



Mr. James A. Polcari

September 10, 1960 - November 26, 2016

James A. Polcari

Loving Husband, Father, Son, Brother, and Uncle

Athlete, Humanitarian, and Child Advocate

LOWELL—James Anthony “Jim” Polcari, the beloved husband of Mealea Chan-Polcari and a Belvidere resident, passes away on Saturday, November 26, 2016, following a valiant fight with lung cancer. He was the devoted father of Ethan Chan-Polcari, an eighth grade student and Connie Chan-Polcari, a seventh grade student at the Immaculate Conception School.

James was born in Somerville on September 10, 1960, a son of Anthony Polcari of Melrose who survives him, and the late Claire (McCarthy) Polcari. He attended Melrose Schools and was a graduate of Melrose High School, Class of 1978. Jim went on to graduate from the University of Lowell '82 with a degree in Engineering. He later received a J.D. Degree from the New England School of Law. Jim also studied at the Paulist Bros. Seminary in Washington, DC for two years.

Jim was passionate about his career as an attorney specializing in Special Education Advocacy and Juvenile Law. For Jim, it was a labor of love being a voice for those who didn't have one.

Jim was a real life “Super Hero”, athlete, and human being. He brought passion into everything he loved, especially in his family, and also running, rowing, tennis, sailing, hiking, and skiing. His enthusiasm for life was marked

by a deep concern for others, especially those who couldn't advocate or speak for themselves.

Jim was an awesome Dad. He was devoted to Ethan and Connie and was always there for them. He was a big part of their life as a Baseball Coach at Shedd Park, a Hockey Coach for Lowell Youth Hockey, and Connie's biggest fan with her swimming, basketball games and volleyball games. They also enjoyed riding their bikes along the Merrimack River. He was the one that always took them to Church.

The warmth and generosity of all those who knew him and loved him, over the course of his life, sustained him in his final days. Their support is a testimony to his enduring nature and his family will be forever grateful to so many devoted friends.

Jim is survived by his wife Mealea, his son Ethan, and his daughter Connie, all of Lowell; his father Anthony Polcari of Melrose; his sisters, Linda Biles of Andover, Donna Polcari on N. Andover, and Carol Dickerson and her husband Dr. James Dickerson of Windham, NH; his brother, John Polcari of Bradford; his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Chakry, Matinal, Matinol, Bopha, and Greg; thirteen nieces and nephews, Matt, Aaron, Grace, Kaleigh, Erin, Caroline, Olivia, Matthew, Julianne, Jennifer, Jaclyn, Joseph, and Anthony. Jim also leaves so many dear friends from every facet of his life, far too many to mention by name, but know how special you were to him and how much he valued your friendship.

Jim's family would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Staff at Dana Farber Cancer Center in Boston, Lowell General Hospital's Cancer Center, and Dr. Mark Romanowsky for the care and compassion they showed him throughout his illness. They will be forever grateful.

FUNERAL NOTICE

POLCARI—In Lowell, November 26, 2016, James A. "Jim" Polcari, 56, beloved husband of Mealea Chan-Polcari.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE ST. LOWELL on THURSDAY from 4 until 8 PM. Jim's funeral will take place on FRIDAY MORNING at 11:30 AM at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 144 East Merrimack St. Lowell. PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Burial in the historic Lowell Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to the JIM POLCARI'S CHILDRENS FUND, ENTERPRISE BANK, c/o Maria Lobao, 222 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA 01852 or at any Enterprise Bank location.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

Lowell Cemetery

Lawrence Street
Lowell, MA 01852
<http://www.lowellcemetery.com>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
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<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
144 East Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Burial

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lowell Cemetery

Lawrence Street

Lowell, MA 01852

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James A. Polcari*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I am stunned by the news of Jim's passing. In the Orthodox Church we believe he is now in a place where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering, but life everlasting. I will always remember his smile, generosity, and love for his family. His impact is felt everywhere.*

Joyce Anagnos (Toledo, OH) - January 20, 2017 at 02:43 PM



May his memory be eternal.

Joyce Anagnos (Toledo, OH) - January 20, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *I was Jim's Novice Director when he spent sometime with us discerning a possible call to the priesthood. I have fond memories of Jim's warmth and compassion.*
Fr Mike Kallock of the Paulist Fathers

Mike Kallock - December 06, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ *A great friend and a great person, Jimmy you will be missed. Love*
Danny and Susan Burke

Danny Burke - December 04, 2016 at 07:00 PM

KC

“ Jim was a fiercely dedicated attorney and will always be remembered.

Kathryn Corley - December 02, 2016 at 01:12 PM

JC

“ Such a loss to the children of the Commonwealth , it was always a pleasure to work with Jim

JuLee Colella - November 29, 2016 at 11:14 PM

AD

“ Jim will be missed by more people than we know. I was always so happy to know he was on one of my cases. I learned so much from him. We also shared laughter and interesting conversations from silly things to deep philosophical and religious issues. My prayers are with his family.



Alessandra Donovan - November 29, 2016 at 06:15 PM

MM

“ We are truly blessed to have met Jim. he was a great coach and an even greater person. I will never forget the email he sent me at the end of the hockey season last year, it definitely showed the love and compassion he had for the boys. He will never be forgotten and forever missed. All of our love and prayers are with you all..



Love The Marshall

Meredith Marshall - November 29, 2016 at 09:55 AM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Jim's family.*



The DeMarco Family - November 29, 2016 at 09:21 AM

CF

“ *Such a wonderful and dedicated husband, father and friend. Will remember his kindness and smile. Our sympathy to all. Administration, faculty, students and parents of Immaculate Conception School.*

Catherine Fiorino - November 29, 2016 at 08:05 AM

MN

“ *Growing up with the Polcari's was always a lot of fun and Jimmy was the nicest kid you would ever meet. Never forget all the laughs we had - especially watching the 3 Stooges in the family room after school and Jimmy laughing the loudest of anyone! The awesome man he grew into was the same little boy that ran around Cricklewood Lane!*



Our deepest sympathy to everyone. Bill & Maureen (Lynch) Noyes

Maureen Noyes - November 29, 2016 at 07:05 AM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mr. James A. Polcari



Sean & Erin Rourke - November 29, 2016 at 06:27 AM

DF

My deepest sympathy to the Polcari Family.

I once read No one ever dies unless they are Forgotten.

With this in mind I am sure Jim will be with his family Forever.

Dan.Ferraro

Dan. Ferraro - November 30, 2016 at 12:26 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jim was, perhaps, the nicest man I have ever known. He will be deeply missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Catherine Connelly

Catherine Connelly - December 01, 2016 at 07:00 AM

PH

Wishing we could be there to celebrate Jimmy's life with all of you. Our prayers are with Jimmy and your entire family. Rest in peace cousin!

Peggy Herubin - December 01, 2016 at 11:35 AM

JD

My deepest sympathies to Jim's family and friends, Jim was the attorney who helped my family to get an appropriate school placement for my son. He was the kindest man during a very difficult time. We stayed in contact so I could update him on my child's progress..he absolutely adored his family.i talked to him a few months ago.He was very ill but still his first concern was his family . He deeply cared about his clients and friends.I will miss him very much.i feel very lucky to have known him.

jane dionne - December 06, 2016 at 08:57 AM

MH

"Jimmy P!" was the name called out with joy and recognition throughout Riverside Boathouse in Cambridge. Jim brought his energy, warmth, and generosity to every member of the club, always. He is sadly missed by many members who remember his smile, his laugh, his genuine care for each person. I am sure I speak for them all: our hearts go out to his family and friends.

Molly Haskell - December 03, 2017 at 08:30 PM