



## Michael George James

February 16, 1949 - November 20, 2020

On November 20, 2020, Michael George James, 71, of Metairie, Louisiana went to be with the Lord with his wife, Melanie, of 39 years by his side. Mike was born on February 16, 1949 in Fukuoka, Japan to retired Army Major George R. James and Dorothy Iman James. He comes from an extraordinary family, as the James' are direct descendants of the pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower and the Imans are descendants of the pioneers who arrived in the Oregon Territories by wagon train in the mid 1800's.

Mike was a young boy when his family left Japan and settled in Washington state, where he had an exciting childhood that ignited in him a passion for adventure. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a teenager and began a remarkable career in deep sea diving in his early 20's, with his first job performing salvage work in Egypt as part of the Suez Canal Clearance project. In 1981, he married Melanie (Melito), who shared his love for life, travel, and adventure. After 20 years of deep sea diving, Mike and his closest friend, a fellow diver, founded a successful maritime business, Magellan Marine International, in 1993.

Mike was truly a man of many talents and interests. He lived life to the fullest, had unlimited energy, and never missed an opportunity to explore new places or ideas. An outstanding individual, he was charismatic, extraordinarily generous, loyal, and most of all, authentic. One of a kind, loved by all who knew him, Mike's zest for life, enthusiasm, willingness to help anyone anytime, and compassion he had for all in need was without equal. A 21st Century

“Renaissance Man” who embodied the characteristics of knowledge and goodness, he challenged others to think for themselves and form their own opinions. Above all, Mike’s spirit is best described by Romans 12:10, “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, esteeming one another in honor.”

Mike is survived by his wife, Melanie. He is also survived by his brother, Randy James; nephew, Miles James and his daughter Phoebe; his in-laws, Larry, Paula (Jimmy), Michael (Mary), and Gina (Juan); and numerous nieces and nephews. His entire family adored and highly respected him

The family will hold a private memorial in celebration of his life.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael George James*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Melanie, my special friend, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's help to get you through this difficult time. Even though I was not around Mike a lot, his kindness and helpfulness were always evident. He was truly a good guy and a wonderful husband. May he rest in peace.*

*Love, Karen Ferro*

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**Karen Ferro** - December 03, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Melanie my heart is so heavy for you! I am truly sorry for your loss! I pray that God be with you during this very difficult time! Although I did not know him extremely well, Cindy has always talked very highly of him. So I know he was a wonderful person and husband! May Gods light shine upon you!*

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**Bonnie Meral** - December 03, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JM

“ Living in Florida, now and I was so disappointed to hear the news of Mikes passing through the channels of “social media”. Mike will certainly be missed by all of his brothers in the ranks of Commercial Deep sea divers that ever had the honor of working with him. We served many days on deck while working together at Subsea international and his happy and enduring attitude always made the difference and carried us all through every job no matter how tough the project or how cold the work was. I’m so sorry for the family and loved ones that he left behind but I look forward to the grand “divers reunion that he as in store for all of us hands”! God Bless and Rest In Peace my friend.

Greatest respect,  
jim Mcclaugherty

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**jim mcclaugherty** - December 02, 2020 at 04:10 PM

SM

“ As a lifelong friend to Melanie - I’ve enjoyed Mike's advice in numerous puzzling events and yummy dinning experiences. Mike will and already is missed. My heart is broken for Melanie and will try to fill that void any way I can. Peace be with you sista 🙏

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**Sandra Juneau Milliken** - December 02, 2020 at 10:22 AM

JC

“ My deepest condolences. May God be with Melanie and Mike’s family as they mourn. Take comfort in knowing he will now know the beauty of heaven and the company of loved ones who await.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 KJV

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**Jonathan Cyrus** - December 01, 2020 at 05:01 PM

CK

“ Cynthia S Klibert lit a candle in memory of Michael George James



Cynthia S Klibert - December 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CK

“ I am honored and blessed to have known Mike, he was the "light" in the room. I feel fortunate to have many fond memories of my dear friend. Melanie you made him laugh with all your antics. Please keep making him laugh.

We both will miss this guy. Heartfelt condolences Tim & Cindi

Cynthia S Klibert - December 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM

EK

Mike was one of the finest people I've ever known. His integrity was above reproach. I was fortunate enough to experience his love and kindness for 39 years. You were one of a kind, Mike James. I am grateful for many fond memories shared with you and Melanie. I'll never forget you singing "Zorro" to my then four year old daughter. Priceless. Rest easy my friend. I'll see you on the other side.

Elaine Kiefer - December 01, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JK

To know Mike was to love him. One of a kind, he was our ambassador of goodness and kindness. Rest In Peace, dear friend.

Judy Kostovick - December 01, 2020 at 03:32 PM

AS

Dear Mel, Eileen and I want to express our sorrow on hearing of Mike's passing. You two had a very special relationship that was obvious from the smile on your face when speaking of him. We have you both in our prayers and thoughts. We love and miss you, Arlene Steudlein and Eileen Lewis

Arlene Steudlein - December 04, 2020 at 08:11 PM

BM

*Mel, May Our Lord Jesus grant you peace, blessings and joy, knowing that your precious husband Mike is at home with the Lord Jesus. The eye has not seen nor the ear heard what the Lord has prepared for those who love Him! So honored to be a part of the Melito and James family. Love to all. Bennie Nobles*

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**Bennie Nobles MD** - December 05, 2020 at 04:56 PM