

James Manuel Badoyen



James Badoyen Obituary

James Manuel Badoyen passed away at home on January 16, 2024, at the age of 64. He was born March 2, 1959, in Berlin, Germany. He was preceded in death by his father, 1SG James Jaime Badoyen. **He was a graduate of Berlin American High School (forever a Berlin Brat)** where he excelled in numerous sports. His talent in football brought him to Ferrum College, winning the NJCAA National Football Championship in 1977. From there he would attend Old Dominion University and continue his education in business management. He became a proud member of TKE fraternity where he met his lifelong brothers and friends. A long and storied career in sales and banking ensued.

He was known as Jim, Jimbo, JB. or Bogey to all those that knew and loved him. As an avid lover of all things sports, from his beloved

"Redskins" (aka Commanders), Sundevils/Harvey Lindsay softball teams and ODU football/basketball tailgates, he was a true team player. Though he enjoyed his own journey in playing sports, he was most proud of both his daughters' athletic endeavors. From coaching, to mentoring, to being in the stands cheering, he found great joy in their accomplishments.

He lived a fulfilled life and consistently operated as a detailed and determined man. Jim exuded a true Aloha spirit, taking pride in both his German and Hawaiian heritage. Growing up in a proud Army family, Jim learned to love traveling and moving throughout the United States and Germany. In retirement he relished the opportunity to spend quality time with his family, spoiling his dogs Buddy and Sasha and taking pride in his yard.

Jim is survived by his mother, Helga Edda Badoyen; his best friend and loving wife of 40 years, Laurie Ann Badoyen; daughters Leigh Anne Badoyen and Shelby Lynne Badoyen (Ryan Darr); aunts Petra Sachse and Margot Monhaupt of Germany and his sisters-in-law Karen (Larry), Robyn (Steve), Suzanne and Dawn and their families, as well as Barbara Steely, his mother-in-law. As an only child he loved the chaos of marrying into a large family. Also left behind are many treasured members of his Hawaiian Ohana residing in the islands and continental U.S., in particular his close cousins Leilani Robinson and Denny Badoyen.

To all who knew our "Big Kahuna" was to know his love for all our fur babies over his lifetime. Anyone who wishes to honor him can donate to the Norfolk SPCA. A life celebration will be held at a future date as per his wishes. Wir lieben dich. Aloha Jim, a hui hou!

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