



James B. Naveira

June 11, 1959 - April 13, 2026

James Barrie Naveira, 66, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2026 in Sleepy Hollow, NY (Westchester County) where he had been a resident for many years. Born in Hollywood, Florida on June 11, 1959 to Jimmy and Rachel Naveira, James was a member of the Cooper City High School Class of '77 where he served on the yearbook staff. He graduated from the world-renowned NYU Tisch School of the Arts in 1986 with a BFA in Film & Television. Movies, music and model building were his lifelong passions, and James had a remarkable talent for doing impersonations of legendary actors and staging solo re-enactments of iconic movie scenes, all of which are available on his YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/@jnaveira59?si=qyuZb3Pc2188kYcQ>

Starting around age 9 and continuing over the decades, James assembled an impressive collection of WWII aircraft, tanks and dioramas. A member of the Armor Modeling & Preservation Society and New Jersey Historical Miniatures Associates, James attended conventions with his fellow model enthusiasts, and the highlight of their travels was Tankfest 2016 in Bovington, UK which featured a display of running historic armor to commemorate 100 years of tank history.

James is survived by his sisters Carol and Julie, his loving partner Suzana Garmaz, brother-in-law Herb Helfen, and a host of friends and family

members who loved him dearly. Celebration of life on Sunday, May 17, 3-6 PM, Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home, 90 N. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. Contact 305-318-5195 for more info and details.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 631-0621
info@dwyerichaels.com
<https://www.dwyermichaelsfh.com>

Previous Events

Cremation Private

APR 15 (ET)

Ferncliff Cemetery
280 Secor Rd.
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Jim and I worked together many years ago. He was a great person and so helpful. We lost touch after he left. I'm very saddened by his passing. Will keep his family in my prayers.



Denise Robinson - April 28 at 10:15 PM

GL

“ Georg & Luciane purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James B. Naveira.



Georg & Luciane - April 26 at 12:16 PM

RB

“ I worked with Jim at the Image Bank in the late 1990s and he was a great pal. He would stop by my desk and we would share jokes, parables, funny stories. He was so knowledgeable about WWII history and film and I loved to talk to him. He was very sweet and funny. My most sincere condolences to all who knew him and loved him.

Rebecca Bauman - April 17 at 12:53 PM

LS

“ *Louie Subirats lit a candle in memory of James B. Naveira*



Louie Subirats - April 15 at 03:00 PM

HH

“ *Horst and Tricia Hopf purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James B. Naveira.*



Horst and Tricia Hopf - April 15 at 01:51 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. While we have been out of touch for many years, previously we worked together in advertising (NY and NJ) for many years. He was so incredibly kind and optimistic...even at the worst of times he could find something within himself to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I was so happy to see that he found renewal and love over the past few years. His facebook posts clearly showed his happiness and devotion. My condolences to all who knew and loved him.*

Ken Postelnek - April 15 at 10:36 AM

AF

“ Alison, Tristan & the Whyte Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James B. Naveira.



Alison, Tristan & the Whyte Family - April 15 at 07:33 AM

CS

“ I'm so sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was a true and dear friend. We worked together for years in New York City in advertising, and we shared so many experiences throughout life, from the joys to the sadness. I am so happy he found love again. I will miss you, dear friend. Love to your family and Sue. Love, Camille and Pascal

Camille Siegel - April 15 at 06:03 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of James B. Naveira.



April 15 at 01:52 AM

SU

“ Sue purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James B. Naveira.



Sue - April 15 at 12:54 AM

LG

“ *Luka Garmaz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James B. Naveira.*



Luka Garmaz - April 15 at 12:31 AM

MP

“ *Jim was a great person to spend time with. He loved listening to my boring stories and always appreciated whatever he had. We will miss him.*

Melanie Pflaum - April 14 at 08:01 PM