



James Patrick Zito

November 6, 1955 - July 13, 2016

James "Jim" Patrick Zito, 60, of Pilot Point, TX passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in Dallas, TX after a valiant battle with cancer. Jim was born November 6, 1955 in Elgin, IL to John F. Zito and Margaret (Hogan) Zito. Jim and his wife Lynn were married for 30 years. Jim's career spanned 28 years with Peterbilt Motors Company where he held numerous positions, sharing his passion for the company and the products he proudly represented. Jim was an avid outdoorsman who loved the mountains, the sea and everything in between. He enjoyed skiing, boating, fishing and cheering on his favorite sports teams, the Chicago Cubs, Bears & Blackhawks. Jim loved his horses, dogs, cows and working around his ranch as well as restoring classic cars and all things automotive. Jim will be deeply and forever missed by his loving wife, best friend and soul mate, Lynn; parents, John and Margaret of Sister Bay, WI; son William Zito of Kuwait; two daughters, Jennifer Zito of Chicago, IL and Jilliane Zito and husband Charles Whitwam, of Pacifica, CA; grandson, Nehemiah James Whitwam of Pacifica, CA; four brothers, Hugh and wife Linda Zito of Honolulu, HI; Kevin and wife Tamara Zito of Sister Bay, WI; Steve and wife Cathy Zito of Spring, TX; and Mark Zito of Vail, CO.; his numerous nieces and nephews; extended family, friends and business colleagues, along with his many furry, four-legged family members. Memorial Mass will be Friday, July 22, 2016 at 11 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 Ela St. (Corner of Franklin and Ela Sts.), Barrington, IL 60010 In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, www.bcan.org.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of James Patrick Zito, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

RV

“ I have sat down many times to share a note with others about the nearly 40 years I spent with a king of our industry. Also a caring loving husband,father and friend. To me a brother in law but true blood brother in my book. My mentor. We spoke when he was not traveling several times a week by phone on our way in to work. Me to JX Peterbilt and him to Peterbilt corpote. Always started with a Hey How ya doin!! I have been watching the phone at 7am for 2.5 months on my way still hoping to hear from him, anxious to tell him some of the cool things that happen to each of us we always shared for 6-7 years while driving in to work. We spent this 4th of July at Zito Ranch with Lynn and Ernie the husky. Ernie and I we walked about the ranch looking for him as if you would show up in a barn taking some tractor apart. I would ask why and he would say gremlins it has gremlins.Go on to fix some major engine rebuild or transmission repair. I today felt a need to share some of my thoughts as their is no limit to the time in which we can offer a note of remembrance. Please continue as I am now just getting able to share. To one Cool Cowboy I will think of you often...

Rick Venuso - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ The industry will miss Jim, he was a true gentleman. Rest in peace my friend.

Harry Gladfelter - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ ‘Good People’ that Jim ZitoA testament to a good man. Jim always greeted me with an upright open handshake, leaned forward a bit, and a smile. Always treated others with respect, I truly appreciated that in this fast paced and uncertain world. Worked with and around Jim for years at Peterbilt, one of the best compliments I received was "you give the second best tour to our customers, other than Jim Zito's"...that speaks volumes in my book. We all appreciate the time we had and are better people by knowing Jim. 2 Peter 3:11

Salty - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jim was an outstanding friend, boss, and mentor. His passion for Peterbilt was at the highest level. His love for family and friends was without question. Dixie and I will sorely miss his visits to our home in Wisconsin. He leaves us with one of the finest examples of living life we could find. We wish only the best for Lynn and the rest of the Zito family. May God bless them during this difficult time.

Dixie and Dan Brunner - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ May your hearts soon be filled with the wonderful memories of Jim. A great man who cherished each moment with his family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you!

Teri Mattson - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Jim was a boss, a mentor, but most of all a great friend. He was an icon who we all looked up to. He conducted his business with such integrity and exceptional passion for the Peterbilt brand. Jim possessed tremendous credibility and a very special connection to his customers and the market. He was a rock around here who always took an interest and made time for the younger guys coming up. Beth and I are saddened to lose such a great friend and our prayers remain with Lynn and the family during these trying times. What a special guy I'm blessed to have known him.

Dave Kirwan - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Jim will Be missed by many. We enjoyed working with him over the many years we knew him. Our prayers are with Jim and his family. I knew Jim was a Chicago boy. Who could miss that accent! But never knew we shared his birthplace of Elgin, IL. Go Bears! We love ya Jim!

David Weiger - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Jim was always quick with a smile and always had a great sense of humor. A true professional within the Peterbilt Organization. He will be sorely missed!!

Andy Hallums - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Jim was one of the "Good Guys" always helpful and there with a smile no matter what the situation was. We will miss Jim and we wish peace and comfort to the Zito family- May the good Lord keep him forever in his embrace.

Bob Cascone - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ A friend, Best Man at our wedding, God- Father to our daughter, Brother-in-law. You will be remembered always.

Dana & Norene Carr - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ The great times working with Jim are far too numerous to mention. I will remember him as one of the most knowledgeable people I had the pleasure to work with, both product and customer care. My condolences to Lynn and the Zito family. He will be missed by many of his "Peterbilt Family".

Rod McNulty - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Lord what a tremendous loss for us all. Jim showed his passion for life in all things he did. there will be a gap in our Peterbilt Family with Jim missing. my deepest sympathy to the family. i will miss our discussions wheather it be trucks or ranching. God Bless you Jim.

Jim Fykes - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Lucy and I are deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was truly one the most decent and professional men I have ever had the pleasure to work with and get to know. May God welcome him into His Kingdom and bring His peace and comfort to Lynn and the family.

Nick Panza - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Jim was a really unique individual. He would go from having a genuine conversation with a company CEO to a truck mechanic and not think anything of it. His knowledge, professionalism and honesty made him a favorite with customers, dealers & coworkers alike. I loved working with Jim and am truly grateful for his friendship. My deepest condolences to Lynn and all of Jim's family. God bless!

Valarie Andrew - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person! Jim was the best and will be missed! My deepest prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult!

Patty Jones - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ To a person we all thought very well of when he was here in Nashville. He was liked by all and will be missed by all. Rest in peace Jim, we are blessed you came our way in life.

Terry F. Gentry - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Jim, I am really going to miss you. You and Lynn had a great life together and you leave an enduring legacy.

Craig Carr - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are thinking of you all and remembering such fond memories of Jim growing up in Fox Point and as neighbors of the Zitos. Lynn and the Zito family, I have so many fond memories of Jim and want to express my sincere condolences to you all.

Sarah Griffin Wippman - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace Jim* Condolences to you're family and friends

July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Lynn and family. My prayers are with you. I wish there was something I could say. Love, Sue*

July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I'm praying for strength for you all. I know how tough it is. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Janet Rutman - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I only knew Jim in highschool and was truly blessed by his friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God give you comfort and peace.*

Edward Richter - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family, I want you to know that he will live in my heart because of the man that helped me understand the world... if only for a little while. I will miss the talks we had that made me feel like I was important... like the big brother I never had. In my life, I have not met a man who was so great to me and didn't have to (and I am sure quite a few others have felt the same)... He's hardwired to this engineer's brain!*

Brian Fuerstenberg - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Our deepest condolences to your family. May you all find peace in the fond memories of Jim. Love, Sandy, Austin, Zack & Tori Stephen*

Sandy Stephen - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM