



Dr. James Joseph Ansfield

September 15, 1941 - April 10, 2023

We mourn the passing of Dr. James J. Ansfield, a vibrant fixture of Milwaukee's Jewish community, on April 10, 2023, at his home in Mequon. He was 81. An adored physician, husband, father, friend, and chocoholic, Jimmy dedicated his life to sharing life's joys and his infectious spirit with others. Among much else, he will be remembered as an extraordinary doctor who prioritized bedside manner and personalized care over the bottom line. Known later in life as "Jimmy Blue," he was often seen in cobalt hues, exuding sweetness, compassion, and youthful cheer. Even at the age of 80, he was a crowd favorite in the annual Whitefish Bay Fourth of July Parade, rollerblading in his stars & stripes costume as "Patriotic Super Roller Doc."

The son of a revered doctor (Maurice) and UW-Milwaukee literature scholar (Esther), Jimmy graduated from Whitefish Bay High and UW-Madison. In his formative years he spent summers in the northwoods helping to launch Camp Timberlane. He later earned a degree from Marquette Medical School (now the Medical College of Wisconsin) and trained at Wadsworth VA Hospital in Los Angeles and Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, before entering private practice and returning to Milwaukee in 1977. Over the next thirty-five years, he honed a profoundly humanistic approach to internal medicine and gastroenterology. An appointment with Dr. Ansfield was as likely to traverse intestinal issues as it was family matters. In all probability, he would whip out his wallet and share photos of his kids and grandkids.

Jim will be dearly missed by his beloved wife, Joni, his children Jonathan and Amy (Li) Ansfield, and Bench Ansfield and Nataliya Braginsky, his brother Dr. Tom and Lynn Ansfield, his stepchildren Randy, Timmy, and Danielle Strauss, and his grandchildren Mirah and Rivah Ansfield, and Chandler, Cole, Justin, and Riley Strauss.

The funeral will take place on Friday, April 14, 2023 11 AM at Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Rd., Fox Point, followed by interment at Second Home Cemetery, 3705 S. 43 St., Milwaukee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Holocaust Education Resource Center of the Jewish Federation or the charity of your choice are appreciated.

A shiva will follow at the home of Jimmy and Joni Ansfield, 10413 N. Haddonstone Place in Mequon.

To watch the service virtually (link hosted by Congregation Sinai) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLep-2p48bqme3YWns0jBFw/live>

Cemetery Details

Second Home Cemetery

3705 S. 43 St.
Milwaukee, WI 53220

Previous Events

Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Congregation Sinai
8223 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

Shiva

APR 14 (CT)

Ansfield Residence
10413 N. Haddonstone Place
Mequon, WI 53092

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James Joseph Ansfield*

October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *I am saddened to read of Jim's passing. My memories of Jim are from 60 years ago, when I was a young camper at Camp Timberlane. Jim and Harold Hiken were very important to my many formative years there. May his many memories be a blessing to your family and the community.*

*Arlen Solochek
Phoenix, Arizona*

arlen solochek - May 16, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ *Dr. Ansfield was my physician when he first started practicing in Milwaukee. Although our relationship was brief because I relocated, I still remember how kind and attentive he was.*

Jed Dolnick - May 08, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *My condolences to all of the family. He was a caring friend. My thoughts are with all of you.*

Anne Wright - April 11, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Jim was always a joy to say hello to! He was so cheerful and sweet. He will definably be missed! Our great sympathies, Dorothy and Al Meyers*

dorothy meyers - April 11, 2023 at 03:23 PM

HB

“ *My condolences to all of the family. Jim was a friend and my doctor for several years,*

Howaard Berlaint - April 11, 2023 at 03:11 PM

HB

Correction: Howard Berliant

Howard Berliant - April 11, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DM

“ *Jim was always so Dorothy and Al friendly and upbeat! Always a joy to talk to! Our great sympathies, Dorothy and Al Meyers*

dorothy meyers - April 11, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Jaimito, you have left many friends, your mark is indelible, we will always remember your joy and dynamism, you were an incredible human being with overflowing kindness, thank you for your love, friendship and smiles...from all your friends in Puerto Vallarta, "de corazon a corazon" Jimmy Blue Man!*

Alberto Berriel - April 10, 2023 at 06:37 PM

TC

This is quite a shock as we have been with him for many years Rest in

the emold clan - April 10, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MR

*Jimmy, no words can lessen the tremendous sorrow and sadness that comes with the news of losing you, our dear friend !
I'm so lucky to have known you Mr. Blue!
You were a gentleman, always full of flowing energy, smiles, kind words, interesting stories and conversations and especially fun to be with in the pool during water aerobics. You will be greatly missed. RIP our dear Friend.*

Malka Kantor Rapkin - April 11, 2023 at 02:59 AM

KD

Our condolences, what a kind man.

Ken and Dee - April 11, 2023 at 08:59 AM

KD

Ken and Dee Stein

Ken and Dee - April 11, 2023 at 09:01 AM

SE

To Joanie and Family, I do want to express my deepest sympathy to the entire family on the passing of Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Suzy Buchbinder Ettinger

Suzy Buchbinder Ettinger - April 11, 2023 at 02:19 PM

EJ

He was the kindest, most caring and compassionate doctor I have ever known.

Ellen Johnson

Ellen Johnson - April 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM

DG

Jim. We worked together for 45 years. Will miss your compassion for all your patients. You always gave those under your care compassion and the best care. Jay and Terry Goodman

Dr. Jay Goodman and Terry Goodman - April 14, 2023 at 11:10 AM

JS

My deepest condolences to the family of the Jim. We were neighbors and our kids Bench & Daniel played together as well as toddlers & were on the same soccer team. Jim always had a smile on his face.

RIP

Judy Feldman Szwajder & Serge Szwajder

Judith Feldman Szwajder - April 14, 2023 at 12:24 PM