



## James Taylor Bannen

April 10, 1962 - November 11, 2023

James Taylor Bannen, 61, of Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, passed away November 11, 2023, after an unexpected cardiac event.

James was born in Rockford, Illinois and grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Howard James Bannen, Jr. and Barbara Taylor Bannen (nee Olwin). He was the great-great grandson of George B. Swift, the former mayor of Chicago. James dearly loved the city and lived there most of his life.

Jim graduated from the University of Wisconsin/Madison with a Bachelor's in Finance and later from DePaul University with an MBA and a Master's degree in Public Policy. He went on to have a long career in the insurance industry.

A kind, loving, and generous person and a prolific reader, Jim was also a fan of 80's alternative music and drawing cartoons. He volunteered at Howard Brown Health Center and tutored children. Jim was the faithful companion of Patron the Pomeranian and the late Shante the Pekinese.

James is survived by his beloved husband of eight years (together for 25 years) Mario Iran Martinez. He is also survived by sisters Gail (Daniel) Clutter and Betsy (Mark) Kesner, brother Philip Bannen, niece Grace Clutter, nephews William Clutter and Matt Kesner, aunts Mary Bannen DuBois and Vera Schmitt Bannen, and numerous cousins and friends.

A celebration of his life is being planned for early 2024. Please check back to this website for further information as it becomes available.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Ambetter Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Taylor Bannen.*

**The Ambetter Team** - November 22, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James Taylor Bannen.*



November 22, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Valerie Eaton lit a candle in memory of James Taylor Bannen*



**Valerie Eaton** - November 22, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I am praying for your family at this time! I will miss your stories about Patron, your family, and the music genre we shared. I know that we only knew each other for a short time but I will miss you dearly!*

**Veronica Morrison** - November 21, 2023 at 07:52 PM

VM

“ *Veronica Morrison lit a candle in memory of James Taylor Bannen*



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**Veronica Morrison** - November 21, 2023 at 07:44 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Clark lit a candle in memory of James Taylor Bannen*



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**Phyllis Clark** - November 21, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MH

“ *Thinking about your family during this time. James was a lighthouse to many and he will be missed!*

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**Mary Melissa Hoover** - November 20, 2023 at 11:13 AM

VA

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of James's passing. We all loved hearing the daily stories of Jim and his faithful pet Patron. Jim lit up the room with his stories about living in the Midwest, his outdoor adventures or even the daily weather in Chicago. Jim was an essential part of the Retention Team with his extensive experience in broker sales and his overall insurance knowledge. Every day, Jim showed up positive, inspirational, and eager to help the Ambetter members. Jim had become a huge part of the "team family" and it will be difficult not having someone who was such a big part of our lives anymore.

*Thank you, Jim, for how much laughter and joy you brought into our lives, you will surely be missed!*

*From Cynthia, Valerie and his team members.*

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**Valerie** - November 20, 2023 at 10:55 AM

CP

“ Thoughts and prayers to all family and friends. <3



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**Claire Peasley** - November 20, 2023 at 10:21 AM

LY

“ James was beloved by his work family, the magnitude of his presence and persona will be missed deeply. Thoughts and prayers for James family and friends.



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**Lyndsey** - November 20, 2023 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ *Marco A Barrera lit a candle in memory of James Taylor Bannen*



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**Marco A Barrera** - November 18, 2023 at 09:32 AM