



James "Jim" Carlton Kirby

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Jim was received into the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on January 13, 2021. He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 31, 1934, to Ralph Kirby and Minnie Matthews Kirby. Jim was a quiet man of few words; however, he was a visionary and master builder. He worked as a general contractor his entire life. He was known for his attention to detail and providing excellent craftsmanship in everything that he constructed. Jim could visualize homesites and plans prior to breaking ground. He found satisfaction in working with his hands and admiring his finished product. Although he spent his days building homes, his lifelong love was his wife of 66 years Betty Campbell Kirby. Together, they built a successful business. They were inseparable. One was never far from the other. Jim was a great provider, and she took care of “her Jimmy” at all times.

Jim shared his love for Jesus with everyone that he met. He served as a Sunday School teacher and on the building and grounds committee at Whiting Avenue Baptist Church. He found the worth in every man that he met. He loved people and wanted to see that they were loved in return. Often, he provided others with food, shelter, or a job. Everyone who worked for Jim, he considered as family. He never said an angry word to anyone or about anyone. He truly served his Lord on a daily basis.

Jim and Betty were blessed with two sons: Ken (Lisa) and David. Jim taught his sons how to succeed through hard work and dedication in the construction industry. However, he was not all work. He loved to spend time with his boys by building go-carts and racing them in the backyard. Jim was a Golden Gloves boxer and raised his sons to never back down from a challenge. He taught them ways to negotiate without fear or intimidation. His sons respected and viewed him as a positive role model during times of difficulty, as well as, times of good.

In addition to his sons, he was blessed with two grandsons Jacob (Carrie) and Chris (Cartier). Furthermore, he was blessed with 3 great-grandchildren Levi, Luke, and Lily. With each



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additional generation, he found time to spend with them and pass down his wisdom and love.

Jim will be laid to rest at the First Baptist Church of Huntersville. The services will be held at James Funeral Home on Friday, January 15th at 2:00. Interment will take place after the service at the First Baptist Church of Huntersville. At the family's request, we are asking that attendees practice social distancing and wearing masks upon entering the building.

For those unable to attend in person, the funeral service will be streamed online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/JamesFuneralHome/>

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to The Wounded Warriors Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family.




Events


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Funeral Service


 **Friday**, January 15, 2021

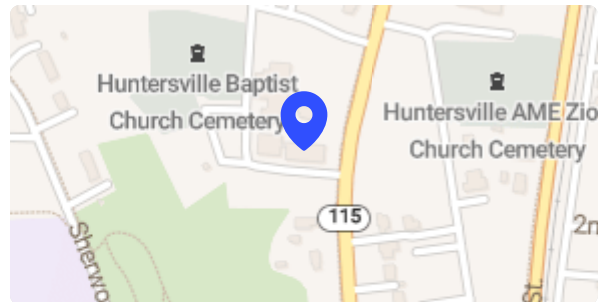
 2:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



Cemetery Details

 **First Baptist Church Huntersville**
14813 North Old Statesville Road, Huntersville NC 28078





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CK

Cathy King lit a candle in honor of James.

Love and prayers to Betty and the family. Jimmy was a sweet loving man. Kind to everyone. He will be truly missed. Cathy King

January 19 at 9:45 AM



DB

Deloris Broom posted:

So sorry to hear about Jim love to Betty and the boys. Been neighbors to them for over 48 yrs prayers Ok ø

January 16 at 11:01 AM

FF

Filters Fast posted:

Hello the Kirby Family, Filters Fast is sending you our condolences. We mourn with you while keeping you in our thoughts. In lieu of flowers we have made a donation to honor Jim, that is the least we can do.

January 15 at 11:20 AM

DJ

Darryl, Amy, And Jonathan sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Kirby family.

January 15 at 6:17 AM



MO

Mike Osborne posted:

I have known and worked in construction with Jim since 1994. He was the nicest person you could every meet or work with. He was always very helpful and kind to me. A true Christian man. ❤️ Mike Osborne

January 14 at 11:42 AM

MO

Mike, Cathy And Steve Osborne sent a Vivid Recollections to the Kirby family.

January 14 at 11:28 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kirby family.



January 14 at 9:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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