



## James "Jim" David Ballinger

December 2, 1965 - May 30, 2023

BALLINGER, James David "Jim", 57, passed away May 30, 2023.

Jim was born December 2, 1965, in Louisville, Kentucky. He achieved his law degree from the University of Louisville. Known to many on the river as "The Mayor", Jim so enjoyed his friends and loved his river family.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Allen Ballinger and his mother, Jane Marie Hellmann.

Jim is survived by his dad, William "David" Ballinger and his mom, Mary "Charlene" Ballinger; sister, Julia "Julie" Sanders (Bobby); nephew, Michael Hirsch; and niece, Lili Sanders. He was loved by so many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial Visitation will be Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10:00am – 7:00pm at Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 22, 2023, beginning at 4pm at Harrods Creek Tavern, 6313 River Rd, Prospect, KY 40059.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655

## Celebration of Life

JUL 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

Harrods Creek Tavern  
6313 River Rd.  
Prospect, KY 40059

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *OMG!! HE WAS MY ATTORNEY IN SUING ITT TECH HE WAS LIKE A MENTOR TO ME HE ALWAYS SMILED, AND WAS ALWAYS ALWAYS HONEST, HE WAS GOOD SPIRITED AND HAD A SUPER HUGE HEART JIM WAS VERY SMART AND VERY CARING HE WAS THE ONLY ATTORNEY THAT IN KY THAT TOOK MY CASE AND WON!!! I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS AND I AM DEEPLY HURT THAT HE IS NO LONGER HERE, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND LOVED!! RIH JIM*

**TERRI BURTON** - December 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM

AN

“ *RIP my favorite "River Rat" I'll never forget that big beautiful smile!  
Angie*

**Angie** - August 08, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *I have a lot of memories of Jimmy-he was a very kind and friendly person. I will never forget him and he will always have a place in my heart. Until we meet again, rest in peace.*



**Michelle Embrey** - June 19, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" David Ballinger.*



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June 15, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Collis Ormsby purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" David Ballinger.*



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**Collis Ormsby** - June 15, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" David Ballinger.*



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June 03, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" David Ballinger.*

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June 03, 2023 at 04:54 PM

DH

“ I'll never forget his kindness, one time he was watching my kids and dog (BIG Bear) who he loved, for the weekend and he was wore out because my son John would call him on the intercom. Hey Jimmy can u bring me a chocolate milk, and Jimmy would, the he took my son in the garage and showed him his Vet. Omg my son was in heaven. Jimmy bought him his 1st tool case shaped like a Vet and told him he'd love him to help. I love you Jimmy, thank u for being u

Dawn Hile - June 03, 2023 at 04:12 PM

AL

Jimmy was an excellent attorney who had a way of getting exciting cases. I always enjoyed hearing about about what he had going. He was a kind person and he will be missed very much by many people. He did things that mattered.

Alecia Lococo - June 03, 2023 at 05:01 PM

RF

RIP my friend. You were a class act. Love you Brother.

Robert Fischer - June 03, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JM

Jimmy you were like a son to me. You spent a lot of time at my house when you were a kid. I am so proud of all your achievements and the life you made for yourself. It still seems so unreal that you're gone but I will always have you in my memories and in my heart. May God wrap his arms around you and may you Rest In Peace ❤️ Love you my friend.

Joyce Marzian - June 03, 2023 at 10:14 PM

LD

Jimmy B. You accomplished so much in the short amount of time you lived. You really made a difference. You will be missed...you already are.

Laura D - June 04, 2023 at 01:19 AM



*I enjoyed our friendship n toast to everything n everyone at the tavern. Your picture says it all...fun, laughter and welcome all. I look forward to a reunion toast with you again at a later time.*

*Gary Morrell  
June 16, 2023*

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**Gary Morrell** - June 16, 2023 at 11:39 AM