



James Porter Buchanan

July 12, 1946 - July 7, 2020

James Porter Buchanan passed away peacefully on July 7, 2020, at the age of 73.

He was born on July 12, 1946 to the late Clarence and Velma Buchanan in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Herbert Hoover High School in 1964 and continued on to Johns Hopkins University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1968.

James married the former Caitilin Collins Giesler in Hollywood, California on August 26, 1972. In 1975 he received his PhD in Psychology from UCLA. James took a position as a professor of developmental psychology at the University of Scranton in the fall of 1977. He taught there for 41 years and chaired the psychology department for 24 of those years, until retiring in 2018, moving to Easton, Maryland. James was an avid fan of sports and life-long fan of the Lakers, the Dodgers, and the Rams. He enjoyed coaching youth sports, including baseball, softball, and soccer, for his children. James loved being a grandfather and served as the den leader of his grandson's Cub Scout Troop. His favorite hobbies included outdoor gardening, collecting antique toys and furniture, and setting up model trains.

Along with his wife, Caitilin Buchanan, he is survived by his two children, Jacob Porter Buchanan and Gillisa Anna Pope, and his grandchild, Lawson James Pope. James was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Velma, and his brother, Myron Buchanan.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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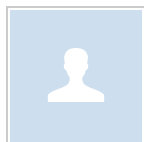
Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Buchanan was my favorite professor. I learned so much from him. I followed in his footsteps and am presently a clinical psychologist.*

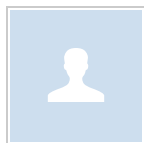
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John Monopoli - March 21, 2025 at 11:35 PM



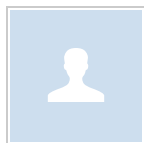
“ *James Porter Buchanan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Porter Buchanan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dr. Jim and I were colleagues at The University of Scranton for many years. He began his teaching career a few years before I joined the full-time faculty and retired about a year after me. We both were in the social sciences - Jim in Psychology and I in Sociology / Criminal Justice & Criminology. He was well loved and respected by just about everyone in the campus community. My sincere condolences to his family and to the many friends he leaves behind. Jim will be missed.*

Joseph F. Cimini, Esquire - July 22, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *As a former student of his I want to share how his work is still with me in practice and at home. He was always kind and gentle in addition to being a great professor. I hope you will find some peace hearing these things about him.*

Cami Kritch - July 16, 2020 at 10:15 PM

DG

“ *Jim, I will always remember you for the dedication and years of service you gave the University of Scranton.*

Darla Germeroth - July 14, 2020 at 11:12 PM

JN

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John Norcross - July 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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caitilin buchanan - June 26, 2023 at 07:31 AM

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caitilin buchanan - June 26, 2023 at 07:34 AM

JF

“ Having known Jim as a colleague and friend since he joined the faculty in 1977, I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. Jim was a genuine gentleman, and I always enjoyed talking to him, whether it was about academic matters or simply about less heady stuff. You, Caitilin, along with Jacob and Gillisa, have my profound condolences.

Joe Fusaro

Joseph Fusaro - July 13, 2020 at 08:15 PM

DF

“ To Caitilin, Jake and Gillisa,

I am here conveying on behalf of myself and Jeanne (as she requested) our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your husband and father. We remember fondly times spent with your family after we both arrived in Scranton in 1977. We think of Jim's good cheer, friendliness, and pride in his family. You are in our thoughts.

David Friedrichs, and Jeanne Friedrichs

David Friedrichs - July 12, 2020 at 05:40 PM

TL

“ Gillisa, Greg, Lawson and family, so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers... Trudy & John



Trudy Leager - July 11, 2020 at 09:17 AM