

## James Francis Suruda

October 10, 1966 - June 2, 2025

New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service Pauses at This Time to Pay Tribute to James Francis Suruda and The Suruda Family. May Memories of Suruda and The Love of Family Surround You and Give You Strength in The Days Ahead. We Will Continue to Wish You Peace, Comfort, and Courage to Face the Days Ahead. Lean on Your Friends and Family for Strength, and Always Remember How Much You Are Loved. Today and Always, Our Thoughts and Prayers Are with You.

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# Tribute Wall

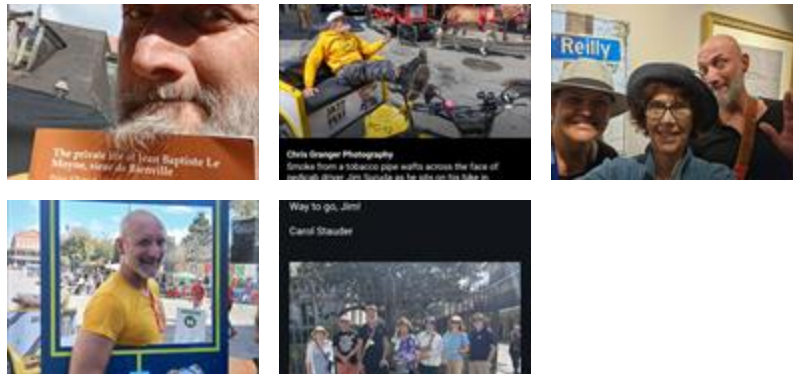
GW

“ I too met Jim through our Friends of Cabildo tour guide class. I always admired his style and sense of humor. He was the first person in our class to sport a shoulder bag and, true to his style, it made a fashion statement! It was always fun to see him riding his pedicab around the French Quarter. He will be missed. RIP Jim.

Glen Weiss - November 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ I got to be Jim's partner in our Tour Guide class and he was so curious and funny, and supportive, and passionate about his subject (whether it was the Xirques house or his laminator!). He will be greatly missed!



Viky Fisher - November 17, 2025 at 09:22 AM

CG

“ I also met Jim in the FOC Tour guide class!! Always dapper with a big smile and kind word for everyone!! We will miss him! Rest In Peace, Jim!

Carolyn Guidry - November 17, 2025 at 09:14 AM

ER

“ I met Jim in the tour guide program in which we both participated. He was very kind and positive. So very sorry to hear of his loss. May he Rest in Peace. Prayers to his family.

Elaine Rudolph-Carter - November 17, 2025 at 07:39 AM

GC

“ I too got to know Jim in the FOC 2025 Tour Guide Class. Such a kind and positive spirit he had.

Glen Cunningham - November 17, 2025 at 12:24 AM

GM

“ I had the privilege of getting to know Jim earlier this year during our Friends of the Cabildo Walking Tour classes. Jim was always quick witted and willing to share. I ran into him again this spring while he was on his pedicab. In true Jim fashion, he offered me a ride to my destination and wouldn't accept payment. I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. New Orleans and the world lost a bright sole.

Greg Matney - November 17, 2025 at 12:02 AM



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

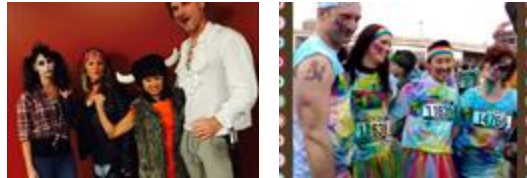
June 14, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ I met Jim at Cigna in Nashville. He encouraged everyone to enjoy life. He brought joy and laughter. He was always wearing a fun or off the wall outfit, just for the fun of it.

He encouraged fitness by having coworkers in the office so push ups when there was an announcement or the ring of a bell. I did a few races and workouts with him and the team.

I met him when I was having a hard time at home and he would make me laugh and keep me grounded. He spoke truth with honesty. I am grateful I knew him and that he was in my life during that time.



