



## James Clyde "Jim" Ball

July 7, 2013

James "Jim" Clyde Ball, beloved husband, Dad and Paw-Paw, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 7, 2013. Born in Madison, WV, Jim is the youngest child of Elmer and Gladys Ball and attended Northwest United Methodist Church. Jim attended Scott & East Bank High Schools in WV and obtained both his B.S, Biology and M.S., Industrial Hygiene degrees from Marshall University. Jim was well known for his worldwide expertise in his profession. He worked as a Senior Environmental Health and Safety Auditor/Fellow Engineer for Ashland Inc. for over 20 years and traveled to over 60 countries. He served in several leadership roles, including Director of BEAC, Director of the Auditing Roundtable, Manager of Operations Auditing and was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. Jim was also a community leader serving a combined 30 years as a collegiate and high school football referee. Jim is predeceased by his parents and sisters Nola and Helen and he is survived by his beloved and devoted wife Gretchen, sons Brent (Christine) and Matt (Alyssa), his four precious grandchildren Nick, Mackenzie, James and Isla, brothers Danny (Jean) and Steve (Nina), sister Lynda (Don), mother-in-law Emma Mae, brother-in-law Greg (Melca), sister-in-law Beth (Hoy) and numerous nieces and nephews. The family appreciates the professional care and nurturing afforded by the staff of The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus and the MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. Memorial gifts may be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center [www.mdanderson.org/gifts](http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts). Family will receive friends from 10:00a.m.-12:00 Noon on SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

at NORTHWEST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 5200 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH 43220 where Funeral Service will follow on SATURDAY at 1:00pm. Reverend Tom Slack will officiate. Burial will follow at Dublin Cemetery, Dublin, Ohio. The 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 the Ball Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Clyde "Jim" Ball*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry about your family member, James Ball and I pray that when you think about all of his accomplishments, you will see that he will never be forgotten. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you as well. I am a friend of Danny Ball and his wife.*

**Joyce Davis** - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *This is a terrible loss for the Family. What a Great Family. RJ*

**Ronny L. Justice** - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing on July 7th. Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories and in God's love.*

**Jay and Melanie Brown** - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *this just breaks my heart Jim was a classmate and friend I send my love and prayers to his family*

**Bonita Hager** - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Gretchen- I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

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**Pam Rutkowski** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Gretchen, Brent, Matt, and family- Steve and I are so deeply sorry to hear about Jim. We are thinking of all of you at this sad time and wishing you strength in the days ahead. Jim was a wonderful person and will be missed by all.

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**Joan Pell** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim will be remembered as a loyal member of the Dublin wrestling family for his many years of volunteer dedication to the programs of Coffman and Scioto High Schools. Thanks to the Ball Family for sharing your husband and father with us for so many years.

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**Roger Rabold** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Gretchen and Family, So sorry to hear about Jim - he was a treasure. I worked with him/for him and have not found a more honest, ethical, personable and truly wonderful person as Jim. He guided me and pushed me to get an MBA and I am very grateful for his guidance and encouragement. He was a very special person to me and to all of us. We will miss him very much.

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**Jean and Jerry Bohan** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family. I worked with Jim at BEAC and the AR. He was a truly good person and my friend. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Ken Kasper** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Words truly cannot express how sad we are over Jim's passing. He is one of the finest people I have ever met. Gretchen, we will continue to pray for you and your family.*

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**Steve Lockard** - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM