



James Wade

December 25, 1961 - December 10, 2024

James Edmund Wade, 62, of Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2024, surrounded by love, after a long battle with multiple myeloma.

Born in Park Ridge and raised in Des Plaines, Jim played football at Forest View High School in Arlington Heights and earned his degrees in Math and Computer Science degree with minors in History and Speech from Augustana College, where he acted in and designed lighting for several theater productions.

He worked in tech for the federal government, insurance industry, and Kraft Foods. For the last fifteen years, he was a data analyst and programmer at DePaul University's Office of Student Records. James had an extremely strong work ethic and continued to work up until his final days. He was organized, smart, deliberate, happy, strong-willed (some may say stubborn), and deeply devoted to his family. He was passionate about Dungeons and Dragons, music and film, and was a fairly decent singer.

Jim fought a valiant battle over the last three years. He never complained about painful treatments and was determined to reclaim his health.

Beloved husband of thirty years to Fatou Bintou Wade (nee Diao), devoted

father of Natalie Khady Wade of Washington, DC and Adelle Bineta Wade of Los Angeles.

Also survived by siblings David (Sharlene) Snellman of IL, Joseph (Linda) Wade of TX, and Carolynne (Alex) Bee-Horwood of NV and stepmother Ruth Wade. Uncle, cousin, friend, and colleague of many. Best friend of Michael (Evon Fuerst) Selinker of Seattle, WA.

Preceded in death by parents Edmund Joseph Wade and Sharon Lynne Wade (nee Rutlin) and also by his very best canine friend, Tootsie the West Highland Terrier/Shih-Tsu mix.

A celebration of life is being held Saturday, December 21, 12-3pm (eulogies begin 12:30pm) at Colvin House, 5940 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, 60660. The family asks that you RSVP via text to: 1 (773) 996-6722.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

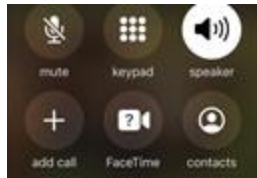
Colvin House
5940 N Sheridan Rd
Chicago, IL 60660
<http://www.ColvinHouseEvents.com>

12noon doors open 12:30 eulogies begin 1:30-3pm reception

Tribute Wall

DF

“ The first things I knew about JW was that he loved *The Amazing Race*, he raised the most wonderful daughters, and he loved to start a project on the house. Throughout the years, he’s always made me feel so welcomed at the Wade home. He always loved little Tootsie, even when she was escaping through the backyard. I remember a sweet long chat he and I had years ago. My own dad is a man of 4 minute phones calls so I always have cherished that hour and a half call with him. To JW: a man of intelligence, love, laughter, and the father of the people 💕



Desirae Fisher - December 20, 2024 at 07:29 PM

RW

“ Jim and I were AYSO referees for many matches together. Always enjoyed working with Jim on the pitch. Ruzica and will miss Jim. Regards,
Ruzica and Bob Wiesen

Ruzica and Bob Wiesen - December 20, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SE

“ Honored to have known JW. He was truly hilarious, and his resourcefulness and DIY abilities were something else. He and Fatou raised two amazing humans who I feel so lucky to know ❤️

Sophia E - December 20, 2024 at 02:47 AM

JH

“ Jason H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edmund Wade.

Jason H. - December 19, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LK

“ I don't know if I will be able to make it on Saturday to celebrate Jim's life and mourn his passing with you all, and so I wanted to at least share how much we valued him as a person and a colleague here at DePaul. Though he and I were no longer working in the same department, I can still remember the day Jim started in Student Records—just about a year after I did. He was so skilled and knowledgeable in his role and brought so much value to our team and to the university. He was a great colleague, always willing to teach me and others about query writing and getting the information that we need from the data. He was incredibly hard working and dedicated to us as a community; it's going to take time for it to sink that he's gone. DePaul was so lucky to have him.

The most important thing to him though was his family. We all knew that he was SO proud of his family, especially you girls, Adelle and Natalie. He loved you so much and was always sharing your accomplishments with us. We could all tell just how much he loved being your dad. I'm so sorry that he's gone. I know he fought hard to stay here. Just know we're mourning him, too, and sending love to you all.

Lauren Kriz - December 19, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LM

“ Lindsay M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edmund Wade.

Lindsay M. - December 19, 2024 at 12:08 AM

LD

“ Laura D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edmund Wade.

Laura D. - December 17, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Carolynne Bee-Horwood - December 16, 2024 at 07:41 PM

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Jim with his siblings. Then 1968 (?) and 2019.

Carolynne Bee-Horwood - December 16, 2024 at 07:45 PM

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Carolynne Bee-Horwood - December 16, 2024 at 07:36 PM

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Jim with his family growing up in Des Plaines, IL.

Carolynne Bee-Horwood - December 16, 2024 at 07:46 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of James Wade.*



December 16, 2024 at 03:23 PM



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

December 16, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ *I am very saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Volunteering alongside Jim for so many years with AYSO was a great experience. From refereeing countless soccer games together to serving as his assistant coach for a season, I witnessed firsthand his intelligence, humor, hard work, and dedication to the kids. I can still hear him on the sideline at Foster Field 1—loudly and persistently encouraging our daughters' U14 team! I also vividly recall watching Jim skillfully work as an assistant referee in a championship game at the 2012 AYSO National Games, played at the University of Tennessee's soccer stadium—what an incredible experience for him! Jim was a well-respected volunteer who made a lasting impact. He will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. John Sawin*

John Sawin - December 16, 2024 at 12:24 PM

SH

“ As a fellow soccer referee, I never had the opportunity to work a game with Jim. However, I always enjoyed his company at referee social gatherings. My condolences to the family. Steve Havens

STEVE HAVENS - December 16, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DM

“ Jim, (clockwise) Lindsay Meagher, Don Marsh, Mike Selinker and David Hersemann celebrate the Bears' unlikely victory in the late-December 1988 Fog Bowl—somewhat visible in the background of the Sony Trinitron screen at far right of Marsh family living room. Good times with great guys.



Don Marsh - December 16, 2024 at 10:16 AM

SK

“ I knew Jim for many years of soccer. Great guy, and always good with the kids. We will miss him. Shawn

Shawn Klupchak - December 16, 2024 at 09:05 AM

DH

“ April 21st, 1990.

Jim was one of my best men at my wedding. He is with Sandy, one of my wife's best friends.

...David Hersemann



David H - December 15, 2024 at 03:23 PM

AW

“ Some family photos, missing my dad and hoping he gets to play with Tootsie. He was a hard worker, relentless fighter, and always there to help ❤️



Adelle Wade - December 12, 2024 at 12:21 PM



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Team Inclusive Funeral Care - December 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM