



Jim H. Alderfer

July 13, 1944 - April 26, 2026

Jim Alderfer, 81, of Estero, Florida passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Surviving are his wife, Arlene, his children, Rob (Rebecca) and Terri (Dan) and his beloved grandchildren, Stefen and Aksel Alderfer and Reid and Bodie Mohler.

Jim was born in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. He worked for the Budd Company for 35 years and retired as President of Budd Canada in 2001 after which he had long and rewarding consulting career. He was active in a number of church, civic and charitable organizations including United Way and Rotary International.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, May 3 from 10 am-12 pm at the Avalon Clubhouse in Grandezza. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation in Miami, Ohio, United Way of Lee County, FL, Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA or Lutheran World Relief.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Avalon at Grandezza
11481 Grande Oak Boulevard
Estero, FL 33928

Tribute Wall

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“ Eugene and Sally Rafferty purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim H. Alderfer.



Eugene and Sally Rafferty - May 17 at 08:49 AM

MH

“ Mark and Ann Havericak purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim H. Alderfer.



Mark and Ann Havericak - May 01 at 11:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ted Fravel - April 30 at 09:50 PM



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Ted Fravel - April 30 at 09:36 PM

JB

“ Arlene, I'm so sorry to hear Jim passed. He and JJ were good friends with lots of great memories. If you need help with anything I'm here for you. Loving prayers being lifted for you and your family, Jeanne Basso 🙏

Jeanne Basso - April 30 at 07:11 PM

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“ Our condolences Arlene, to you and your family. It will be hard to imagine not enjoying Jim on the driving range, or at our clubhouse, or at one of our Philly get-togethers -many memories over all these years in Florida. He will be missed. With love-Alan and Carole Ann Levi

Alan and Carole Ann Levi - April 30 at 03:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim H. Alderfer.

April 30 at 01:45 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim H. Alderfer.*



April 30 at 01:45 PM



“ *Love, Miyuki, Melissa & Shuo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim H. Alderfer.*



Love, Miyuki, Melissa & Shuo - April 30 at 12:55 PM



“ *On behalf of our entire membership, the boards and staff of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and Foundation offer our sincere condolences on the passing of Jim into Chapter Eternal. We are brothers now and ever...*

Charlie Ball - April 30 at 11:40 AM

“ Tribute to Jim

Our deepest condolences to Arlene and family. We are here for you and sending you much love and hugs.

Tribute to Jim

Jim was more than a neighbor—he was a dear friend who brought joy, laughter, and warmth into our lives from the moment we met him and Arlene in 2013.

Over the years, we were fortunate to share so many meaningful experiences together. Volunteering side by side on the United Way Committee showed us Jim’s generous spirit and his genuine desire to make a difference. But it was in the everyday moments—our dinners, rounds of golf, and social gatherings—where his friendship truly shined.

Jim had a gift for storytelling. We will always smile remembering his stories about his time on American Bandstand, told with such enthusiasm and charm. And it was impossible not to be delighted watching Jim and Arlene dancing together, especially during our dance classes with took together with our friends with dinner after. They moved with such joy—it was a beautiful reflection of their life together.

Jim was someone who made life richer just by being part of it. His kindness, his humor, and his presence will be deeply missed.

We will forever treasure the time we were blessed to share with him. Jim will remain in our hearts always.

Love, Lynn and Dennis Yon





Lynn Beseth - April 30 at 09:20 AM

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Beautiful tribute Dennis and Lynn

Alan and Carole Ann Levi - April 30 at 03:37 PM