



James "Jim" Thomas Forrester

August 30, 1945 - October 27, 2019

James "Jim" Thomas Forrester, 74, passed away unexpectedly at his home the morning of October 27, 2019, Sunday, at home. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with the Forrester family at www.andersonbethany.com.

SERVICES: A Masonic Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:30 AM, at Memory Lawn Cemetery.

VISITATION: A Visitation will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

On August 30, 1945, Jim was born at St Mary's Hospital to Vera and Jack Forrester, in Roswell, where he grew up and attended school. He enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1964 and served our country until 1969. August 8, 1980, he married the lady he loved, Pamela Rambin in Picacho, NM. Jim attended ENMU-Portales and worked with the Community Action Program and at the US Postal Service. He was a school bus driver with Hamill Transportation for over 40 years.

Jim was a member of the Masonic Lodge #18 where he served as Past Master. He also served as Past Master of Masonic Lodge #74. Jim was a very active member of the Single Action Shooting Society. He won 3rd place in his class only a week ago.

One could say Jim was a "Jack of all Trades," which included, but not limited to, business and residential construction. He was a hunter, guide and outfitter he applied his many artistic talents to his projects. The definition, "Collector,"

"Creator," and "Storyteller" would define who Jim was. You could find Jim, every morning, with his group of Capital Café Coffee Club friends. Every Friday morning, he was at the Roswell Adult Center, participating in his stained-glass class. The first of every August, for over 30 years, Jim was a host for the Annual Camp out in the Bonito mountains.

SURVIVING: Those left to cherish Jim's memory are his wife, Pamela; daughter, Lisa of

Greenwood, SC; son, Jacob Forrester of Roswell; brother, Jack "Jackie" Forrester of Palmer, Alaska; granddaughter, Mary Ann Tharpe of Greenwood, SC; numerous nieces and nephews; and his pet, best buddy, Bogart "Bogie."

PRECEDED: Those preceding Jim were his parents, Jack and Vera McCarter Forrester; sister, Monetta "Sis" Shaw; and great-nephew, Dylan Davis.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Thomas Forrester*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Jim will be missed by many! Wish I could have spent more time with him but from Oregon only got to see him at a few Masonic meetings when I came down and visited. He always acted like he saw me last yesterday. Sorry Pam for your loss. Jackie, hope your doing well and your grieving is memorial. Always have great memories cutting cows out on W McGaffey! Good Health to everyone!*

Corky Loudat - November 03, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ *I can still hear his laugh. It was contagious. Sorry for your loss.*

Pearl Bailey - November 03, 2019 at 08:42 PM

FG

“ Pam you and your husband Jim have always opened you doors to your home to a wide variety of people who all fell in love with the warmth and love both of you had to offer!! Your husband Jim came to Dave and I rescue when we were trying to open Great Looks. He spent many hours helping us build it literally from the ground up. He never asked for a dime!! All he wanted was to see it succeed, and it did. He always made sure to have a great story to tell with a cup of coffee. He will always be remembered in my heart as a man who enjoyed life to the fullest enjoyed sharing what made him happy and successful.



Febe and Dave Gaumond - November 02, 2019 at 10:41 AM

CA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



CAROLYN ARIAS - October 31, 2019 at 05:23 PM

CA

“ We go as a family to Pam and Jim's anniversary camp out near Bonita Lake every year. The first time was in 1995 and we haven't missed one since. Carolyn, Albert, Zac, Zane and Zoie was our original group Zac added Britny, Izzabelle and Violet, Zane added Brianne, Zoie added Gavan and Juan. We all love this event and would plan around it. It went on the calendar first. Zane and Brianne moved to Oregon and planned their visit to Roswell around this camping trip. Jim told the best stories and never ran out of stories. Stories from his childhood (how did he survive his childhood?) Stories about camping as a kid with his parents in the places we camp now (again, how did he survive his childhood?). Bus driving adventures, past camping stories from the anniversary camps, you name a topic and Jim had a story. Many we looked forward to hearing every year. He would do a whittling project at camp and could carve around a walking stick/limb and leave a ball in it. He would pull/drag/haul a tree trunk and put it over the fire pit and it fueled the campfire all weekend and he had coffee ready for us early risers. We will miss you Jim. Be sure and send rain before camping so we can have a campfire.

