



James M. Kazwell

December 20, 1960 - October 6, 2021

James M. Kazwell, 60, of Manteno, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at his home.

James was born on December 20, 1960, the son of Dominic and Bernice (Valinskas) Kazwell. He married Pamela Dockus in Las Vegas on July 2, 1988.

James worked as an IT Professional for many years. He was passionate about life and enjoyed golfing, biking, playing the guitar, birdwatching, and most of all loved spending time with his family. He will be missed by his many friends and family members who enjoyed his sense of humor and his compassionate nature.

He is survived by his loving wife, 2 sisters: Diane Kazwell of Romeoville, Illinois; Beverly (Russell) Kelley of Largo, Florida; a brother, Dominic (Lynn) Kazwell of North Carolina; nieces and nephews, Noelle Maugeri (Michael Capra), Dominic Maugeri, Bart Maugeri (Chrissie) and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, William Kazwell.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ James M. Kazwell

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Jim (Jimmy when we were kids) was my cousin on my Dad's side (John Kazwell). I will always remember going to visit their family when they lived in Oak Lawn. My brother, Tim, and Jim were quite the pair. I'm very sorry to learn of his death - so young - and I'm sure he will be very much missed. I got to see Jim at my brother's memorial service twelve years ago. He looked the same as I remembered him, and still had his twinkling humor. It was really great to re-connect. Condolences to the family. Love, Kathy (Kazwell) Woods, Oak Park IL

Kathy Woods - February 01, 2022 at 05:37 PM



Thank you, Kathy. I appreciate your sweet note. His family still always calls him Jimmy.

Pam - February 18, 2022 at 07:53 AM



Yes, Jimmy and I were quite a pair. There was always trouble when we got together. Which usually ended up with me getting a spanking. But we had tons of fun when we got together. I would introduce him to my friends as my cousin from Chicago. He would adamantly retort: I am NOT from Chicago. I am from Oak Lawn! We were not close as adults, but I think of him fondly. Rest in peace, Jimmy. As an interesting little sidenote: I was born just a few months after Jimmy. The story is that my parents were going to name me James, but Jimmy was born and uncle Dom and aunt Bernice named him James. So then I was named Timothy, picked from a list of names created by my mother and chosen by my brother, Terry. Love, Tim Kazwell. James first cousin.

Timothy Kazwell - October 25, 2025 at 04:07 PM

YW

“ I'm remembering all the sweet times we had every year on this date celebrating your birthday. Thank you for sharing your wonderful life with me and for giving me so many treasured memories, Jim.

Your wife - December 20, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KS

“ Jim & I were colleagues and friends for several years. I was so sad when he left the company the first time & thrilled when he came back a couple of years later. Jim was a very smart, funny & warm person. Although I had not seen Jim & Pam for the past few years, I can still see his wonderful smile and hear his genuine laughter. My heart goes out to you, Pam. My condolences to his whole family.
Kath

Kathy Samaan - October 25, 2021 at 11:28 PM

PA

Thank you, Kathy. Pam

Pam - October 28, 2021 at 01:14 PM

DK

“ Jim was the best brother a sister could have. He was always there for me and my children Bart, Noelle and Dom. Jim was like a big brother to them and kind of like the dad they never had. I love him so very much and I will miss him forever. He will always be with me spiritually. I am so lucky to have so many wonderful memories of my brother.

Diane Kazwell

DIANE R KAZWELL - October 17, 2021 at 10:40 AM

PA

“ *The love of my life. I miss you so much, Jim!
Thank you for sharing so many wonderful
years with me.*



Pam - October 17, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JO

“ *He truly was a nice guy that left way to soon. I
met him when I was younger in life and again
years later . He was always the same he
seemed happy and genuinely a nice person .
My true condolences to the entire family.
SINCERELY, J.P.R.*



John - October 14, 2021 at 11:40 AM