



## Warren James Sika

May 21, 1947 - December 6, 2020

W. James Sika (Jim) 73 passed away Sunday, December 6th.

Son of Stephen (deceased) and Mary Sika (passed Oct 3rd). Loving brother of S.Allen (Diane), Neil F. OD. (Anita) and Phyllis. Uncle of Cheryl Bornino (Ron), Sandy Hall (Mike), Pamela Rickard (Chuck), Neil A Sika, Scott (Ashley) and Sarah Palmer (Joe). Great uncle of Jameson, Jace, Livie and Weston. Jim was a proud Army Captain veteran. He was a graduate of The Ohio State Law school. He started as a public defender in Columbus, moving to a city Prosecutor and then became the first Environmental Prosecutor for Franklin county. He also worked in the Juvenile and Grand Jury units until his retirement. He will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor, terrible jokes and anecdotes. Hope the fishing is good. Services private. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Warren James Sika*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *we are deeply saddened to just find out of jims passing!!!!!! Wish we had known when he passed! Randy was honored to be able to help him for doctors appts!!! We will miss him had tried many times to reach him and have been worried that indeed he was no longer with us!!!! He was a great man and taught us many things about life!!!! Rest in peace dear Jim!*

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**randy conley** - September 05, 2021 at 10:33 AM

MA

“ I met Jim years ago, he has always been a friend and mentor to me. I was his local Bar Keep, as Jim would say, for many years before I retired from the industry. His stories and jokes were priceless and so intriguing to hear. Always had something funny to start a conversation! The one thing that I will never forget is him always calling the beverage-bar napkins, a doily. He would said Mr. Matthew where my doily! I will also never forget him looking at me and saying and reciting " A Clean Bar is a Happy Bar " Jim and I had amazing conversations over those years I learned a great deal about him and his family. I wholeheartedly had the upmost respect for Jim. He was a great influence to me, mentor and a fun genuine person to be around. Funny as all get out for sure! I remember him telling me about his band days and when he used to play the saxophone, travelling to play gigs. I watched him play at a local bar one time around the corner from where he lived. He was spot on, smiling and having a blast in that moment. He will deeply and truly be missed. My sincere condolences and sympathy to his family. I will miss you my friend, peace and grace Jim.

Matthew Hickey

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**Matthew** - December 21, 2020 at 11:28 AM

AA

“ While I only knew Jim for about the last 5 years or so from playing guitar at Vittoria's, Jim would come in from time to time with old stories of Camp Drum and his playing the saxophone in the early Columbus band days. He usually had a joke to share and a hard belly laugh. A few months ago he gave me an Army hat, as I am a vet. It meant a lot to me then and even more now. Rest In Peace Jim and thank you for your friendship with us guys and gals at Vittoria's.

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**Anthony Alfano** - December 17, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JB

“ I have known Jim for only about 5 years. In that time he gradually grew on me until I realized I was in the presence of someone very special. Quirks?, to say the least. Lost in time? Just look at the hair and his house. Funny? Half the time I had to think twice just to understand the humor, then I would laugh for a couple of days over just how stupid the joke was. He definitely was an addition to my special cast of characters I have collected over my life. I will miss him. A couple or three times in the early morning I drove him to the hospital for some heart tests. By the time I parked and followed him in he had already left a trail of people laughing. All I had to do was follow the old ladies that were laughing just to find him. He was a trip. Rest easy my friend. Oh, some day I will hold you to your offer to teach me how to drive a tank.

*James Bozzacco*

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**JAMES A BOZZACCO** - December 17, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CM

“ I knew him as Warren in school - could never get used to calling him Jim or Jimmy at class reunions. We had lots of good times in school, homerooms, and GHHS class reunions. What a crazy sense of humor he had! I would have enjoyed hearing him play sax; my husband is also a great sax player.

*May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family; he will be missed.*

*Cheryl Maenza (nee Son)*

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**Cheryl (Son) Maenza** - December 16, 2020 at 12:40 PM

NW

“ Jimmy was already a legend by the time I started my time at the City Prosecutors Office. Full of wit and wisdom. He was the go to guy for any questions a new Prosecutor might have. Always ready to help, and always ready to laugh at the sometimes absurd situations we encountered. One of a kind. He will be missed.

*Nancy Weidman*

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**Nancy Weidman** - December 14, 2020 at 05:20 PM

TF

“ We were law school classmates. I always knew him as Jim. At the end of our first year, he missed a Contracts class, then asked me, "What did I miss?" Me: "Prof. Clovis says this is going to be on the final exam." As a result, every time i saw him, he thanked me for getting him through law school. I really didn't, but that was our joke between us. I'm really going to miss that guy. I'm sure he was as great an uncle and relative as he was a friend.

