



James Kennon Gornto

June 4, 1940 - May 18, 2023

James “Jim” Kennon Gornto, 82, of Tallahassee Florida, passed away on May 18, 2023.

Jim was born on June 4, 1940 to Lonnie and Anne Gornto in Lexington, KY. After serving with distinction in the US Army Special Forces in Vietnam Jim went on to pursue a lifetime of learning. He graduated from Georgia State University in 1972 with a master’s degree in business administration and ultimately received his Doctorate degree in Business Administration in 2020.

Over the course of Jim’s life he experienced tremendous success and recognition in a wide range of business areas including banking, financial consulting, and executive management. In the final stage of Jim’s career, he had the opportunity to pursue his true passion and teach economics at the college level, sharing his wealth of business and life experience with the next generation of business leaders. Jim’s love of learning and quick wit will live on in his students.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years Nancy Gornto, daughter Yvonne Sankey, son-in-law Rick Sankey, Grandchildren; Trey Sankey, Lauren Sankey, Brianna Bryant, Blair Bagsby and brothers Gus Gornto and John Gornto. Jim was predeceased by his daughter Laurel Michele Bryant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee, FL.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Living in the same community with Jim, it was such a pleasure to encounter him as we enjoyed our walks. His quick smile and good humor, his interest in others, and his love for that beautiful orange cat will be so missed. Sending my thoughts and prayers to his sweet wife and beautiful family. Marsha Lindeman

Marsha Lindeman - May 19, 2023 at 07:44 AM

JS

As a friend and distant family member of this man's two son's, I find it sad they were not mentioned in this obituary.

Jon Simpson - May 26, 2023 at 11:07 AM

YS

I am just now able to respond to respond to this very inappropriate comment 2 years later. We honored Jim's my dad when we wrote the obituary. His son's abandoned him and he had no contact with them 30 plus years before his death. Your comment is shameful and so inappropriate.

Yvonne Bone Sankey - June 01, 2025 at 10:27 PM