



James E. Monroe

December 1, 1950 - October 10, 2025

James E. Monroe, a longtime resident of Lake Forest, IL, passed away on October 10, 2025, at the age of 74.

Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Taylor (née Morgan); his 3 children, Elizabeth (David) Schardt, Jameson (Lauren) Monroe, and Carolyn Monroe; his 4 grandchildren, Brandon, Ian, Morgan, and Colin; his sisters, Kathleen (the late Barry) Bolz and Patricia (Michael) Daly; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, James F. Monroe and Betty C. Monroe, and sister, Susan (Donald) Ericson.

Jim was born on December 1, 1950, in Chicago, IL. He proudly served in the U.S. Army working in Intelligence and Operations while stationed in Ethiopia and, as a veteran, was a member of the American Legion. He graduated from Bartlett High School, attended the University of Maryland, and then furthered his education by obtaining certificates in HR Management & Analytics from University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business and Organizational Leadership from Harvard University. Jim spent his corporate career in Operations, General Management, Human Resources, and HR Information Systems. He had a passion for solving complex problems, optimizing processes, working with computer systems, and developing computer software.

Jim was a life-long supporter of the Chicago Cubs and loved the game of golf. In his youth, Jim enjoyed exploring 300 acres of forest, swamp, and prairie in Bartlett, IL and spending summers at his grandparent's house in Leland, MI. As an adult, Jim enjoyed quality time with his wife and family, traveling, trying his luck at the lottery, playing guitar, and kayaking in Lake Michigan.

He was a man of exemplary character, a devoted husband, and a loving father to his children and "Papa" to his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

A special thank you to the ICU nurses, doctors, and specialists at Lake Forest Northwestern Hospital for their kindness, compassion, and care of Jim and his family during this difficult time.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster Avenue, Lake Forest, IL on November 8, 2025, at 10:00 am. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at <https://www.cancer.org/> or the National Scleroderma Foundation at <https://scleroderma.org/>.

Husband. Father. Papa. Son. Brother. Veteran.

"May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."
-An Irish Blessing

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church of the Holy Spirit
400 E. Westminster Avenue
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *My condolences to the Monroe family. I worked with Jim at Mather for many years. He always talked about his wife and family. He had a great sense of humor. I will miss his warm smile. May Jim rest in deserving peace.*

Mary Beth Elster - October 27, 2025 at 05:23 PM

KV

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Katie Veenhuis - October 27, 2025 at 03:00 PM

GB

“ *I met Jim when we were 10 year old boys growing up in Bartlett, Illinois. Our Dad's worked together and Jim Sr talked my Dad into moving to Bartlett. Jim and I played Little Leage baseball together and he taught me how to fish. First we had to dig up earthworms out of cow manure because they were the biggest and best for fishing. We grabbed fishing poles, got on our bicycles and went to Herrick House pond. Sure enough I caught my first and several more fish. I have great memories of Jim. My deepest sympathies to Kathy, Tricia and the Monroe family. Gary Bedoe*

Gary. J Bedoe - October 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM

MA

“ Jim grew up across the street from me in Bartlett. I found some pictures from when we were kids! A group picture from school and Jim is the 3rd from left top row! The group of boys singing, Jim is on the right! The little league picture, Jim is in the back row 2nd from the right! From Mike Atchison prayers to Jim’s family 🙏



Mike Atchison - October 21, 2025 at 10:04 AM

TD

“ Tricia Monroe Daly sent a virtual gift in memory of James Monroe



Tricia Monroe Daly - October 21, 2025 at 07:27 AM

TD

“ I remember him teaching me how to skate board, Sinking a 3 point shot, Dancing with me at my wedding reception for the Father daughter dance because Daddy was unable to, I will cherish these memories forever,

Tricia Monroe Daly - October 21, 2025 at 07:24 AM