



JAMES D. SLEETH
JULY 19, 1942 —MARCH 12, 2016

James D. Sleeth, 73, of Shelbyville, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at home, surrounded by his family.

Jim graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1960 and served in the United States Air Force. He was employed by Naval Avionics, Indianapolis, where he helped develop Patriot missiles, which were later used in the Gulf War. He also owned and operated several businesses, including Jim's Pool Room, Jim's Shortstop, Jim's Dugout, Blue River Park, The Sports Locker Room, and Ritter's Frozen Custard. His biggest business accomplishment came in 2005 when he was named the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

He lived in Shelbyville his entire life, with the exception of the time he served his country. Jim was heavily involved in the community. He was a Board Member, President and coach for Shelby County Babe Ruth League for over 20 years, and was influential in bringing Shelbyville the Babe Ruth Bambino World Series in 1985. He was selected to the Indiana Babe Ruth Hall of Fame later that same year.

Jim was also heavily involved with the Shelby County Jaycees, where he was appointed as an International Senate member in 1982. In addition, he was the past President of the Shelbyville High School Booster Club and served on Shelbyville City Council from 2000-2004, the Parks & Recreation Board and the City Planning Commission.

Jim loved his work, his family, his community and was an avid Los Angeles Dodgers fan.

