



James Matthew Lucia

May 4, 2022

James Matthew Lucia, 65, of North Kingstown, RI, died peacefully on May 4, 2022, surrounded by loved ones after a tough battle with cancer. James was born January 31st, 1957, in Providence, Rhode Island and is the son of Martha (Hazarian) Lucia of Cranston and the late Raymond Lucia.

James graduated from Cranston West High School in the class of 1975 and from Boston College with a degree in Political Science and English. He also was a graduate of the Turf School Program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

As a lover of the outdoors, he held many jobs in the snowmaking and golf course industries; including those at Heavenly Valley Ski Resort, Killington Ski Resort, Yawgoo Valley Ski Area, Point Judith Country Club, Alpine Country Club, among others. He worked at Bryant University for 19 years as a grounds keeper and grounds manager until retiring in 2022 for health reasons. Beyond his work, James was an Eagle Scout, and loved making memories with his family. You could find him skiing in the winter and traveling up to Vermont in the summer with his wife and daughter.

He is survived by his loving wife Laurie (Shirley) Lucia, to whom he was married for 27 years, his daughter Megan (Lucia) Pfaff and her husband Wyatt Pfaff of Florida, his brother Raymond and sister-in-law Cynthia Lucia of New

York, his brother Richard and sister-in-law Elisa Lucia of Rhode Island, and their children Gwenivere and Charles Lucia.

James was an exceptionally hard-working husband, father and colleague who cared so much for others and would want his memory to live through them.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. with a service at 6:00 p.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you send donations to [FirstTee.org](https://www.FirstTee.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ My deepest condolences to the Lucia Family. I met Jim and his roommate Alex Powers (note below) my freshman year at BC. Coming from my heavy metal high school years, Jim exposed me to southern rock and The Dead. We spent many weekend nights just cranking music. We were roommates my sophomore year (Jim's junior). There was a small group of us who got into running. We ran a lot, especially after studying, late at night on frigid Boston nights. I was going through an old box of photos and letters I found in my garage this afternoon, 06.03.2023, in SoCal. I found a letter Jim wrote in 1979 from Lake Tahoe. At the time he was certainly enjoying his time making snow at night and skiing during the day. I immediately thought of Googling him, which I did. I was excited to reach out to him. However, it's not to be and I am very sad that I never touched base with Jim for the past 40 years. Cranston and Paul Arpin Movers will always be etched in my memory thanks to Jim. A damn shame.

Tom McMahon - June 03, 2023 at 07:20 PM

AP

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I met Jim our first day at BC. He lived across the hall from me freshman year and we were roommates sophomore year. Jim was always a genuinely good guy and good friend - terms that are overused but truly apply to Jim. We bonded over music - he influenced my tastes probably more than anyone. Jim got me to my first Springsteen show in '75 and Grateful Dead concert in '77, along with many other great music experiences while at BC. Also miss playing hoops at the plex and hearing his stories about working for Paul Arpin in the summers. Going to need to listen to Allman Bros at Fillmore East in his honor.

Alex Powers - October 17, 2022 at 09:48 PM

HP

I knew him at Boston College. He was a gentle soul with a great sense of humor. My most vivid memories of him are him listening to the Allman Brothers & Springsteen, and him striding across campus with great determination & books tucked under his arm.

Harry Peurach - November 19, 2022 at 08:17 AM

AM

“ *AnnMarie Mattera lit a candle in memory of James Matthew Lucia*



AnnMarie Mattera - May 13, 2022 at 10:04 AM

RW

“ *Dear Lucia family: I had the pleasure of working with Jim during his entire time at Bryant. He was always the first in line to help out for our large Homecoming events. His pride in his work and his dedication to Bryant was apparent too all. We were so sad to see the toll cancer took on him and we know he will be deeply missed. Warmest wishes. Robin Warde, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement*

Robin Warde - May 09, 2022 at 08:17 AM

TH

“ Dear Laurie, Megan, Wyatt and Family,

I worked with Jim for 12 years at Bryant, and he made us all feel like family. Jim and I both shared the same interests because we both had golf course turf management backgrounds. He also loved Budweiser and pepperoni pizza, something else we had in common. My son, Raymond, also worked for Jim for 3 Summers and would bring Jim a pepperoni pizza a few times during each Summer from our family's pizzeria.

