



## James "Jim" Edwin Beckstine

August 25, 1950 - August 24, 2024

James (Jim) Edwin Beckstine, 73, of Braselton, Georgia, passed away from a heart attack on Saturday, August 24, 2024, while attending a youth ministry training at his home parish of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Jim was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania on August 25, 1950 where he grew up on a dairy farm. As a student at Jamestown High School, Jim enjoyed being on the wrestling team. Jim met Karen Cigrand when she traveled from Iowa to Pennsylvania for a 4H trip. They fell in love and married on July 18, 1970. The couple welcomed four children during their marriage. Jim also served in the United States Navy from 1972 to 1980 on two ships: the USS Eisenhower and the USS California as a nuclear machinist mate. After retiring from the navy, Jim worked on farms doing what he loved working with animals. After attending The University of Georgia, Jim worked in the low voltage field before opening his own company, Citadel Security Systems, which he successfully ran for many years. On his 20 acres in Braselton, he built a log home with the help of his children and friends. Jim filled his farm with fiber animals: alpacas and angora goats and horses for pleasure. He loved working at his home on woodworking projects and could often be found tinkering around the property.

Jim dedicated his life to serving others in whatever capacity was needed, especially at his home church of Prince of Peace, where he used his low voltage skills to maintain and install the security systems at the church. He served as a Catechist for Confirmation students, and he was a member of the Men's Club and Knights of Columbus of the highest degree. He and his wife also served their church together as Marriage Encounter ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

His wonderful life will be forever treasured by his loving wife of 54 years: Karen (Cigrand) Beckstine; his children: Ida (Beckstine) Pfiel and her husband, Eric Pfiel; Eric Beckstine and his wife, Rochelle (Reese) Beckstine; and David Beckstine and his wife, Tiffany (Eubanks) Beckstine; his grandchildren: Margaret (Pfiel) and Eric Sturniolo, Sean Pfiel,

Theresa Pfiel, Brenna Beckstine, Piper Beckstine, Maxwell Beckstine, Fisher Beckstine, Aidan Beckstine, and Wyatt Beckstine; and his siblings: Melinda (Beckstine) and Pete Peckyno, Barbara (Beckstine) Wilson; and Jeffrey and Janna Beckstine. He is predeceased by his parents, Buddy Beckstine and Margaret (Griffin) Beckstine; and his son, Benjamin Beckstine.

Visitation will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home on Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 5-8 pm with a rosary at 7 pm and memory sharing directly afterward. The funeral will be held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch at 1 pm on Friday, August 30, 2024. Jim's ashes will be interred at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. Flowers can be sent to Flanigan's Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia or in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jim's honor to The Sister Water Project or The American Legion Post 56.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Rosary Service

AUG **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
6439 Spout Springs Rd  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. We had first met him and Karen several years ago at Saint Matthew Catholic Church in Winder. He was always so friendly and easy to talk with. We enjoyed having a few breakfasts together and also played euchre together a few times. Jim took care of the security needs in two different homes for us and was always very helpful. Our prayers are with Karen and their family for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Mary & Ken Dunn

Mary Dunn - September 08, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KA

Thank you. I'm just going back and reading the messages Karen

Karen - April 16, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JW

“ It was an honor working alongside Jim at Prince of Peace as he shared his faith and his story with the young men in his small group, and with the other members of the Adult CORE team. Jim, you spent your final day on earth praying about and learning how to lead our youth closer to the Heart of Christ- and now you’re there yourself. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Vivat Jesus, sir knight, brother and friend. -JP Williams

JP Williams - August 27, 2024 at 07:11 PM

KA

Thank you

Karen - April 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LN

“ Karen and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Linda Dalton Neupauer



linda neupauer - August 27, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JR

“ My first day of work at Prince of Peace was on Holy Thursday for the evening Mass and Washing of The Feet. The Chapel alarm went off at a crucial point in the service. I couldn't get it to turn off and was in a state of panic when it suddenly stopped. ( and yes I knew how but couldn't get the key in.) Jim had silenced the alarm on line. The reason it had taken so long? Jim couldn't find the correct URL. Whenever we had alarm issues, Jim could be counted on to fix them. And I will be forever grateful for that Holy Thursday night!

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**Julie Rask** - August 27, 2024 at 09:01 AM

RD

*Karen...we will miss seeing Jim at 7:30 Mass. I told him once that he reminded me of my daddy with his suspenders and plaid shirts! He will be greatly missed by his POP family. Our condolences to you and your family. Lynn & Randy Doty*

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**Randy & Lynn Doty** - August 28, 2024 at 06:04 PM