

# IN MEMORIAM

JIM HANSEN, aka "CARLOS"



***Mister Bill and CARLOS, 2011***

We have just recently received word that one of our beloved and long term pool participants, Jim Hansen, aka CARLOS, passed away in November 2024. We will miss him and his pithy comments on the MisterBill forum.

Jim was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a few years ago and opted to not share his situation with too many people. He defied the odds for much longer than predicted by his doctors. As his wife, Dixie, commented, he "was good until he wasn't." We were honored to be included in the circle that knew of his situation and hoped that he would be around for many more years. Unfortunately that was not the case.

We were able to first meet Jim and his family on one of our many meandering trips when we diverted to Lubbock, Texas to meet Jim. He greeted us warmly at the local courthouse where he was a Justice of the Peace with his own little courtroom. He regaled us with tales of how he went from being a TV investigative reporter to being elected a local judge (something about some inappropriate dalliances by his predecessor?) without any prior legal knowledge but with some name recognition. He ended up being the longest serving judge in Lubbock County history. Who needs law school in Texas?

Jim treated us to a tour of Lubbock, then brought us to his home for an authentic Texas

BBQ dinner prepared by his wife Dixie. We spent a wonderful evening getting to know them and appreciated Jim's sense of humor.

Over the course of many years, CARLOS added his own brand of humor to our pools, often surmising that the players were indulging in some questionable activities in "the cabana", leading to their less than stellar play. CARLOS and Art Vandelay (Mike McGath) often engaged in some lighthearted banter. We tried to arrange a meeting between the two, but were never able to coordinate schedules.

We will definitely miss Jim and think of him fondly every time we open a new Majors pool.

You can view his complete obituary at  
<https://memorialdesigners.net/obituary/judge-jim-hansen/>.