

Dr. James Michael Wasserman

August 3, 1941 - February 21, 2025

Dr. James Wasserman, 83, of Powell, Ohio, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025 at Worthington Christian Village.

Born on August 3, 1941 in Toledo, Ohio he was the son of the late Lawrence Howard and Aurelia Hermione Wasserman. He was the loving husband of Karen B. Wasserman, with whom he shared 61 years of marriage.

Jim graduated from Plymouth High School in 1959, attended Western University (now Case Western) on a science scholarship, where he received a degree in Biochemistry. This was followed by medical school at Washington University in St. Louis. Upon graduating he joined the US Air Force where he did his psychiatric residency at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. He proudly served his country from 1966-1987, rising to the rank of colonel. Of his time in service, Jim was proud of being a flight surgeon during the Vietnam War, founding a psychiatric residency program at Wright Patt AFB, treating veterans with PTSD through cooperative programs with the Veterans Administration, and working with the intelligence community.

Notable titles and accomplishments include being an Associate Professor at Wright State University, Medical Director and Chief of Staff for Sand Hill Mental Hospital in Gulfport, MS, and decades-long memberships in the American Psychiatric Association and Ohio Psychiatric Physicians

Association, which honored him as a Distinguished Life Fellow. Jim was a life-long aviation enthusiast and dedicated supporter of the US Air Force Museum. Jim also had musical passions that included singing in glee clubs and church choirs to playing the dulcimer. He was a student of history and military affairs, enjoyed baking (especially pies), and trading antiques.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, is son Michael (wife Adrienne) Wasserman of Herndon, VA and daughter Nicole Stragalas of Sacramento, CA; granddaughter Harper Carol Wasserman and grandson Arleigh MacLaren Wasserman.

The family will welcome friends on Friday, February 28, 2025 from 12-2pm followed by a formal service at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St, Worthington.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Washington, DC

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ We were shocked to hear of Jim’s death in February. We have many fond memories of Jim & Karen throughout the years. We have made many attempts to touch base with them in the last few years but to no avail. Karen, Nicole & Michael please accept our prayers & sympathies.
Shirley & Dave Dickson

Shirley - December 20, 2025 at 07:41 PM

AM

“ As a former caregiver to Jim and his very wonderful wife Karen. I learned so much from him from history, medical, the whole story of “Scrooge” and most importantly himself. I saw the unconditional love they had for each other, regardless how they were feeling. I think of you guys often.

alyssa m - October 12, 2025 at 01:27 PM

KA

“ To the Wasserman family, my dad (Lynn Cashman) had the BEST stories of his childhood with Jim! Stories of Jim riding his bike with nitroglycerin to the quarry to blow things up, an 8th grade mice research lab (later substantiated by science journals) and on and on. He must have been so resourceful - where does one obtain such things in that decade (before amazon?!) I think Jim was one of my dad's best and most true friends in life. So glad that he had him as a friend. Blessings and condolences to all. Love, Kristin (Cashman) Allen, Huron Ohio.

Kristin (Cashman) Allen - March 22, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JC

“ sJohn Lynn Cashmana high school friend spent hours dissecting all kinds of things at his house he mowed lawns in Plymouth for free to get old medical books to read in the park. played church organ in his jr year in high school all the students went to Jim for medical answers in school the most compassionate person I ever met God bless

John Cashman - March 12, 2025 at 08:08 PM

MW

“ Mandy, Johnathan, Maggie, & Lydia Wallis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. James Michael Wasserman.



Mandy, Johnathan, Maggie, & Lydia Wallis - February 26, 2025 at 09:39 PM

MW

“ Mandy, Johnathan, Maggie, & Lydia Wallis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James Michael Wasserman.

Mandy, Johnathan, Maggie, & Lydia Wallis - February 26, 2025 at 09:39 PM



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

February 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM

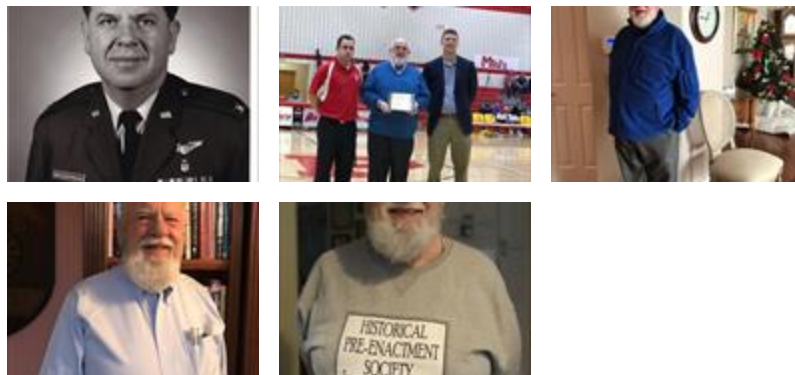
SM

“ Sherry M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James Michael Wasserman.

Sherry M. - February 24, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MW

“ 22 files added to the album Family Pics



Michael Wasserman - February 23, 2025 at 09:49 AM

DP

“ You could count on Wasserman for his knowledge and expertise and I always looked forward to brownies in the nurses station. He will be missed.

Denise Sodaro Petry - February 22, 2025 at 10:55 PM

IF

“ Ibis D.Sigas and family. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dr. James Michael Wasserman.



Ibis D.Sigas and family. - February 22, 2025 at 08:59 PM

VE

“ DR James Wasserman gave the world so much love and knowledge. I was honored being one to know him while at RMH. Such a warm smile I never forget.
God Bless Karen and his entire family during this sad time. Dwell on good fun memories of a great man.
Sincerely;
Vicki Evans

Vicki Evans - February 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM

CM

“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James Wasserman, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, James Wasserman, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner Tri State Military Muse - February 22, 2025 at 10:12 AM