



## James "Jim" Rissing

June 25, 2012

James "Jim" Rissing, 62, of Dublin, passed away on Monday, June 25, 2012. Born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School, Class of 1968 and Xavier University, Class of 1972. Employed the last 14 years by Blackboard, Inc., Phoenix AZ as a regional salesman. Preceded in death by parents, Dr. Walter and Dorothy (Eckrich) Rissing. Survived by wife of 18 years, Martha "Marty" Sklepko; son, Timothy "T.J." Rissing, of Royersford, PA; siblings, Dr. John "Pete", Dan (JoEllen), Bob (Nancie), Tom (Jodell), Rose (Jim) Cruickshank, Dr. Steve (Janet) Lukacs, Ed (Karen), Joe (Sue), Deb (Jeff) Wasilevich; sister-in-law, Liz (Paul) Andraso and brother-in-law, Michael Sklepko; 33 nieces and nephews and many cousins and friends. Member of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, 7179 Avery Rd., Dublin, OH 43017 where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. FRIDAY, June 29, 2012. The Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. THURSDAY, June 28, 2012 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St. (Powell Rd./S.R. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy) Powell, OH 43065. Burial St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, Youngstown, OH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Brigid of Kildare School Endowment Fund, 7179 Avery Rd., Dublin, OH 43017 in Jim's memory. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Rissing*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I was shocked to learn of Jim's passing. I attended Bishop Dwenger H.S. (class of '67) and lived in the neighborhood and my father drove the neighborhood "Saints" to school. I often swam in their pool. Jim was always a deep thinker and had such a sense of humor. My deepest sympathy to all his family and friends. My prayers are with Jim and all of you. Pam*

**Pamela Bowers Miller** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jim. I went to grade school (Precious Blood) with him. I ran into him a few years back at St. Annes nursing home where both of our mothers were being cared for. Always liked Jim, and from all the comments I've just read, everyone who ever came in contact with him did also. May God grant peace and strength to all of his family and friends, now, and in all the days ahead. Rest In Peace brother.*

**Bill Bentley** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a classmate of Jim at Bishop Dwenger. Jim always reminded me of a Jimmy Stewart. Tall, Thin and always had a smile on his face. I am very sorry for your lose. He was a very gentle man. Peace and Love from the Cuttitta-McGinley families.*

**Carol L Cuttitta** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ Marty, I am so sorry and stunned to hear of Jims passing. Please accept my condolences and know that I am truly saddened by your loss. My prayers go out to you and your family. Yoli Class of 68 Bishop Dwenger High School

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**Yoli Henry** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Rosie: Please accept my deep condolences on the loss of your brother, Jim. Larry, Mary, Mom and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. God bless, Jane

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**Jane (Rose) Krebs** - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Marty, TJ, and family, our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. Jim was a great colleague, mentor and friend. His professionalism, caring spirit, and sense of humor touched all of us who were fortunate to know him. We will always remember how he treated us much more like family than just friends. We will miss him dearly. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Duane and Janice Dalager

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**Duane Dalager** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To Marty and TJ, I had the pleasure of working with Jim for most of his 14 years at Blackboard and he was always friendly, always asked how I was doing and was genuine in his interactions with me. You could always hear the smile on his face on the phone. I know Jim has been encompassed by the warm light of God and is looking over you with the same love and care as always. Jim, you will be missed.

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**Patrick McKelvey** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“Marty, TJ and Family, My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Jim was a wonderful man, very kind and caring. I always knew when I saw his phone number come up that there would be that wonderful, booming "good morning!" (or afternoon) on the other end...it always made me smile...I will miss that. Know that he's always watching over you.

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**Lisa Clark** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“Marty, TJ, Friends & Family, I am without words, so I will post a poem that sums up Jimbo. A Measure of A Man The measure of a man is not determined By his show of outward strength Or the volume of his voice Or the thunder of his actions Or of his intellect or academic abilities It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has For his family and for everyone The strength of his commitments The genuineness of his friendships The sincerity of his purpose The quiet courage of his convictions The fun, laughter, joy and happiness he gives to his family and to others His love of life His patience and his honesty And his contentment with what he has - Grady Poulard MAY WE ALL MEASURE UP AS WELL AS JIM!!

