

James A. "Jimmy" or "Willy" Wilhelm, 57, of Fort Wayne, IN passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2012 in the Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis, IN.

He was born on January 28, 1955, the son of the late J. Pete and Mary E. (Harrell) Wilhelm. He married Teresa J. (Spangler).

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1973 and from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in business and accounting.

Jim's career began with Fort Wayne National Bank at age 18. He was a dedicated employee and partner of Hugh "Skip" Johnston for the past 28 years. Companies including HJI, Inc., Park Investment Group Inc., and Dupont Village West Investment. Jim was also a partner of RCI Development of Fort Wayne, as well as many other companies and investments.

He was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Jim was dedicated to his family and friends. He was known for his unbelievably selfless behavior and ability to always put others needs ahead of his own. He was always quick with a smile and had a very infectious laugh.

He survived by his wife Teresa J. Wilhelm of Ft. Wayne; 4 children J. Jacob "Jake" Wilhelm of Ft. Wayne, Ashley (Lucas) Shifferly of Monroe, E. Scott Meyer of Wolcottville, and Peter Wilhelm of Ft. Wayne; 2 granddaughters MacKenzie and Mary.

He was also preceded in death by his sister Jolene Dickey.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 and from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at Haggard – Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with Father David Voors presiding. Burial will take place at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in rural Bobo.

Memorial donations may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

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