



James Henry Tolhuizen, II, PhD

June 12, 1946 - October 1, 2010

James Henry Tolhuizen, II, PhD, age 64, of Merrillville, IN formerly of Vicksburg, MI, passed away on Friday, October 1, 2010. Dr. Tolhuizen was born June 12, 1946 in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of the late James A. & Mary (nee Hope) Tolhuizen. Dr. Tolhuizen graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1964; he received his bachelor's degree in 1969 and his Master's Degree in 1973 from Western Michigan University, and received his PhD from the University of Denver in 1977. Since 1985, Dr. Tolhuizen worked as a professor at Indiana University Northwest and co-founded the Department of Communication with Dr. Dorothy Ige. He sang as a tenor in the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus. He was a lifelong fan of short track stock car racing and attended weekly races at Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville. On November 5, 1969 in Lawton, MI, Jim was united in marriage to Marilyn S. Carroll. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army during the Viet Nam Conflict. Jim is survived by his son, James Henry "Hank" Tolhuizen, Marilyn Tolhuizen, siblings, Mary Terrill, John (Jane) Tolhuizen, Pete (Cheri) Tolhuizen and numerous nieces & nephews.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Time of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home.

Cremation by the Burns Funeral Home Crematory will precede the Memorial Service.

Private interment will take place at Genesse Prairie Cemetery in Oshtemo Township, MI on Thursday October 7, 2010. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Marilyn,
I am so sorry, I lost my Jim Feb.7,2010.
I wish you were still next door to me.
Please contact me if you can.
Mary##imported-begin##mary hollers##imported-end##

January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim - You've been a dedicated leader by example in the NISO Chorus. Thank you for the conversations and remarkable insights and knowledge. Lending an occasional shoulder or holding a chair still was the least I could do for what you have given us (both in the chorus and our country through your service). You will be missed.##imported-begin##Ed Palmisano##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was such a wonderful tenor and a stalwart (and founding) member of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus. I've known him through the Chorus for over a decade, and his dedication to the group and passion for music was always clear. It saddens me greatly to know that we have lost such a stellar voice and a wonderful man, but I rejoice that the angelic choir of Heaven is welcoming him with open arms.

God's speed, Jim.##imported-begin##Melissa Goodwin##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We always looked forward to seeing Jim. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jim's family.

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October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless the family of Professor Tolhuizen. He was a fixture at the university. I saw him often on the second floor of Hawthorn. God's comfort and peace be with you in this time of loss.###imported-begin###Beverly Lewis-Burton###imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM