



## James A. Horton

September 4, 1953 - December 10, 2021

James A. Horton, 68, of Bourbonnais entered into new life on Friday, December 10, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center.

He was born on September 4, 1953 in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Thomas and Velma (Swinford) Horton. He married Patti Sams on September 15, 1979 in Clinton, Illinois. Jim recently retired from CSL Behring, Bradley, where he worked as an operator in the API department. Previously he had worked at Plochman Mustard, Manteno as a maintenance mechanic and spent many years at Chicago Bridge and Iron, Bourbonnais as a storeroom clerk. He was a member of River Valley Christian Fellowship, Bradley, Illinois.

Jim enjoyed golf, fishing, spending time with his family and was an avid West Virginia Mountaineer fan. He will be remembered by many for his dedication to youth sports programs in the community. One of his greatest accomplishments was establishing and coaching the Stray Cats soccer team.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, three sons; Neil (Amy) Horton of Downers Grove, Kyle Horton of Minier, and Drew Horton of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Lux, Ila, Theodore, and Penelope; as well as three siblings: Jeanne (Chuck) Benninger of Fresno, CA, Joyce (Sam) Mullinex of Pensacola, FL, and John (Linda) Horton of Pensacola, FL.

Proceeding him in death are his parents and a brother, Jerald.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Horton*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



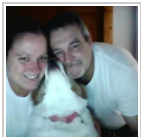
“ *Patti and sons, you are in my thoughts and prayers. You have my deepest sympathy. Jim was a great guy. It's been quite some time, but seems like yesterday he was officiating soccer at Amy Jo's meets.*

**Patricia Jeck Hamlin** - December 17, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Our deepest & sincere condolences go out to you Patti & family. We were so fortunate to have known Jim & you through CB&I where he & Ed worked together so many years ago. Prayers to all.*  
*Ed & Debbie Maher - SC*

**Debbie Maher** - December 15, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Our Hearts go out to Patti and Family at the passing of Jim! Jim and I have been friends for 40 years and I have been very Blessed to have him in my Life! He never had a negative thing to say toward anyone. This world lost a Great Man and Soul when he passed! RIP My Brother! Heaven gained an Awesome Angel! Hugs and Love to All!*

**Monte Schweizer** - December 15, 2021 at 02:39 PM

AH

“ Your IDAHO family sends all our love to you and yours. The 4 days we spent with Jim and John were so special, words can't suffice ❤️  
❤️❤� We are so sad

-----  
**audrey horton** - December 15, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JL

“ Patti, my heart and prayers go out to you and the boys. I was so fortunate to share the time with Jim.  
The memory's are so vivid of us sharing those moments as young men.  
He was a good man who loved his wife and family.  
The world is a lesser place without him but Heaven is a better place now.

-----  
**John Longtin** - December 15, 2021 at 12:17 AM

LB

“ Larry and I are so sorry for you loss Patty. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim was a great man!!

-----  
**Larry & Kelly Bauer** - December 14, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ RIP good buddy. Was honored to know and work with you. I thank your family for sharing you with all of us lucky enough to know you.

-----  
**John Steinberg** - December 14, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JH

“ My sympathy to Jim's family. I was fortunate enough to work with Jim at Chicago Bridge & Iron and CSL Behring as well. I remember Jim reffing my oldest son's games years ago, aching knees and all. Such a good guy, he will be greatly missed. Praying for comfort for the family.

---

**Joseph Hilsenhoff** - December 14, 2021 at 08:02 PM

MW

“ Patti and family, I am stunned by the news of Jimmy's death and want to express my sincere sympathy to each of you. Jimmy was always like a little brother to me from the time his dad was pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Clendenin. We kept in touch over the years as you know with phone calls, Facebook and Christmas cards. Clayton and I will miss him so much and will be praying for you and your family at this time. Clayton and Mary Kay White

---

**mary Kay white** - December 14, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MM

“ Oh my I am in total disbelief!!! So so sorry to you Patti and to all your sons!! He was a great guy and great neighbor. So very 😞 sad.

---

**Maryann Mixon** - December 14, 2021 at 06:00 PM

AR

“ Jim was a amazing man, and I have so many amazing memories growing up. My favorite is bring toast in the morning and sharing my toast with him with my one bite out of it with him. I will miss my Jim bo dearly. Hugs for you Patti and the boys and I'm here if you guys need me.

---

**amanda rattin** - December 14, 2021 at 05:09 PM

JH

“ To sweet Patty and the boys. So much to remember just can't put it all down. I think back to all the Horton reunions at are place in Grandview. So much fun. Lot of laughter and food. I remember back to when Dad would be in competition playing yard darts , horse shoes and croquet . Grandma and her pies. And your uncle Les cranking to make homemade ice cream. The bad mitten games and playing horse with the basketball.

Then came May when Jim stop in to see his uncle Doc and aunt Joyce. We had some laughs there. Boys your dad was one in a million. We loved him so much. God really must have wanted him there to do some coaching. Taken away much to early for all of us. Way to young. Patty just remember our door is always open to you for a get away if you need. Bedroom always there. Love you Patty and each of you boys. YourUncle Doc and Aunt Joyce Horton



---

**joyce horton** - December 14, 2021 at 04:50 PM

TS

“ We only knew Jim for a short period of time but had great fun getting to know him and Patti. From reading all the post, he will be missed by many (including us). We send our thoughts and prayers to Patti, the family, and friends.

*Jim & Teri Sweet*

---

**Teri Sweet** - December 14, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *To the family of Jim! You have my deepest sympathies. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time!  
I worked with Jim the entire time he worked here at Plochman! He was such a fun and nice man!  
May he be at peace!  
Lisa Gibbons Stacy*

---

**Lisa Stacy** - December 14, 2021 at 04:31 PM

BJ

“ *Drew, I am so very, very sorry for your loss.  
Great guy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



---

**Barb Jackson** - December 14, 2021 at 04:27 PM

NJ

“ *Jim was the best neighbor and friend for the past 20 years. He had a great outlook in life.  
I will miss you my friend. You have my deepest sympathy. Nancy*

---

**Nancy Johnson** - December 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

DM

*Our deepest & sincere condolences go out to you Patti & family. We were so fortunate to have known Jim & you through CB&I where he & Ed worked together so many years ago. Prayers to all.  
Ed & Debbie Maher - SC*

---

**Debbie Maher** - December 15, 2021 at 08:18 AM