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**Janis Varrone** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“Marty, TJ, and Jim's family and other friends - my condolences to you all. I was so saddened to hear the news about such a wonderful, friendly, loving man this week but I hope you take solace in the fact he is in a better place and looking down upon you with his infectious smile. While I was only able to enjoy Jim's company a few times a year while working together, I very much cherish the memories and good times we shared. May God bless you and Jim.

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**Mike Lombardi** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Marty and TJ - I am so sorry to hear of your loss, there aren't enough superlatives to describe what a special person Jim was to me and to so many of us. His sincerity and kindness were extraordinary and unique, and I am a better person for having known and worked with Jim. We will treasure the Christmas ornaments forever, our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Staples Family

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**Jeff Staples** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“Jim was a happy person and a joy to talk and work with as well. He always had a smile to share with others. My condolences to the family. Carol Byrd Arkansas State University

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**Carol Byrd** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“Jim was one of the first Transact Reps to take me on the road to present on BbOne, and I will never forget our trips to Purdue and Toledo. He was a great coach and mentor during those early days and I always enjoyed our long drives together. For some weird reason, he always spoke highly of me in front of clients, but the reality is that I was given the opportunity to present to them because they trusted Jim implicitly. Jim was a good friend and I've missed him since he left Blackboard. Fortunately, I have a couple of the wonderful Christmas ornaments to remember him by! My thoughts and prayers will always be with him and his family and he will be one of the Blackboarders I will never forget.

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**Pedro Marzo** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Marty and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a wonderful man and I know he will be missed greatly. Originally I knew Jim through work, as a Blackboard customer. Over the years, (as many others here have mentioned), he became more of a friend than a colleague. Funny, caring, engaging, and always positive. He will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Valerie Shafer** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Jim always lit up the office with his smile as soon as he walked in our doors. May everytime we remember Jim may it put a smile on our face and in our heart. It was truly a blessing to have him as one of our long time patients. Marty, may you find strength in all your great memories together during your time of healing and may God Bless you and your family. Memories live forever :)*

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**Amy Ayers** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Marty: I can't tell you enough how sorry I am for your loss. My deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family. My prayers are for your strength as God encompasses you with His arms to guide you at this very sad time, to help your pain. Jim was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed on this earth, but I know he is an Angel now and will always be with you. Love, Kathy*

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**Kathy Barkewicz Maine** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Dear Mrs. Rissing & Family, Please accept my condolences during this unfortunate time. Jim was our Blackboard representative at Valparaiso University. I always found him to be an intelligent and friendly individual. I was very sorry to hear of his illness and monitored his progress through the web posting. I was shocked to hear of his passing. All of us at VU will surely miss him in the fabric of our lives. I wish you and your family peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Woody Dresden

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**Woody Dresden** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Rissing family during. Although the personal pain of such a loss may never go away, the memories only grow stronger. Kirk and Marie Soileau

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**Kirk Soileau** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Marty I am so grateful I was able to visit with Jim a few weeks ago. He will be sorely missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Laurie Volheim** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Families experience life together. They multiply joys, divide sorrows and support each other throughout life's journey. At Blackboard, we are a work family and we do the same. Jim was a "lively" part of our work family for many years. During his tenure here, he positively touched the lives and hearts of countless people, both personally and professionally. We will treasure fond memories of Jim and he will be deeply missed.

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**Diane Daley** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“Marty, TJ and family - I had the amazing privilege of being on "Jim's team" at Blackboard about 6 years ago. His generosity as a peer, teammate and friend was something one can only hope to match. He openly taught me the secrets of his sales trade - whether I wanted it that day or not - and I will forever be grateful to him. His infectious smile and funny laugh will be sorely missed. It is a rare occasion that work relationships turn into friendships - Jim had that uncanny ability to make everyone feel special and loved; he, effortlessly, turned business into friendships. He was one of a kind and will always be in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Paige (Gardner) Winnebald** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“Dear Marty, TJ, and all; I am so sorry. My heart aches from this loss, from knowing what your loss is. Jim was a wonderful friend, colleague, and family man. Please know that many, known and unknown, will cherish his gifts. God bless you.

