



## James E. Finn

December 24, 2012

James Edwin Finn, age 57, a 28-year Dublin resident, died on Monday, December 24, 2012 at Kobacker House. Jim was born in Cincinnati, OH to James Joseph Finn and Mildred Connor Finn. Jim was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his wife of 35 years, Leslie Engle Finn; sons Michael (Emily; grandson due February 2013) of Peachtree Corners, GA and Patrick (Carrie; granddaughter Erin) of Johns Creek, GA. Also surviving are his mother Mildred; brothers Robert, Phil (Marilyn) and John (Beth) as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Jim graduated from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati in 1973 and from The Ohio State University in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in Risk Management & Insurance. Jim began his career in insurance at The Hartford and moved into brokerage with Marsh & McLennan, where he worked for 25 years. Most recently, he was Managing Director for Aon Risk Services for nearly nine years. Giving back to the community was a way of life for Jim. He served on the boards of Opera Columbus and City Year Columbus and was a board member and volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation, Central Ohio Chapter, where he received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. He was also a board member and longtime volunteer for the Dublin Irish Festival, for which he and Leslie were selected to serve as the 2011 Honorary Chairs. Jim also had a lifelong passion for golf. He received a scholarship from the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation to attend OSU and was a longtime member of Brookside Golf & Country Club. Jim was a parishioner of ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE

CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017 where family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8pm. THURSDAY and where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00am. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012 with The Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Burial will follow the Mass at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, OH. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jim's memory to any of the following organizations: Evans Scholars Foundation [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org); Ohio Health Foundation/Kobacker House [www.ohiohealth.com](http://www.ohiohealth.com); or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org) . Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 assisted the family. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com) to send condolences to Jim's family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Finn*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. He was a valued colleague, respected and trusted both in the Marsh days and at Aon, but more importantly, he was a friend. I will miss him. With very best wishes to Leslie and the family. William*

**William O'Kelly** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Finn Family: Jim was truly a class act and was always a great pleasure to work with. I'm in Chicago but was blessed to know Jim throughout the years he was at Marsh and Aon. He always brought a keen sense of humor to his job and helped us all keep our work in perspective! My prayers and thoughts are with you now, and always.*

**Nathan Randall** - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie, Pam and I were very saddened by the news of Jim's passing last week. My mind immediately went back to the many good times and fond memories from OSU days and Evans Scholar events over the many years since then. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jim was truly one of the special ones.*

**Bill Toerner** - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ People disappear, but they never really go away. The spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up the grass and spin the earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the daytime when they're supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbows and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tie. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes. And when they sing wind songs, they whisper to us "Don't miss me too much. The view is nice, and I'm doing just fine". Thinking about you and the family and praying for God's peace in your loss.

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**Curtis & Susan Smith** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Leslie and family. We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We will always continue to waive as we take our neighborhood strolls. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Roger and Amy Colson** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dear Leslie, I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. He was one of the nicest men that I have ever met. I enjoyed having him help me in coaching boys basketball, in DYA. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this very sad time. Tom Rees

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**Tom Rees** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Leslie and family, Blaise and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember all the good times we had in college with the AZD and Evans Scholar friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Peggy Grubic Baker** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Very sad about Jim's passing. Long-time business acquaintance and friend. Jim was a true professional in our business and cared about every client and their needs. A solid guy, whose loss we all regret!* ”

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**Bill Kientz** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the entire Finn family, our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you in this time of sorrow. Diane and Jack Blake* ”

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**Diane and Jack Blake** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Leslie: Josette and I were very sorry to learn of Jim's passing at way too young an age. Critter was always someone who brightened the room and made you laugh or smile. We hope that you and the boys and their families are doing as well as can be under these circumstances. You will all be in the prayers of some folks up in Toledo, who will be remembering Jim as well.* ”

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**Tim McCarthy** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *So sorry to read about Jim's passing in this morning's paper. It's been a long time since those fun times with the boys playing soccer but you are both a part of that memory. He was a lovely man and his kind soul will shine even brighter on the other side. Please accept our deepest condolences.* ”

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**Cheryl and Mike O'Rourke** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so so sad to lose such a caring, generous and loving man. We will remember his sense of humor and dedication always and consider ourselves very lucky indeed to have crossed paths with him in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Randie & Pat Morgan** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the Finn family Jim was a kind and generous man and will truly be missed. I had the good fortune of starting my career with Jim and working with him for 25+ years. So many good memories. We are so sorry for your loss; you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Joni, Jessie and Taylor Hicks** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We are so sorry to hear about this Leslie. I can't image what you are going through. I know you guys know the Lord and know Jim is home with Him now. We shall meet again sometime and it will be a glorious day. He was a true friend to us and a Evans Scholar Brother forever. We will miss him and his smile dearly. May God Bless and comfort you and the boys during this time of sorrow. Tim & Terri Proud and Family.

