guys!



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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