



James Edward Busch

June 19, 1952 - February 5, 2026

James "Jim" Busch

Passed from this world into the "great unknown" on February 5, 2026, surrounded by his family. Jim lived a life full of love and laughter. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 49 years, Glenda (Bereczky) Busch. Before she passed, Jim and Glenda summed up their life together by saying, "It's been fun!" He was also preceded in death by his sister, Peggy Rollason, and best friend and wandering buddy, Ralph Scaramuzzi. Jim is survived by his son, Jesse Busch (wife Erin Morey) of Mt. Lebanon, his daughter Rachael Morgan (wife Kathy) of Versailles, and his beloved grandson, Max Busch (Chicago, IL). Jim is also survived by his "adopted" son, Gabriel Szafranski (partner Eric Wolfe) of Mt. Washington, and like-a-daughter, Hilary Graham of Elizabeth. Jim is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Sue Tkac, of White Oak, and Sally Shebeck (husband Frank), of Farrell, as well as many special nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews. Jim worked as an advertising executive for the PennySaver and as a journalist, principally for the Mon Valley Independent. As a trainer, he taught classes on advertising across the country. Jim was a lifelong learner who loved reading, arts and crafts, museums, poetry, music, history, gardening, nature, and spending time in the forest. He was known for his sense of humor and his curiosity. Jim enjoyed writing and reading stories that brought audiences to tears or made them laugh. He loved giving thoughtful gifts, especially books, to his family and friends. He was a compassionate

man who cared deeply for others. There will be no viewing. A private green burial at Penn Forest in Verona, per his request to return to nature, will be held Friday, February 13, 2026. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local library. A public memorial for friends and family will be held at a later date. Jim wrote this obituary himself and wanted to leave his family and friends with these words of wisdom from poet Mary Oliver: "Instructions for Living a Life - Pay attention - Be astonished - Tell about it!". Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandro ltd.com.

Cemetery Details

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park

121 Colorado Street
Verona, PA 15147

Tribute Wall



“ Jim, you will be greatly missed. I always appreciated your uplifting encouragement and kindness. It made me feel good when you complimented my nature photography and even asked to use some of my work as a background for your reading at the library. You were like a book of knowledge and always a pleasure to talk with.



Vickie Babyak - February 19 at 12:25 PM

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“ Jim, I will really miss your Facebook posts and our conversations back and forth. They are already coming up on my daily Facebook “Memories”. You were so thoughtful in your opinions. I had a deep respect of your ability to articulate what was on your mind. Rest in peace, friend. I’m so glad you will now be with your wife who we all know you loved so deeply.

Bonnie Yagiela - February 15 at 01:27 PM

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Stacey Gill - February 10 at 04:50 PM

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Stacey Gill - February 10 at 04:48 PM

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“ So many memories that I could share as I almost grew up in the Busch household. But I'll always remember how impressed Jim was with Jesse and I after we discovered and thoroughly enjoyed his Gordon Lightweight records. I'll also never forget going to the Family camp up in Tionesta, PA where Jim almost cut off his own thumb splitting wood and just shook it off as nothing. Such a great and kind man and a tremendous loss for all that loved and knew him. Our deepest condolences to Jesse and Rachel and their respective families. - Shawn Mulvay & The Mulvay Family

Shawn Mulvay - February 10 at 04:31 PM