



James Bennett Greene

James “Jim” Greene, age 52, of Helotes Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by family December 2, 2020 after an incredible battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jim was born in Providence, Rhode Island on April 15, 1968 to John R. Greene Sr. & Alice T. (Crowley) Greene.

He grew up in Warwick, RI. He graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School in 1986, received his BA from the University of Rhode Island in 1991 and earned his Law Degree from New England Law in Boston, Massachusetts in 2002.

Jim worked in Human Resources in the security industry for over 27 years. His time at Apollo International as the Vice President of HR and the last four plus years as the Central Region HR Director for Allied Universal in San Antonio, Texas, suited his personality perfectly. He had an ability to talk to others like no other and was very well respected by all who knew him professionally and personally.

Jim had a great sense of humor and a smile that could light up a room. He had a fierce passion for sports and love for the New York Yankees, the New England Patriots, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Boston Celtics. He loved the beach, golfing with his friends, listening to music, attending concerts, traveling, and any adventure that was presented to him.

Jim never let his cancer diagnosis get in the way of anything and his compassion for others and their future needs was a top priority. He volunteered for organizations such as Dercum’s Disease Research, JDRF, and most recently the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network as the Mission Chair for the San Antonio Affiliate. Jim was the Team Captain of Greene is the New Purple, a team he created to raise awareness and funds for research for those fighting a pancreatic cancer diagnosis now and in the future.

To remember Jim is to remember he was the kind of man who never met a stranger. He had a remarkable ability to make whomever he talked to feel like the most important person in the room. If you knew Jim for a minute or a lifetime, your life was impacted in a positive way and you walked away considering him a friend.

His life was a living example of his favorite quote by Jim Valvano- *“To me there are three things we should all do every day. We should do this every day of our lives. Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number three is, you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy. But think about it. If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that’s a full day. That’s a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you’re going to have something special.”*

Above all, Jim loved his family, his treasured friends, as well as his dog Finn. The stories and memories of Jim will live on in our hearts forever.

Jim was predeceased by his father John, his mother Alice, his brother John R. Greene Jr., his sister Maryalyce L. (Greene) LeFort, and his nephew Gregory T. LeFort.

Jim was survived by his wife, Michaela J. Harlow, his son Ian Greene, his stepchildren Aidan and Kennedy Wilmarth, his sister Colleen M. (Greene) Rafferty and her husband John, his niece Amanda (Greene) Johansen and her husband Zachary, his niece Megan LeFort and his two grandnephews Forrest and Owen.

According to his wishes, Jim’s ashes will rest at Beavertail Lighthouse off the island of Jamestown, RI and at his home in Texas- places that are near and dear to his heart.

A memorial mass will take place December 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, Texas. In addition, a memorial mass and celebration of Jim’s life will take place in Rhode Island when conditions allow.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donating to Jim’s “Greene Is The New Purple” team. Follow the link below to support Pancreatic Cancer and Jim’s legacy of No One Fights Alone!

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