*Tom Friedman*

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**Tom Friedman** - December 14, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JJ

“ I am very saddened to learn today of Jimmy's passing. A Great attorney and an Excellent and fair prosecutor. And such a nice guy. I have not seen Jimmy for some years, but have been thinking about him the past few weeks. Wish I had called him and talked a little.

*My sincere Condolences to the family.*

*Mike Jewett*

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**James M. Jewett** - December 13, 2020 at 12:43 PM

SS

“ Jimmy was an outstanding lawyer and a true gentleman. Witty, smart, and always on the go. Who remembers him in Judge Golden's courtroom? W. ruled the City Attorneys Office along with Pollitt, Beck, Matuska and the Gar. Those were the days. Rest in peace Jim. You've earned it and then some.

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**Sam Shamansky** - December 13, 2020 at 09:31 AM

MW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim in the Columbus City Attorney's Office. Jim was a Senior Attorney when I started my career 25 years ago. His mentorship, friendship, humor, and guidance were a blessing. He was a terrific attorney and an even better man. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**Michael Wander** - December 12, 2020 at 07:52 AM

JB

I had the pleasure of having Jim as my mentor when I was an intern and later a prosecutor in the city prosecutor's office. He was a great trial lawyer and a great prosecutor and teacher. Not to mention he was very compassionate and a ton of fun to hang out with. Rest peacefully my friend. Judge Jeff Brown.

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**Judge Jeff Brown** - December 13, 2020 at 08:16 PM

 John Galasso

“ Remember him telling me that he put a boat together in his living room and couldn't figure how to get it out of the house; Always good times when he was in Judge Sidney Goldens courtroom; Rest in peace my friend

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**John Galasso** - December 11, 2020 at 09:25 PM

BM

“ I worked with Jim both at the City Prosecutors and the County Prosecutor’s office for many years We all have Sika stories. I remember your parrot You were the best duty prosecutor when you were with the city We all enjoyed those conversations coming from the duty room. Thank you for your service to this Country. RIP Sika I’m sure if you are fishing you will see Turtle

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**Betsy Michaelis** - December 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM

AB

Smart, funny, caring. You will truly be missed Sika ❤️💔

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**Angie Brown** - December 12, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“GOOD MORNING EVERYONE WOKE UP THIS MORNING TO HEAR OF WARRENS PASSING SO SAD MAY HE REST IN PEACE I HADNT KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JAMES BUT OUR CLASS OF GARFIELD HTS HIGH 1965 KEPT EVERYONE TOGETHER WITH PARTIES AND REUNIONS EVERY 5 TO 10 YEARS AND WE ALWAYS HAD A ROWDY TIME AT WHICH TIME I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY WARRENS CRAZY SENSE OF HUMOR I WILL REMEMBER THOSE TIMES AND A TIP OF THE CAP TO ROBERT WHEWELL FOR ORGANIZING THE ALUMNI AND KEEPING US TOGETHER FOR OVER 55 YEARS IT KEEPS US CLOSER FOR SHARING SITUATIONS LIKE THIS JAMES WAS ALOT MORE THAN A FRIEND AND CLASSMATE TO ME AS MY MOM LENA AND WARRENS MOM MARY ANN WERE CLOSE FRIENDS AND I BELIEVE WERE IN EACH OTHERS WEDDING SO THE FAMILIES WERE VERY CLOSE SPENDING TIME AT EACH OTHERS HOUSE DOING WHAT WE DID IN THE 50z AND 60z THE DADS STEVE AND JOHN BECAME FRIENDS AND STEVE WAS A WIZARD AT TV REPAIRS IMAGINE HOW GREAT HE WOULD B TODAY WITH COMPUTERS AND THE FAMILIES VISITED QUITE OFTEN THEY WERE WONDERFUL WARM PEOPLE AND TREATED ME AS A SON AND ALAN NEAL AND PHYLISS TREATED ME AS A BROTHER I REMEMBER A LOT OF FUN VISITS MY FAVORITE WAS THAT THEY CALLED ME LITTLE ALLEN AND BEING A SHORT FAT HUSKY KID I ALWAYS ENJOYED THAT NICKNAME IN CLOSING I WILL MISS WARREN BUT HAVE A LIFETIME FULL OF MEMORIES THAT HAVE MADE ME LAUGH AND CRY TODAY GOD BLESS WARREN JAMES JIMMY SIKA U WILL BE MISSED AU SALUTE

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**allen hnas** - December 11, 2020 at 08:55 AM

DC

“ I knew him as Warren. We were good friends in high school. I went to undergraduate school at Denison over in Granville and frequently came to Columbus and stayed with him. We spent hours discussing the Who's Tommy. I remember him as a great sax player. He was also a groomsman in my wedding. Dave Chesler



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**Dave Chesler** - December 10, 2020 at 10:25 PM