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**Tim Proud** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Leslie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I hope you can find some comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of your time together with Jim. Thinking of you today and in the many days ahead.

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**Kathy Slaven** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am glad to have had Jim as part of my life. Thanks for all he has done, especially for the Evans Scholars, he will be missed! Tiger, OSU 76

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**Scott Gearig** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Leslie, Michael and Patrick, Know that you are the embodiment of Jim's spirit and through you all he will be forever in our presesnce. Jim's love is inFinnite. Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you. May the sun shine warm upon your faces, May God keep you all in the palm of his hand until we meet again. We will miss our dear friend. Much love, ,Dave and Lou

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**Lou Nauman Burnsidies** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Leslie- I was sad to hear of Jim's passing and am thinking of you and your family at this time. While it's been a long time since I last saw the both of you, even in college, your mutual love and strong relationship were an inspiration to us younger Evans Scholars, and that obviously grew and blossomed into family, friends, careers and more over your last 35 or so years together. Jim was the epitome of a "good man", and will be missed by all.

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**Matt Desch** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Leslie, Michael, Emily, Patrick, Carrie, Erin and entire family... Our hearts go out to you during this extremely difficult time. We have been praying every day for a miracle. Our only comfort now is that Jim no longer has to suffer with this terrible disease. Now we pray that you find the strength you need to get through this. May the beautiful memories of Jim and your friends and family comfort you all now. We love you all, our DIF family! Our deepest sympathies, Love Kevin, Trena, Don & Nettie (your West Virginia family)

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**Trena McNair** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Finn Family: The thoughts and prayers of the Atlanta Marsh team reach out to you and wish everyone the best during these times. Through Jim's son, Patrick, we have heard countless stories of his kindness and deep love for his family. From the few times we were all able to meet Jim it was apparent that he instilled the upmost moral values in both his life as well as the ones he touched.

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**Gray Munroe** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ On behalf of the Arthritis Foundation, I wanted to pay my respects and let you know how much Jim meant to the Foundation in Central Ohio. His leadership has been missed this past year, since he became ill, but his spirit has always been there and I believe will continue to be. God Bless.

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**Christopher Smith** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Leslie and the Finn Family, Jim will always remain in my mind as the best insurance professional I have ever known and had the privilege of working with. A genuine great guy with a laugh to match. My thoughts and prayers for you all.

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**Tim Preece** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Leslie and Family; Cheri and I send our sympathies to your entire family. Jim was a 'warrior". He fought his battle with courage and dignity. His work with WGA/ESF was a testimony to his giving back to the program that created his many opportunities.

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**Cheri & John Grant** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Rich Weber** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ My sympathies to the family. I had the pleasure and privilege to work with Jim for several years, and he was both a consummate professional and a kind, affable man. He will be missed.

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**Penny Proctor** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We wish to express our sympathy in your loss and to let you know that our thoughts are with you.

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**Arthritis Foundation** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. I think back all those years ago to college and the good times we had. Then all of a sudden we grew up. Was always great seeing you guys on St Pats day and the DIF. Blessings with you and your family.

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**debbie dull duff** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ The Finn Family. Our condolences; Jim was a pleasure to know. Bob and Julie Patrick

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**Robert W. Patrick** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *"Critter"... LIFE IS ETERNAL I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then some one at my side says; "There! She's gone." Gone where? Gone from my sight-that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at that moment when some one at my side says, "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" Henry Van Dyke I miss you already.*

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**Gary Johns** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Leslie and Family, I am so sorry to hear that your husband and father has passed away. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. Jim will be missed dearly. Thinking of you, Barbara Cooper Hampl

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**Barbara Cooper Hampl** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good friend of mine in The Evans Scholars. A better man cannot be found. God Bless

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**Terry Fahy** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and our family.

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**Jack and Sue Curtis** - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Leslie and Finn family - Judy and I learned of Jim's passing from Jeff Brashares early this afternoon, Christmas Eve. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We truly will miss Jim. Blessings, Pete and Judy

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**Pete and Judy Barnhart** - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM