



## James Ritvalsky

November 23, 2023

James J. Ritvalsky, affectionately known as "Jim" passed away peacefully on November 23, 2023 at the age of 73. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ritvalsky (nee Herzog) and devoted father of Shannon Ritvalsky, Jaime Ritvalsky (Jim Fuller), Kristin Ritvalsky, and Christine Kohler. Jim was the loving Pop of Jimmy Fuller, Jia Fuller, and Nick Alfaro. He is also survived by his siblings: Joseph Ritvalsky (Let) and Katherine Trumbore, as well as his nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jim was the devoted son of the late Joseph and Katherine Ritvalsky (nee Kane). He worked most of his life for the City of Philadelphia in the Department of Recreation and after retiring worked at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital teaching CPR. Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing and Funeral, Thursday, November 30, 2023 after 10 AM from the Dean-Geitner-Givnish Funeral Home, 7900 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111 followed by his Religious Services at 12 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Jim's name to Father Judge Sports Programs. Friends of Father Judge High School, Inc.

Attn: Cathy Jelencovich, 3301 Solly Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19136

Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dean Geitner Givnish  
7900 Oxford Avenue  
Philadelphia , PA 19111

*Please deliver flowers before 9 AM 11/30*

## Religious Services

NOV **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bridesburg Recreation Center Community planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ritvalsky.

Bridesburg Recreation Center Community - November 27, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ritvalsky.



November 27, 2023 at 08:40 PM

DA

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the family of Big Jim. Truly a tremendous person that will deeply missed. May God continue to be a source of strength for the family.

Darrell - November 27, 2023 at 01:29 PM

MM

“ When I worked at the Bridesburg Recreation Center we referred to him as Big Jim. He had a big presence and a big attitude. One look from him would set you straight...he didn't say much but his actions spoke volumes.

He came to my dad's viewing and that was the first time I'd seen him in decades and he was still big Jim. It meant a lot to see him there especially since most of my siblings knew him from the Bridesburg Rec too.

My sincere condolences to his family and friends. May your fond memories of Jim bring you comfort.

Marge Zeiger McCahon

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Marge Zeiger McCahon - November 26, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LH

“ To Jim's family my deepest condolences. He was a special man and a kind man. His Facebook posts and takes on many topics were funny and sometimes very thought provoking. May his memories bring a smile to your face!

Lee Hahn-Mitchell

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lee Hahn-Mitchell - November 25, 2023 at 05:57 PM