



## Jim Joy

April 12, 2023

Peacefully and comfortably, James J. Joy (“Jim”) of West Hartford passed away, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, after a long battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Born in Hartford, CT – the son of Michael and Margaret (Kavanaugh) Joy – he and his late wife Ann (Kicin) made their home in West Hartford for the past 55 years. After graduating from Manchester High School, he received his BA from the University of Connecticut and his MBA from the University of Hartford. He was at the forefront of personal computing and custom database design and started his own consulting company, Joy Associates, in 1978. Jim was a lecturer at the Hartford Graduate Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Connecticut and former president of the Hartford chapter of the Association for Systems Management. When not found golfing or cooking, Jim loved to travel, logging hundreds of thousands of miles in his Volvo station wagon. He was a proud and loving father to his six children, adored his grandchildren and was a kind friend to every dog in the neighborhood. He is survived by his children: Paul M. Joy (wife Jessica) of Wilton, CT, Susan M. Joy, M.D. (husband Scott Dilyard) of Sacramento, CA, James M. Joy (wife Catherine) of Norfolk, MA, David J. Joy of Arlington, VA, Michael J. Joy (wife Ellen) of Charlottesville, VA, and John D. Joy of Pittsburgh, PA; his sister and brother-in-law Marian and Francis Murphy of Windsor, CT; his sister-in-law Helen (Kicin) Malm and her husband William of Tequesta, FL; nine nieces and nephews; his loving companion Marie Healey of West Hartford, and his grandchildren Matthew, Anna, Sarah, William, Louis, Bryce, Zoe, Andrew, Ila,

and Cameron Joy. He was predeceased by his wife of 34 years, Ann, his grandson Peter Wells Joy, his brother and sister-in-law John and Marjorie Joy, his sister and brother-in-law Kathleen and William McCarthy and his parents. Calling hours are Monday, April 17, 5-7 p.m., at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford on Tuesday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. A family burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Connecticut Children's in his name. Gifts can be made online at [www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org](http://www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 18 (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Paul, Susan, Jimmy, David, Michael, and John, and Aunty Helen, and Madame Healey: I am sincerely sorry for your loss. If I may, I wish to share a fond memory of Mr. Joy. In the early '80s, at age 13 or 14, Paul and I went into business mowing lawns. I should not lament that kids these days aren't as enterprising, because our own ambitions were about one lawn per day, maybe an hour of work. In addition to 3 or 4 true customers, we also, naturally, did the yard work for our own families. I recall a late summer day where Mr. Joy was impressed enough with our work that he re-mowed his lawn. That probably happened more than once, and, in itself, was not the thing that stuck with me. It's that Mr. Joy also had an amazing vegetable garden along the fence at the far end of the backyard, with a lush crop of tomatoes coming in (full size tomatoes, not cherry tomatoes). On this day, with one hand still guiding the self-propelled Honda mower, he picked a big ripe tomato off the vine and ate it just like one might eat an apple picked from a tree. It never occurred to me that one could eat a tomato this way. But this memory has stuck with me, and has been my defining vision of success at home vegetable gardening. I hope you are all well. May James Joy's memory be a blessing for you. -David Schor

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David Schor - May 16, 2023 at 08:12 PM

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“ *To the loved ones:  
I was so sorry to hear the sad news of your loss. I used to enjoy it when I ran into Mr. Joy at the pool or in the neighborhood when I lived nearby on Linbrook. What a delightful personality. I remember Mrs. Joy, too, of course, and her dedication to the students at Hall High School, where I taught for many years. I hope you feel supported by loved ones and each other during this difficult time of grief. I'm sorry I was unable to attend the wake and funeral*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Simone*

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**Simone le Coutre** - April 18, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Joy.*



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April 15, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Joy.*



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April 13, 2023 at 08:28 PM

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“ I am so sorry, Sue and Paul, Jim, David, Michael and John. I have such fond memories of your dad...he was so kind and had a great sense of humor. Hugs to you all.



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**abby karlyn** - April 13, 2023 at 05:52 PM

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“ I’m so very sorry to hear about Mr. Joy’s passing. Anyone who grew up with his kids will remember the blue Volvo that added increasingly impressive college stickers with each Hall High grad. Mr. And Mrs. Joy were present at so many school events and showed their support for each of you with such love and devotion. I’m so sorry for your loss and I will keep you all in my prayers. May he rest in peace 🌻

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**Elizabeth McGloin Browne** - April 13, 2023 at 04:37 PM