



# James R. Pierobon

MAY 7, 1955 - AUG 12, 2018



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**J**ames R. Pierobon, 63, died August 12, 2018 at his home in Leesburg, VA with several members of his loving family at his side. Jim passed peacefully after a courageous and hard-fought battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He is survived by his loving wife Andy, as well as by one child: Mimi Pierobon and two step children Morgan Powell (Jason Lawrence), and Drew Powell. He is also survived by two sisters, Nancy P. (William) Hensel and Catherine M. (Greg) Barcus; five nieces and nephews, Brian Hensel, Megan (J.T.) Gripe, Jeffrey Hensel, Elizabeth (Richard) Schoenrock; and seven great nieces and nephews, Addison, Paityn and Parker Hensel; Annabell and Benjamin Gripe; and Richard and William Schoenrock.

Jim was a former Chief Energy Writer at the Houston Chronicle and was the principal writer of The Energy Fix blog. He was a policy, marketing and social media strategist who reported on, testified and consulted about solar energy, energy efficiency, smarter grids, energy cyber-security and the challenges facing nuclear energy. Always full of enthusiasm and passion, he worked relentlessly to raise awareness of both the ongoing threats to, and the definite steps toward a clean energy future – all the while adhering to the highest standards of ethical practice. Jim approached life with great gusto and humor. He loved to travel and was always plotting an “adventure” for family and friends. He was an avid golfer and a sports enthusiast. He loved light hearted competition and banter and created his own leagues and championships, such as “The Pierobon Open”. Jim made many lifelong, loyal friends over the years. He will be missed greatly by his family and all of his near and dear friends.

There will be a memorial service in Jim’s honor on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 2pm at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon VA 20171 <http://www.florisumc.org/>

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted by:

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to help diagnose Pancreatic Cancer soon enough to



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significantly extend patients' lives.

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OR




Non-profits helping news organizations figure out how to survive and thrive amid all the “fake” news out there. One of Jim’s favorites was the NiemanLab.org at Harvard. He had hoped that could be a part of his legacy. <http://nieman.harvard.edu/about/make-a-gift/>

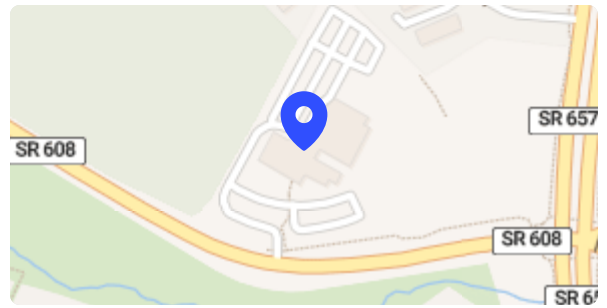


# Events

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## Celebration of Life

-  **Saturday**, August 18, 2018
-  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
-  **Floris United Methodist Church**  
13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon VA





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**Jennifer Rennicks** posted:

Jim's reporting skills and tenacity were a tremendous help in shining a light on the barriers that are sometimes erected against renewable energy in the Southeast. I really value his time and dedication in his final years to spreading knowledge about this important climate solution.

January 11 at 10:44 AM



**Vivian Thomson** posted:

I admired greatly Jim's talents as a reporter and his dedication to renewable energy. I am so terribly sad to learn that he is gone. His work mattered. Vivian Thomson

October 8 at 7:05 AM



**Kathiann M Kowalski** posted:

I am so sorry for your family's loss of Jim. I greatly enjoyed the articles he wrote for Southeast Energy News and other branches of the Energy News Network.

September 14 at 5:51 AM



**Tony Ritchie** posted:

Jim was my fraternity brother at the FIJI House at Mizzou. The spirit and enthusiasm of his youth never waned. He had a voracious curiosity and a kind hearted nature. He and Mimi visited us in Colorado many years ago as did he and Andy a few years later. I will always remember Jim fondly and hope for Andy, family all those close to him that his life always brings a smile to your lips before his passing brings a tear to your eye. Tony Ritchie

September 2 at 3:20 PM



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**Max Carey** posted:

I met Jim 40+ years ago as a pledge in the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at the University of Missouri. He was then as I always found him to be later in life, outgoing, friendly and fun. As I think everyone who knew Jim would say, he was truly one of the "Good Guys" and as we all knew him, a Brother to be counted on and a man we proudly referred to as a friend. Jim was a great sport and always enjoyed the back and forth conversations we all had, whether he was on the giving or receiving end of our joking. Certainly far beyond the realm of our Chi Mu group he will be missed. Jim helped me to create a network of over 30 former Fraternity Brothers who kept in touch with each other over the past decade by competing in our own online tournaments. Each of us has lived a fuller life because of our connection to Jim. Our condolences to Andy and all of the Pierobon family. Max A Carey Chi Mu Chapter Phi Gamma Delta

September 2 at 12:39 PM

TO

**Todd** posted:

Always enjoyed talking with Jim at various Mizzou alumni events through the years. His passion for his work, family and Mizzou was amazing. Even in the roughest of times, Jim stood by his alma mater and always offered a helping hand. It's people like Jim that makes my job so wonderful...and make Mizzou a special place. From the Mizzou alumni family, our deepest condolences to Jim's loved ones. He was a True Tiger. Todd McCubbin Executive Director Mizzou Alumni Association

August 30 at 1:55 PM

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**Steve Haigh** posted:

I loved Jim as a friend and Fiji brother. He was a great husband and dad, and a friend to countless people. I'm sorry he's gone. I'll miss him a lot. So will his Chi Mu brothers from Mizzou, who nicknamed him "Purebred" when he was a pledge. A lot of guys have a hole in their hearts this week. Jim and I were roommates at 704 College Blvd. in Columbia. I transferred in from SMU and affiliated with the Fijis at Mizzou. We were both in J-school, so it was comfortable for us to share a room in the fraternity house. Jim used to crush Oreos into a glass of milk before bedtime. It was his way of relaxing after a long day, but I liked to think that he needed all that sugar to fuel his light speed brain activity all night. Manic, frenetic, gregarious, loud, bigger than life, unstoppable, driven, intense, funny, loyal and dedicated. There will never be another like him. We are all the richer for having known him. I remember a skiing trip he made to Colorado several years ago. My family has lived in the Denver area for 34 years. Just off the lift, we stood at the top of a run admiring the view and discussing the angle of descent. Jim would have no talk of caution. His eyes told me he was feelin' it. He pointed his tips downhill and he was off. I'd never seen him happier. And now I know he's even happier still because he's free styling in heaven. To Andy, Mimi and Nancy, and all of Jim's family and friends, may God bless you and bring you comfort in these really difficult days. Steve Haigh

August 17 at 1:09 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pierobon family.



August 15 at 3:56 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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