I will miss his Jim's teaching, knowledge, and passion for his work. Jim will be truly missed every day by his team at Bryant.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you.

Tracy S. Howard and Family

Tracy S. Howard - May 07, 2022 at 06:07 PM

LL

“ Laurie Lucia lit a candle in memory of James Matthew Lucia



Laurie Lucia - May 07, 2022 at 04:51 PM

DC

“ Dear Aunt Martha and family, I was so sorry to hear about Jimmy. We would meet sometimes in Stop and Shop and talk about our old neighborhood. It was always a nice surprise to see him and Megan there. May he Rest In Peace ❤️Debbie Cleary

Debbie Cleary - May 07, 2022 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ *To the Lucia Family:*

So sorry for your loss. Jim was a true gentleman and professional. Always willing to help and always had a smile on his face. I worked with Jim at Bryant and have a lot of memories. Jim, Rest in Peace.

John Rainone - May 07, 2022 at 11:39 AM

SG

“ *I have many good memories of working with Jim at Bryant. He was always pleasant, hard working and helpful. I am very sad to learn of his passing....he will be missed.*

Sheila Guay - May 06, 2022 at 05:02 PM

LI

“ *It was a pleasure to have had the chance to work with Jim. I will miss him....please accept my sincere condolences.*
John H. Topp



Lisa - May 06, 2022 at 02:58 PM

GL

“ *It was a pleasure to work with Jim on so many sustainability issues. His support for installing new signs on the Bryant University Walking Trail was so helpful, and each time I see the signs I will think of Jim and his love for our beautiful campus. We miss him very much.*
Gaytha Langlois, Co-Chair, Sustainability Committee

Gaytha Langlois - May 06, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Jimmy was a dear and fantastic boyhood friend. A great guy who liked taking three-pointers before that was even a thing. At Bonnett Shores, he introduced me to Bruce Springsteen before Born to Run. Again, he was ahead of the times. Jim was smart and funny and had a deep love for shooting hoops, reading, and all kinds of music. One last memory was Jimmy as a wheelman on the road trip to the Berkshires with Ron to see Bob Marley and Wailers.

In the words of Woody Guthrie, So long, it's been good to know yuh

Lee Umphrey - May 06, 2022 at 09:52 AM

AD

“ Dear Laurie, Megan, Wyatt and Family, I worked with Jim for only two short years. I have never met a person with so much passion for his family and his work. Jim had the ability to treat his team like they were family, but he beamed with pride whenever he talked about all of you.

Jim is missed every day by his colleagues and co-workers at Bryant. His legacy as one of the best grounds manager lives on when we look at the beautifully landscaped grounds that has his expertise seen everywhere.

I hope you will always remember that Jim's Bryant family will always be there for your family. Rest in peace, Jim. You are truly missed.

Andy DeMelia

Andy DeMelia - May 06, 2022 at 07:48 AM

NG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. ❤️

Nancy Gauthier - May 06, 2022 at 07:38 AM

CF

“ Dear Laurie, Megan, Wyatt and family, It was my privilege to work with Jim for his 19 years at Bryant University. As the Manager of the Grounds department, Jim took great pride in the beautiful landscaping and park-like grounds at Bryant. All who visited the campus commented on the meticulously maintained gardens, athletic fields and lawns, which reflected Jim's knowledge, expertise and dedication to excellence. He took joy in his family and heritage and shared that pride with his co-workers. Jim was a team player and always willing to lend a hand when needed. Jim could bring a laugh to a tedious meeting with his ready dry- wit and is the biggest Jeopardy fan I know. Jim will be remembered and greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to work with him. May he rest in peace.
Charlene Farley



CHARLENE FARLEY - May 05, 2022 at 07:03 PM

RO

“ Roxeanne lit a candle in memory of James Matthew Lucia



roxeanne - May 05, 2022 at 06:05 PM