

JAMES F. WINSHEL, JR.

James F. Winschel, Jr., 75, of Sudbury, Massachusetts passed away after an extended illness on Monday, September 2, 2024, at his home with his wife Rosmery Torrico at his side.

He was born June 27, 1949 in Pittsburgh, PA to James F and RuthAnn Derckum Winschel. He and Rosmery were married on May 15, 2016. Over the span of his career, he worked for General Electric, Whirlpool Financial, Caremark, and Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi before becoming the Chief Financial Officer for Parexel Corporation in Waltham, MA for 14 years. After his extremely brief retirement, he served on the Board of Directors of multiple companies in the United States, Great Britain, and Switzerland and played pivotal roles in the growth of many startups including a year as the CEO of Vivtex Corporation. In this "post-retirement" work, he nurtured a passion for supporting the development of novel therapies to treat orphan diseases. He was well known for his corporate leadership and the deep care and concern that he showed for all of those who worked for him. Jim was a man who had many friends, both personally and professionally.

He is survived by his loving wife Rosmery; three sons, James F. Winschel III of Cranford, NJ, Paul Winschel of Merrimack, New Hampshire and Thomas Winschel of Los Angeles, CA; his stepson, Horacio Daza; two grandchildren, Michael Winschel and Lucia Winschel of Cranford, NJ; his four siblings, Anne Winschel of Fayetteville, NY, Mary Rea of Knoxville, TN, Barbara Minster of Manlius, NY, and Steven Scott (Kristina) Winschel of Manlius, NY; and his many beloved nieces and nephews and extended family across the United States and Bolivia.

Jim was a passionate alumnus and fan of Syracuse University (Bachelor's 1971 and MBA 1973) and loved college sports, especially the Final Four which was an annual trip that he loved taking with family and friends. Jim was a loyal member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. As a native of Pittsburgh, Jim was a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Jim made a point of seeking the opportunity to do three good deeds each day, some small and some that changed the lives of others for the better on a much grander scale. The good that he put out in the world this way came back to him many times over through amazing friendships and adventures on three continents.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that contributions be made in his memory to the National Organization for Rare Disorders (<https://rarediseases.org/donate-nord/>), in recognition of Jim's passion and hard work to develop novel therapies for rare diseases, Attn: NORD, Inc. - Donations, 7 Kenosia Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810.

Calling hours will be held 5PM-8PM, Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the **DUCKETT FUNERAL HOME OF J.S. WATERMAN AND SONS**, Sudbury. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00AM, Saturday, September 7, 2024 at Ascension Parish Catholic Church with a burial to follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sudbury, MA.

Arrangements are under the direction of Duckett Funeral Home of J.S. Waterman and Sons in Sudbury, MA.

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