



## James P. Koerner

September 1, 1950 - January 19, 2025

James P. Koerner, 74, of Mentor, Ohio passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at University Hospitals Tri-Point Medical Center, Concord, OH.

Jim was born on September 1, 1950 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Victor and Martha Koerner.

Mr. Koerner earned a bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1972 and a law degree from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law in 1975. He began his legal career serving as an assistant prosecutor with the Lake County Prosecutor's office. He later transitioned to a private law practice and was a practicing attorney until his retirement in January of 2024. He served as Bar Counsel for the Lake County Bar Association for many years, and was the 2019 recipient of the Lake County Bar Association's President's Award.

Jim will be remembered for his kindness, empathy and dry sense of humor, which was with him until the very end.

Survivors include his wife: Laurie Koerner; daughters: Jaime (Rob) Higginbotham, Karin (Josh) Pennock and Hannah (Leigh) Koerner; son: Hunter (Amudha) Koerner and beloved grandchildren: Anna Pennock, Ella Pennock, Ryan Higginbotham and Sophie Higginbotham.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

A Celebration of Life of Jim's life will be held from 10:00 - 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Wildwood Cultural Center & Park, 7645 Little Mountain Road, Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wildwood Cultural Center  
7645 Little Mountain Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for your loss. Jim and I were pretty good high school buddies and went on many double dates. He did have a dry sense of humor. We went separate ways in college and lost touch but I’ve never forgot him. He was a great guy.  
Larry Kennedy Mount Lebanon, high school class of 1968

Lawrence Kennedy - April 26, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James P. Koerner.

March 13, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Koerner.



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March 12, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AC

“ Jim and I were college roommates and continued our friendship when we were both in NE Ohio. He had a good heart, droll sense of humor and was great fun to be with! Memories to cherish...

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**Al Cummins** - March 12, 2025 at 03:25 PM

PR

“ I just learned of Jim's death and was saddened to hear the news. Several years ago, I was a GAL (guardian ad litem) on two cases in which we worked together. Jim was easygoing, down-to-earth, fair, and always professional. I enjoyed working with him and thought highly of him. I later took my parents to him for legal documents before their deaths.

To his family, may the memories and love you shared be comforting as you adjust to life without him. I'm so sorry!

*Peggy (Bishop) Rickard*  
Arizona

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**Peggy Rickard** - February 09, 2025 at 04:15 AM

DL

“ So sorry for Koerner families loss. Jim was a fantastic man in every sense. He treated me with as much kindness as my actual father. Thank you Mr. Koerner for everything you've done for me! Rest easy!

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**Darold Lette** - January 23, 2025 at 12:58 PM

DS

“ So very sorry to hear you passed. Always a fun conversation and of course "you are my favorite".

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**Dawn Stover** - January 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM

RO

“ Jim was the consummate professional. A fine person. I am saddened to learn of his passing.  
Atty Richard Orosz

Richard Orosz - January 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM

LS

“ My heart is broken. Jim was truly a one-of-a-kind man. He was always there when you needed him. He had a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to his entire family. Lisa Fox Salomon

Lisa Fox Salomon - January 22, 2025 at 10:04 AM

KB

I agree with Lisa. I had known Jim for some 40 + years as friends & legal affairs. This was a terrible surprise. Sorry Laurie that you & Your families will be without Jim for many years ahead. I understand your loss. Remembering you also Judy. Bless you all. Kathe

Kathe Brown - January 23, 2025 at 02:32 PM

JM

I enjoyed working with Jim at Painesville Muni, so much! He was such a good guy. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Joyce Maness - January 24, 2025 at 01:17 PM

DE

Am sorry to hear about Jim. We both lived on Parkway Drive in Mt Lebanon and he was my best friend. We played pool in his basement many many times and the frig was full of Hires Root Beer and Orange Crush. We also played darts and of course poker. Tom Simonds and Jim were my best friends. Although we lost touch after college I have thought of Jim often. Was very close to his entire family. Am so grateful that Jim was part of my life. Class of '68. There was also the summer in Cape Cod in '68. Kind thoughts and prayers. David

David Erskine - April 26, 2025 at 06:03 PM

KF

*I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jimmy. He was a classmate of mine in our elementary through high school years. Just yesterday I was talking with past classmates trying to remember names from past school pictures. Jimmy was always a kind classmate. May you find peace in all of the wonderful memories your family was able to enjoy. May his memory be eternal. Karen Shogry Fritz*

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**Karen Fritz** - April 27, 2025 at 10:55 PM

TS

*It is very sad to hear this news about Jim. I am another high school friend, and like Lawrence and David, I lost touch with him after high school. Jim was always a cheerful and optimistic person who was fun to be with. He was great at getting you back for any prank you pulled on him and it was usually an escalation. Jim was an excellent high school wrestler with expertise in using his legs to tie up his opponents. Deepest sympathies to his family.*

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**Tom Simonds** - April 29, 2025 at 09:38 PM