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Roz RV - June 14, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ While I haven't seen Jim in quite some time, I was saddened to hear that he has moved on from this world. As we crossed paths for a short span while working at Cigna, I recall him as being an interesting person. He was definitely living his life to the tune of his own drum and I will always remember him for that fact. My condolences to his family.



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Wortheyisdar Guess - June 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Francis Suruda.*



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June 12, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *Jim and I worked together on the same team at Cigna, in the 2016 timeframe. What a great teammate, very engaging, quick with his wit, and it was never in a mean-spirited way. He could interact with anyone. Very, very bright, he was the first person to demo machine-learning to the team.*

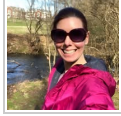
*He was athletic, always active, and found ways to bring others into being more active. He kept a bell (chime) at his desk, and when people would ask “what is the bell for?” he would respond, with a grin, “ring it”, they would, and then we’d all immediately push back from our desks, and drop and do pushups. It was so funny, (although, one day I did over 200 pushups). He got me to do a St Patrick’s day 5k, and the Music City half marathon, I’m not a runner, but I did finish, thanks Jim for getting me up and moving.*

*It seemed he was always checking something off his bucket list. I recall seeing him play bass guitar in Nashville in a punk band, as one such bucket list accomplishment.*

*My condolences to the family, Jim will be missed.*

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**Steve French** - June 11, 2025 at 10:39 PM



*I was a part of the push up crew for a bit when he would do them to the announcements. Did several races with him and workouts. He definitely encouraged activity.*

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**Roz RV** - June 14, 2025 at 08:56 AM

WZ

“ I never thought I'd ever have to reminisce about my memories with Jim.

*Our worlds collided back when we worked at Cigna together in 2017. Him writing software and me trying to fix it and get it ready for the people. I saw a different side of Jim than most people, but all of his sides were great. He was extremely genuine, somewhat corky guy who always had a story. His past always blew me away, I honestly feel that if we had all his stories down it would fill the library of congress. Sometimes I even questioned myself, what hasn't Jim done? Or, have I even lived 1/4 of what Jim has done. Even as I write this I know that Jim had lived his life to the fullest, at every moment, something that I'm often jealous of. I never knew Jim to say no, a curious individual who wanted to explore every corner of life. As we remember the stories of Jim I implore you to live life to the fullest and make the memories that you wouldn't have.*

*We used to travel to Dallas together for work, as Ryan mentioned. One time we were going and he asked what I was going to wear. I said I don't know man, probably a polo with some jeans. He said "Will, that just won't do. I'm going to be in a button down with a polkadot tie. You should wear one too!" I don't have a polkadot tie I said. He had one shipped to my house and we wore our polkadot ties to the office.*

*Jim had little anecdotes and little moments that would effect me a lot more than I ever would have really thought. I will miss him greatly. Life is short, and on June 2nd we lost a great, lovable, funny, charismatic, eccentric man.*

*Life is short, live more like Jim, be happy, explore corners of life that you wouldn't have before. I will miss him, but try to embrace him more.*

- Will





**William Zink** - June 11, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Jim was my coworker for several years. I was his manager for three years and I loved his awesome sense of humor and quick wit that never failed to make us laugh. His jokes and funny remarks brightened our day. I only got to meet him in person once a year at the company Christmas party in Dallas, where his unique personality stood out. Jim was a great person, and I'll miss him a lot. Rest in peace, buddy.*



**Ryan Martin** - June 11, 2025 at 06:40 PM

RG

“ *Jim was one of those people who made the world brighter just by being in it. He was caring, creative, funny, genuine, and truly one of a kind. I still have an origami corsage he made for a prom-themed party we went to when I had just moved to Carbondale, IL and I'll cherish it and the memory of him forever. I'm so sorry for your loss.*



**Rachel Graff** - June 10, 2025 at 07:59 PM

RG

“ Rachel G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Suruda.

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**Rachel G.** - June 10, 2025 at 07:55 PM