

James F. Ong

James F. "Jim" Ong, 62, of Dennison died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the Ohio State Medical Center following a courageous four-month battle with cancer.



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Jim was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on July 10, 1943, the son of Mary Liggett Ong of Dennison and the late Louis Ong. He graduated from Uhrichsville High School in 1961 and attended the University of Akron.

Jim was a veteran railroader and began his railroad career as the last fireman ever hired by the Penn Central Railroad. He worked for the Penn Central, where he was promoted to engineer. He then worked for Conrail as an engineer in terminals ranging from the Metropolitan Region Grand Central Terminal in New York to Indianapolis in the West. He later worked for the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway.

Throughout his career Jim remained active in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He most recently worked as the Chairman of the Ohio State Legislative Board of that union. As such, he was the union's chief lobbyist and public relations officer in the State of Ohio, with his office located in Columbus. He was additionally responsible for the Ohio Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. Jim was a member of the National Assn. of Legislative Board Chairmen and served that body as vice chairman for the 17-state Northeast Region and was responsible for coordinating legislation efforts among the states in that region.

Jim, along with his wife, also owned and operated Northview Residential Care in Dennison for the past 25 years.

Jim was involved in numerous organizations, including the National Assn. of Veteran Railroad Employees and the

Masons. He was Protestant by faith. In 2005, Jim served as the Grand Marshal for the Dennison Railroad Festival parade.

Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. His knack to solve problems and make everyone laugh will be missed. He was well-known for his storytelling ability and was always quick with a joke and willing to lend a helping hand.

On Sept. 12, 1967, he married Carol Lint Ong. They would have celebrated 39 years of marriage this year. In addition to his wife and mother, Jim is survived by a son, J.J. (Leann) Ong of Dennison; a daughter, Jennifer Ong of Dennison; a daughter, Heather Lutz of Sherrodsville; three grandchildren, Harris Ong, Mallory Ong and Ben Worley; two brothers, John (Mary Lee) Ong of Hudson and Joe (Rose) Ong of Columbus; his mother-in-law, Louise Lint; his sister-in-law, Barbara (Gary) Eckhardt; his brother-in-law, Jim (Pam) Lint; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his father and his father-in-law, Harry "Boze" Lint.

Services for Jim, officiated by Rev. Harold Keese, will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 11 a.m. in the R.K. Lindsey Funeral Home at Dennison, O., where family and friends may call from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. during visitation on Tuesday. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery in Uhrichsville, O. Memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to the Memorial and Honor Program Benefiting the American Diabetes Assn., Northeast Ohio (Akron) Office, 1815 W. Market St., Suite 108, Akron, O. 44313.

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