



## James Francis Schifalacqua

June 21, 1961 - October 12, 2023

James Francis Schifalacqua, 62, of Bristow, Virginia, beloved husband and loving father, unexpectedly passed away in his home on October 12, 2023. Jim is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Wendy Frances (Curran) Schifalacqua, and their children – John Francis, Jenna Elizabeth, and Andrew James – and his many friends and family, including two sisters (Eda Schramm, Jackie Schifalacqua), two brothers (Mariano Schifalacqua and I.E. Schifalacqua), and in-laws Diana Curran (wife of Gunnar), Mary Claire (wife of Derek), and Carol and Maureen Curran. Jim is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Born on June 21, 1961, in Reading, Pennsylvania, Jim was the youngest of five children of Mariano and Joanna Schifalacqua. Following a cherished childhood in his hometown of Reading, Jim graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. He also obtained a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University of Delaware. Jim's passion for computers propelled him to the forefront of the then burgeoning cyber and information security field, in which he held many prominent roles, including as a Branch Chief at the National Security Agency, as an information security expert at numerous defense contractors, and eventually as a respected Chief Information Security Officer for several large companies. Jim was well liked and valued by his colleagues.

But far beyond his successful career, Jim treasured his role as an attentive

and mentoring father, a dedicated husband, and a man devoted to his faith. Strangers, acquaintances, and family alike remember his kindness and compassion. In his spare time, Jim enjoyed a variety of hobbies speaking to the breadth of his interests. Among many things, he enjoyed tending to his garden, including fig trees for which he held much pride, and voice acting that featured his unique and stately voice. An unabashed animal lover, Jim gravitated toward dogs (not least of which his beloved Bella) and other animals. Jim's absence echoes loudly.

A visitation and prayer service will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. His family will celebrate his life at a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville, Virginia. Burial follows at Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery, 12004 Lee Hwy, Manassas, VA 20109, after the Mass.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Visitation

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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OCT 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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October 18, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

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October 18, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Charlotte Lyons & Team at Peraton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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**Charlotte Lyons & Team at Peraton** - October 18, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Charlotte Lyons & Team at Peraton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.*

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**Charlotte Lyons & Team at Peraton** - October 18, 2023 at 03:41 PM

CL

“ Jim was a gem of a colleague. My team and I enjoyed working with Jim at Peraton and learned not only from his cyber security insights but also from how he treated others. He engaged and respected other employees and people in general regardless of position or background. He was absolutely one of a kind and is sorely missed. My deepest sympathy for his family and friends. Charlotte Lyons

Charlotte Lyons - October 18, 2023 at 03:34 PM

RM

“ Jim was my next-door neighbor at our Serco office in Reston for several years. I worked allot with Jim and he was always very helpful and supportive. Great guy with a great laugh and smile. I am sorry for your loss.

Rick Martinez - October 18, 2023 at 01:13 PM

JW

“ I had the honor of working with Jim at Peraton since 2017. Jim is an amazing colleague and friend that we could always count on for both incredible expertise and infectious humor and levity as we dealt with numerous challenging situations. One example of Jim's smiling spirit is that our sensitive projects always needed a special code name, which Jim would never hesitate to provide, leaving us with his legacy of Pine Wreaths, Ferris Wheels, PopTarts, and Gummy Bears. I am blessed by all my interactions and experiences with Jim over the years, including him sharing his regional Catholic church tour surveys resulting his zeal to attend mass at as many different parishes that he and his wife could find in the area. I will miss him along with the rest of his Peraton family. My deepest condolences to and prayers for Jim's family. Jim Winner.

Jim Winner - October 18, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SL

“ Jim was a valued colleague and friend at Peraton. His enthusiasm for his craft was contagious, and his thoughtful approach to working to solve problems made all of us better when we partnered with him to develop a solution. He has made an impact on so many people professionally, and we will all miss him as a resource and a friend. My deepest condolences to his family dealing with this sudden loss.

Sarah Lynn - October 18, 2023 at 11:45 AM

OK

“ Omer Khan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



Omer Khan - October 18, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 18, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 17, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

October 17, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 17, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Core Creative Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



**Core Creative Team** - October 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ The Schramm Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



**The Schramm Family** - October 17, 2023 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ *The Schramm Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.*

The Schramm Family - October 17, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CC

“ *Jim made this world a much better place with his gifts of smiles and laughter. Our hearts go out to his family and to everyone who knew Jim.*

Cheryl Cotsimopoulos - October 17, 2023 at 04:59 AM

DG

“ *Dave & Joan Goggin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



Dave & Joan Goggin - October 16, 2023 at 09:54 PM

JG

“ *James G. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



James G. - October 16, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



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October 16, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

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October 16, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ Mike Rider purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



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**Mike Rider** - October 16, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Mike Rider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

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**Mike Rider** - October 16, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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October 16, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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October 16, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *With Much Love: Trish and Ed Seaman purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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**With Much Love: Trish and Ed Seaman** - October 16, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *From your Arcfield Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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**From your Arcfield Family** - October 16, 2023 at 10:34 AM

-K

“ -From The Knies's purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



-From The Knies's - October 16, 2023 at 10:25 AM

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“ -From The Knies's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

-From The Knies's - October 16, 2023 at 10:25 AM

MP

“ "Scif" is my colleague, and paisano. So kind, so smart. We often blended our "security" conversation with humor, italian food (Tonys Pizza), and our figs. To have known Jim is a blessing. Peace be with you my friend.



Michael Porturica - October 16, 2023 at 10:17 AM

JH

“ Rest in peace Jim. My condolences to the family. I know he is in a better place smiling down on us.



John Herrin - October 16, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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October 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *A great friend is something to treasure. Jim's kindness and energy lives on in all of us he touched. Heaven gained an angle when you left us!*

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**Jerry Santoni** - October 15, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Jason, Robert, Matt , Karen, Scott purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.*



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**Jason, Robert, Matt , Karen, Scott** - October 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Although I am terribly saddened by this loss and feel that the world has lost a great one, I long will hold the warmest memories of Jim as a colleague, friend, and devoted father. RIP my friend.*

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**phil mazzocco** - October 15, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

October 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 15, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

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“ Lori E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

Lori E. - October 14, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

October 14, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 14, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ Deepen P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

Deepen P. - October 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Love & prayers xo Cindy, Dave & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



Love & prayers xo Cindy, Dave & Family - October 14, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LF

“ Love & prayers xo Cindy, Dave & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

Love & prayers xo Cindy, Dave & Family - October 14, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JS

“ Thank you all for the support. The family invites everyone to the visitation, Mass, and burial. - The Schifalacqua Family

John Schifalacqua - October 14, 2023 at 08:22 AM

RR

“ Jim was a great friend, taken from this world too soon. Jim was a kind, soft-spoken, and whip-smart man who was generous with his time and experience. At work, we often spoke about our families and his face always lit up when he spoke about Wendy and his growing family. We laughed (and yawned from sleep deprivation) as we shared our young children’s milestones together. We shared stories about our parallel home improvement projects and we especially enjoyed our Valentine’s Day tradition of taking our wives out to Margaret Kuo’s for a sumptuous Valentine’s Day dinner – a tradition that my wife and I continue to this day. Blue skies and a strong tailwind, my friend.  
We will all miss you. --- Robert Rosen

Robert Rosen - October 13, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Francis Schifalacqua.



October 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Francis Schifalacqua.

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