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**Brenda Hovden** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“Jim was a really nice guy and we will miss him. We enjoyed his gentle spirit and pleasant personality. Our prayers are with you Marty.

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**Mike and Beth Treneff (Perini)** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Marty and TJ, My sincerest condolences. Jim was a colleague but more importantly a friend. I always enjoyed his camaraderie and a supportive ear when I needed one. I always knew when I needed help, he would be there. He would email my favorite adult beverage after a particularly tough week. He was a special person. I will miss him immensely. You are both in my thoughts. Kelley Line

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**Kelley Line** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Jim was a pleasure to know and work with and he will be greatly missed by many I am sure. It's been quiet some time since I've seen him, but any time in his presence was a positive addition to my day. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

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**Sharon Epstein** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Marty, TJ, and Family, Our condolences for Jim's passing. Some people touch lives. Jim touched hearts. His generosity of love and self is a loss to all who knew him. I am honored and privileged to remember Jim as my friend. May God be with each of you in this time of remembrance and may God bless Jim Rissing. Ron and Janice Barfield

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**Ron Barfield** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Marty and T.J. We send you our deepest sympathies. Jim was a very special friend to us and we will miss him. We have many fond memories to keep him in our hearts. We send our love. Lisa and Don

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**Don and Lisa bonham** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To Marty, TJ and the rest of Jim's family, Jim was a great friend, wonderful person, kind to all that knew him with a great sense of humor. I was privileged to know him and work with him for the last 7 1/2 years. He will be missed my many including me. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Shirley Gonzalez** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Hugs to Marty and TJ! We will miss Jim so much. Now we will not hear his voice on the phone again or see his shining, kind face at the office. Apparently, God has plans for him elsewhere! He is and always will be our Jimbo! Sales Operations will miss him greatly. Our condolences and love are sent your way during this difficult time.

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**Pam Edin** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ To Marty and the rest of Jim's immediate & extended family, My most heartfelt condolences for your loss, far to soon for such a sharing spirit. I was proud and honored to not only work with Jim, but to call him a friend as well. As all my memories of him will be accompanied with a smile, I hope that yours will as well. - John

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**John Kernitzki** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Marty I am so glad that I had a chance to talk with you and Jim a few weeks ago. Jim was a wonderful person, and certainly will be missed by everyone. We will remember the good times, and I hope those will comfort you as well.

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**Wayne Hilt** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I had the privilege of working with Jim and remember him as a kind and charming man who loved his family and worked hard. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that your husband, father, brother, uncle, friend was well liked and well respected. God bless you- Tess

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**Tess Frazier** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To Marty & Family: Had the honor and true pleasure to work with Jim and will always remember how much he cared about his clients and co-workers. He always had everyone's best interests in mind. He was a calming influence, always bringing logic and reason to the discussion. I'll miss his infectious smile and straight to the point humor, but I'm thankful for being able to say that I'll have something to miss. Will keep you all in my thoughts

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**Michael Koo** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Marty/TJ...my heartfelt condolences to you. Jim was not only wonderful to work with I always thought of Jim as a close Blackboard-friend. He will be deeply missed. Karen Andrusco

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**Karen Andrusco** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Marty, TJ and family; it has been my honor to get to work with Jim the last several years. My world is sadder today. He was a wonderful man and a patient teacher to those of us privileged to have the opportunity to learn from him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Laurie Millar** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“Marty and TJ, my heartfelt condolences go out to you. Jim was more than our sales representative, he was a dear friend. I learned so much from him and had the utmost respect for Jim. I always looked forward to our weekly calls and as others have said on here, he had a great calming spirit and great sense of humor. I will definitely miss my dear friend. The entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sheryl

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**Sheryl Puckett** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“Marty, TJ and Family. Debbie and I want to pass along our deepest sympathies and our prayers during this time. I can't put into words how much Jim meant and will continue to mean to me. He was my colleague, my mentor, and most of all he was truly my friend. I hope that one day I can live up to the example he has set for me. His impact, like ripples on a pond, go far beyond sight and touch lives he never knew. We love you. Dave and Debbie Detar

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**David Detar** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM