



## James Michael Podolinski

May 8, 1953 - January 12, 2014

James Michael Podolinski, 60, of South Waverly, Pa., passed away Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

James was born in Scranton, Pa., on May 8, 1953, the son of Michael and Julia Calveric Podolinski. He was a graduate of Sayre High School class of 1971 and continued his education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in business management with a minor in economics with concentration in labor economics. James was employed by Paxar/Avery Dennison for 35 years as director of human resources. He was a former member of the International Management Council where he served as a past officer and served as former chairman of the employer advisory council for Bradford and Sullivan Counties Job Center. James was a past president and former member of the Sayre Rotary Club having been honored twice as "Rotarian of the year" and was one of the organizers of the Sayre Rotary fundraising raffle. James coached basketball at the Epiphany School in Sayre from 1976 to 1984 and 1998 to 2002, served as long-term judge at Scholarship Challenge in the valley and coached Waverly Little League. He was founder of the Epiphany Junior High School Basketball Tournament. James was a former member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in South Waverly where he served as a Lector.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte Babcock Podolinski at home, whom he

married on October 6, 1984 in Towanda, Pa., sons, Matthew Podolinski and wife Kristine of Sayre, Andrew Podolinski of Sayre, sister, Mary Jane Friedman and husband John of Kirkwood, N.Y., mother-in-law, Elizabeth Wager Babcock of Sayre, brothers-in-law, Victor L. Babcock and wife Shawn, Daniel F. Babcock and wife Kelly as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, very special friends and his faithful beagles, Kami and Chaz.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Russell F. Babcock.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond St., Sayre, Pa. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, South Elmer Ave., Sayre. Interment will follow in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, Pa. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509 in James Michael Podolinski's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street  
Athens, PA 18810

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home  
314 Desmond Street  
Sayre, PA 18840  
(570) 888-2113  
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## Visitation

JAN 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany  
304 South Elmer Ave  
Sayre, PA 18840

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Michael Podolinski*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *James Michael Podolinski*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *James Michael Podolinski*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *James Michael Podolinski*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *James Michael Podolinski*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

GW

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of "Pod". I didn't know Jim very well, he was six years my junior, but I did know the family and I used to see him around town and he was always very cordial and greeted me and I him. I didn't realize that he had been ill for sometime and I wondered, looking back, why I hadn't seen him lately. He was certainly very proud of his family and he was certainly, judging from his obit, a very positive and involved individual.  
Sincerely, Gene Wayman

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**Gene Wayman** - January 18, 2014 at 08:16 AM

CO

*He was the scum of the world!!!*

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**Concerned** - December 29, 2025 at 01:13 AM

MI

“ Dear Charlotte,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I lost my husband in October and know that keeping your family and friends close helps. Take things a day at a time and talk about your feelings. My heart goes out to you.  
With sincere sympathy,  
Margie Maskarinec Iglio

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**Marjorie Iglio** - January 17, 2014 at 10:55 PM

WD

“ Dear Charlotte and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family over Jim's passing. Joe and I have such fond memories of Jim when he would come to Rock Hill. May your friends and family bring you comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Joe & Wendy Daley*

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**Wendy Daley** - January 16, 2014 at 08:19 AM

KF

“ With our love and deepest sympathy as we remember Mr. James Podolinski. God bless.



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**Kearns family** - January 15, 2014 at 09:38 PM

LW

“ Charlotte, Matt and Andy,

Words can not express how sad I feel about Jim's passing. For me, he was not only my Manager for 12 years, but he was a friend. He taught me so much over the years. We were a good team. I've been remembering a lot of the times over the years, the "bad" jokes he would tell that always made you laugh, the kidding around we would do, and all his little quirks that make me smile. I won't forget the day he told me about buying a camper. I about fell off my chair, laughing so hard. He had always told me his idea of camping was staying at a Holiday Inn, so needless to say that was a shock. I just wish had the opportunity to enjoy it.

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lori Williams** - January 15, 2014 at 01:02 PM

FC

“ *I worked with and for Jim for 2 summers and he was a kind and patient man. I may have been a teenager but he treated me with the same respect that the "seasoned" employees received. RIP, Jim. Prayers for the family*

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**Former Co-worker** - January 15, 2014 at 08:39 AM

ES

“ *Charlotte, Gram, Matt & Andy,*

*What can we say that will make you feel better? We will always admire Jim. The suffering from his illness is over. He is now healed and in time you will feel better. In a person's lifetime there are not many people that are good friends to many, Jim is that person. You have a great family! We will all miss Jim. Stay strong, stick together, and love one another. "Rambo" you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ed & Barb Smith** - January 15, 2014 at 06:04 AM

JK

“ Dear Charlotte, Matthew, Andrew, and Family,

*I extend my sincere sympathy to all of you. Jim and I were classmates at Epiphany School. I always remember him as a studious, sports-loving, faith-filled guy---devoted to his family, friends, and the New York Yankees. I am so glad I had the chance to speak with Jim a month or so ago. It was delightful to reminisce, but above all I was impressed by his positive attitude, enduring faith, and acceptance of his circumstances in the face of such suffering. I will be keeping all of you, as well as Jim, in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

*Sincerely,*

*John Knowles  
Biglerville, PA*

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**John Knowles** - January 15, 2014 at 04:42 AM

KM

“ Charlotte,

*So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you, your boys, and your mom. I'm sure the memories will be lasting and lovely remembered. Please remember to take care of yourself through these tough times.*

*Thinking of you,  
Kyle Moore  
University Place, WA*

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**Kyle Moore** - January 14, 2014 at 08:52 PM

DM

“ *The community has lost a very kind, gentle and caring person. Jim always spoke lovingly of his family. Always a smile and joke with co-workers and friends. I worked with Jim for many years and he was very good in his position, always approachable and fair. I feel very fortunate to have known Pod and very sad that the world has lost a man like him at such a young age. He will be missed by many.*

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**Deb McGuire** - January 14, 2014 at 11:21 AM

JM

“ *I'm sorry to hear of "Pud's" passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Charlotte, Matthew, Andrew and his entire family. I worked with Jim for 20 years at Paxar and considered him a friend. We could easily have been adversaries as he was "company man" and I was a union employee but I always felt he was honest, fair and deep down had our best interests at heart. I know for a fact how deeply he loved his family. He spoke about his boys often. The world lost one huge Yankees fan, that's for sure. God bless you Jim. Thank you for taking a chance on me all those years ago. I was a pretty rough cut when you hired me and really brought nothing to the table except the ability to draw. Say hello to "Boss Man" when you get a chance...*

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**John Minch** - January 14, 2014 at 10:58 AM

PA

“ Dear Charlotte and family,

*I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We shared many passages with one another...Epiphany School, High School and working at Paxar. He was truly a great guy, both personally and professionally. Jim always treated me with such respect. He never pointed the finger at anyone or their family but always portrayed an image that I greatly admired. Whenever I sent him a card during his illness, he would personally call me up to thank me. I will always fondly remember what a genuine guy he was. I will miss him. May the love of family and friends help comfort you in the days ahead. Cherish the fond memories you shared and may these memories also bring you comfort. He will be your angel watching over you. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Goodbye my friend & sore high!!*

*My deepest condolences,  
Patti (Bobby) Ball*

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**Patti** - January 14, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Podolinski family. I remember Jim as "Jimmy". He was in my sisters class at Sayre and always nice to me, the younger sibling of a classmate who hung out with the 'older kids'! Jim was funny, a jokester as I remember, and his big dark rimmed glasses always made him look the studiest type which he proved to be true with his academic achievements. I also ended up working at Paxar for about 7 yrs while Jim was there in HR. I think of him as a kind and gentle soul. I will remember him fondly and pray that he is in restful sleep now. I also pray that one day you will be able to smile through the tears, for you will see him again.*  
~Michele Morningstar

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**Michele Morningstar** - January 14, 2014 at 09:11 AM

BN

“ *Very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good guy and always a pleasure to coach with and against. He will be missed...Bob Nichols*

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**Bob Nichols** - January 14, 2014 at 09:00 AM

TP

“ *Dear Charlotte and family,  
So very sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you in the days to come. I hope that in time you find peace through loving memories.  
Terry Roof Primrose*

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**Terry Roof Primrose** - January 14, 2014 at 08:20 AM

CF

*to the Podolinski family, I am so sorry for your loss, Jimmy and his sister Mary Jane grew up on the east side of Sayre with all the Ukrianian Kids.God Bless The family and Rlp Jimmy. Irene Monchak Gale, Lakeland, Florida.*

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**childhood friend** - January 14, 2014 at 03:32 PM

DG

“ *So glad I had the chance to talk with Jim in mid-December. We had a grand time walking down memory lane together remembering our "Redskin" days. Jim was a good, kind-hearted person whom I always looked up to, whether in the classroom, or on the football field, even though I was taller than he was. Jim will be missed, but Heaven is a better place today for his presence. Praying for all Jim's family and friends over their loss. Looking forward to seeing you again in the not-to-distant future Jim!*

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**Dan Geiger** - January 14, 2014 at 08:12 AM

RR

“ *Charlott, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept my condolences. I hope your memories of the joy and love you shared will help get you through this difficult time.*

*Robyn Roof-Maghamez*



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**Robyn Roof-Maghamez** - January 14, 2014 at 07:56 AM