



## James "Jim" Baldauf

July 15, 1951 - June 16, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of James Allen Baldauf, who passed away on June 16, 2026, at the age of 74.

Born on July 15, 1951, in Lorain, Ohio, Jim lived a life defined by hard work, perseverance, kindness, and unwavering devotion to his family and friends. He was the beloved husband of Pam for 46 years and a devoted father, grandfather, and friend.

Jim attended Cleveland State University on a full baseball scholarship. After suffering an elbow injury at the end of his freshman year that ended his pitching career, he was determined to finish his education despite losing his scholarship. To pay for college, he worked weekends in a hospital X-ray department, often studying by flashlight in the dark room between patients. Through his determination and work ethic, he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in just three years.

In 1981, Jim discovered a passion for running that lasted the rest of his life. He completed 19 marathons and several triathlons, participating in races throughout Houston and Dallas, and rarely missed the opportunity for a lunchtime run.

Jim enjoyed a distinguished 43-year career as a CPA with Marathon Oil,

where he earned the respect of colleagues through his dedication, integrity, and professionalism.

Outside of work, Jim found joy in golf, hunting, fishing, running, spending time on Lake Travis, and driving his beloved Corvette. He especially treasured time with friends and family, and deeply enjoyed being with his daughters, wife, grandchildren and sons-in-law, Mitch and Jim, whom he loved as his own. The memories he created with those he loved will be cherished forever.

Those who knew Jim will remember his loyalty, determination, and wonderful sense of humor. His kindness touched countless lives, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In his later years, Jim faced Alzheimer's disease with quiet strength. Pam cared for him at home for several years, remaining by his side and supporting his daily needs throughout the progression of his illness. As his care needs increased, the compassionate staff at Sycamore Creek Ranch and the wonderful nurses and caregivers of Bayou City Hospice surrounded Jim and his family with dignity, comfort, and exceptional care. Our family will always be grateful for the kindness, compassion, and support they provided during this journey.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Charles F. Baldauf and Angela (Smith) Baldauf.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Pam; his daughters, Kristen Marie Cuningham (Mitch) and Lindsay Ann Carlson (Jim); his sister-in-law, Cynthia Jurkovich; and his seven cherished grandchildren: Carson, Preston, Hunter, and Micah Cuningham, and Ellie, Ryan, and Luke Carlson.

A Mass will be held on June 29, 2026 at 11am, at St Ignatius of Loyola

Catholic Church in Spring, with a luncheon in the church hall immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Though he will be deeply missed, Jim's love, loyalty, and example will remain with his family and friends always.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community Church  
7810 Cypresswood Dr  
spring, TX 77379  
<https://www.ignatiusloyola.org>

## Funeral Mass

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