



James Joseph Mack III

October 10, 1963 - March 5, 2025

James Joseph Mack III “Jim” passed away peacefully on March 5th, 2025 at his home in Wayne, PA, surrounded by his family, after a 10-month battle with glioblastoma.

Jim was born in Chester, PA on October 10th, 1963 to James J. Mack, Jr, and Clotilda Mack. He grew up on 24th Street surrounded by his loving family, including many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jim spent his summers at Knowlton Swim Club, growing his passion for all things swimming.

Jim attended St. James Catholic High School and Widener University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1985. Jim was an incredible student leader holding several positions including captain of the swim team and member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Jim married his wife, Deb, on December 10th, 1994. They were blessed to celebrate 30 years of marriage this past December. Jim was a devoted father to his three girls, coaching their sports teams and officiating swim meets for nearly two decades. He attended all their events, supporting the Raiders and the Tribe through lacrosse games in the snow, swim meets across the country, and many social events. He was a lifelong Philadelphia sports fan, holding season tickets to the Eagles, Phillies and Flyers for many years.

Jim had an incredibly successful 38-year career in public accounting. He started his career at Conrail and Ernst & Young, eventually becoming partner at Smart and Associates and Eisner Amper. Jim was well respected for his trusted client relationships.

Jim continued his commitment to Widener University, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for 22 years. He served as Vice Chair and on numerous committees, including Chair of the Audit, Compliance and Risk Assessment Committee. Jim also served as the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Jim showed his support of Widener through the creation of the Frank C Lord Fund to honor one of his professors and the James J. Mack, III and Debra J Kurucz Swim Program Endowed Fund that continues to support Widener's NCAA Division III swim teams.

Jim served as President of St. David's Golf Club for the past two years, after having served as Chair of the Admissions Committee, Finance Chair, Treasurer, and First Vice President. Jim's enjoyment and passion for "the club" were shown through his many, many rounds of golf and countless close friendships he's developed over the years.

Jim held various leadership positions at St. David's Episcopal Church, including Rector's Warden and Vestry member. He also served on the boards of the Episcopal Church Foundation, Upper Main Line YMCA and Philadelphia Art Alliance.

Jim is survived by his wife, Debra; his mother, Clotilda; his daughters Emily (Patrick), Abigail (Kyle) and Anna; and his grandsons, James and Thomas.

Jim was predeceased by his father, James J Mack Jr.

Jim's Celebration of Life will take place at St. Davids Church (763 South

Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087) on March 13th at 1:30pm. Following the service, there will be a reception at St. Davids Golf Club (845 Radnor Street Road, Wayne, PA 19087). The burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the National Brain Tumor Society to support Jim's family in the fight against brain cancer. <https://braintumor.org/>

Jim's service will be live-streamed at this link:

<https://boxcast.tv/view/james-mack-memorial-service-march-13-2025-gonhtqs5jrzq9tsmrkg3>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *...that ride home after we met for lunch, A few years back Jim was in Greensboro. He was there because his daughter was in a swim meet that was at the aquatic center in Greensboro. We had not seen each other for a few years. He took the time to meet me, and we got some lunch at a restaurant near the hotel where they were all staying. I figured it would be an opportunity to retell some of the stories from our college days and talk about the past and welcomed that possibility. It turned out to be something different. I got to hear about his Wife Deb and their daughters. I don't have specific memories of what he told me but do remember that there was caring, pride and mostly love as he talked about all of them. He told me that his Mom was doing well and I was pleased to hear that. She worked at the Engineering office where we went to school. Lunch was over and Jim got in his car and went back to the swim meet, and I drove back home. As I drove home, I remember the positive feelings I had about how his life was filled with his family and the love they had for each other. As time goes on, I feel sure I will think about Jim and when I do my thoughts will be about the positive feelings I had on that ride home after we met for lunch.*

John Hepburn - March 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JH

“ I have known Jim since 1985 when he was a student in our CPA Review Course that I co- instructed with Professors Frank Lordi and Greg Cermignano at Widener.

Through the years I would run into Jim at School of Business Administration and Widener University- wide events. And I know Til so very well from all of her years at Widener.

Jim offered so generously of his time and resources. He was a dedicated, caring and an outstanding alumni and ambassador for Widener. On top of that he was simply a great guy.

The world is a better place and I am a better person for having known Jim Mack. He will be sadly missed.

May God bless him and his family at this difficult time.

Joe Hargadon

Joe Hargadon - March 11, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ On behalf of the St. James Catholic High School and his 1981 classmates, I extend our deepest sympathies and prayers on your loss. On May 4, 2025, the Alumni Assity- will remember Jim at their annual Memorial Mass at St. Madeline's Church in Ridley Park. May he rest in peace!

John Mooney - March 11, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PJ

“ I was grateful to know and serve with Jim and Deb during my time as clergy staff at St. David's 2000-2008. Our prayers surround Deb, your daughters and families, and all whose lives were blessed to know this loving, deep spiritual soul. May he rest in the peace and promise of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul W Gennett Jr - March 07, 2025 at 10:33 AM

AE

“ Jim and I were freshman year college roommates. Even though we came from two different worlds, our common bond was our fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha and the Widener Swim Team. He was truly a brother. He will be missed.

Adam edelman - March 07, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Jim was a true friend to those who were lucky to know him. I am proud to call him a friend and a fraternity brother. When I was graduating from Widener (17 years after dropping out), he called to congratulate me--and to say that he would be on stage to greet me. That was a proud day for me because of my return to college to finish a degree but it was made extra special by Jim and I will always remember him for it.



Matt Jackson - March 06, 2025 at 07:10 PM