



James Curles

March 2, 1958 - December 30, 2021

James Reginald Curles, 63, of Cornelius died December 30, 2021 at his home. He was born on March 2, 1958 in Baltimore, MD to the late John and Charlotte Curles. He grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, where he became an Eagle Scout at age 16. After graduating from Concord High School in Wilmington, he moved to Charlotte and made NC his home. After studying architecture at UNC Charlotte, he began his professional career in construction/real estate. He was employed in that capacity at companies including Bojangles, First Union, and later was self-employed at Troika Development and Fairview Properties.

Jim was a sailor and loved "messing around in boats." He enjoyed many good times with friends at Lake Norman Yacht Club and was a proud member of the San Juan 21 fleet there.

Jim met his wife Karen 45 years ago. During their marriage of 40 years, they enjoyed the company of many well-loved dogs and cats. His beloved companion Millie will miss him very much.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Steve. Survivors include his wife Karen Helms., his mother-in-law Martha Hager, his brothers-in law Eddie, and Greg (Susan), and sisters in law Katherine (Robert), and many favorite nieces and nephews and their families. He considered his in-laws his true family and loved them dearly.

Memorials may be made to the Lake Norman Humane Society, where he found his beloved pet Millie.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Hospice of Lake Norman and Visiting Angels, who extended such compassion and care during his final months.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 2 from 1-3, with a brief memorial service to follow at 3:00 will be held at James Funeral Home. MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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JAN **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Jim and I were long time friends at Lake Norman Yacht Club. I worked with him on many projects around the club. Over the years, he developed plans for expansion of the Clubhouse, managed the major renovation of the Clubhouse entry-way, worked on the Pavilion replacement building, managed the replacement of the Race Management Center building, and provided help with the power and water to the campsites. He always had time to stop and chat. I will miss seeing him at the Club. Fair winds my friend.

Don Smith - January 03 at 12:32 PM



“ Some 45 years ago my dearest friend, Karen introduced me to Jim when I was visiting her at the UNC campus. From that moment... seeing them together I was sure this was a very special relationship. The love & dedication to each other, family & fur babies was much to be admired over these many years! The way they would “light up” when together, it was obvious they were over the moon for each other!

Leslie S. Mabel - January 03 at 10:11 AM



“ I met Jim my freshman year in college. He had already met the love of his life, Karen, who had become one of my dearest friends! Jim was many things, but my fondest memories are of his kind and gentle nature. My prayers are with Karen and all those who loved Jim

Sandy Crusco - January 02 at 12:12 PM



“ Jim and I were friends and competitors from the day we became members at the Lake Norman Yacht Club - he was a valued member of the Club and SJ 21 fleet. Fair winds and following seas, my friend.

mike robinson - January 01 at 06:25 PM