Albert and Carolyn Arias

Zachary, Britny, Izzy and Violet

Zane and Brianne

Zoie and Gavan

CAROLYN ARIAS - October 31, 2019 at 04:52 PM

RS

“ I first met Jim in 1981 when I transferred to Roswell from LA!!! One day I was helping him do something at his house and we were in the basement and he showed me a wooden casket that he said his grandfather had built from the early days!!!! He said that he was going to be buried in it!!! I looked at him and said" Jim, are you a dracula vampire?" We had a laugh over it!!! I hadn't been in touch for many, many years till very recently when my wife kept talking about this very nice guy in her stain glass class.. Jim drop over to our house and and behold we both were surprise and happy to see each other!!! My wife just finished a Pepe La Pew(skunk) project that turned out beautiful!!! Jim was suppose to come and see it on our wall!!! I,m sure he is seeing it from his new home!!! Please accept our condolences for your loss; he is our loss also!! God bless your family!!!! Rudy and Margarita Sanchez

Rudy Sanchez - October 31, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.



October 30, 2019 at 05:31 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Debbie Ray - October 30, 2019 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ It is great sadness and shock to hear Diego's passing. Will really miss the jokes we exchanged at shoots.

Jeff hayes - October 30, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.



October 30, 2019 at 01:51 PM

AH

“ AKA Jeff and Lori Hayes purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.



AKA Jeff and Lori Hayes - October 30, 2019 at 01:50 PM

MR

“ Matt & Debbie Ray purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.



Matt & Debbie Ray - October 30, 2019 at 01:46 PM

AC

“ *Art & Charlie Casarez purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.*




Art & Charlie Casarez - October 30, 2019 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ *MONUMENT SPRINGS BUSHWHACKERS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Forrester.*



MONUMENT SPRINGS BUSHWHACKERS - October 30, 2019 at 01:39 PM

 Paddy Forrester

“ *Jim told the best stories and jokes. He was the first person I'd look for at family gatherings. Jim came to see us many Sunday mornings. He always had candy for Jack and dog treats for Jonah. Always enjoyed having coffee and conversation with him. He is very loved and will be sorely missed.*

Paddy Forrester - October 30, 2019 at 01:39 PM

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“ Oh what can I say about Uncle Jim. He was an amazing man. Served his country, active in his community and a friend to many. So many memories growing up. From 4th of July BBQ's and parades in Capitan to seeing his house decorated for Halloween. Mom used to say that when we were little she took us trick or treating at his house and we were so terrified that she couldn't take us there anymore. It wasn't until we were older that his house was awesome for Halloween. At Christmas mom loved that he used luminarias to decorate his house. I keep that tradition alive at my home in memory of her and will now keep the tradition for him as well. I loved that he had a different version of a Christmas tree every year. My favorite was the tumble weed tree. When we would visit as little kids we would drive down his street and wait to see the "gingerbread" house come into view. Then we would sit so still in his living room because as little kids he scared the hell out of us! I remember one summer we were in Capitan and we all crowded into the Cadillac to go to town and he reached between the seats to move a giant buoy knife. I think I peed my pants a little that day. Funny enough I realize I keep that same thing in my pickup now. Mom said he always had a Vette in his driveway since he could drive and the white one has been there forever! But I will always love the El Camino and gold/copper pickup more. I will miss the chiropractic adjustments he gave before I would get on the road to travel home. He was a great man and I will miss him but I have these memories and many more that I will cherish. Love you forever
Uncle Jim

Lindsay Shaw (niece) - October 30, 2019 at 12:15 PM

JT

“ We were so saddened to hear about the loss of our Cowboy Shooting friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. We will remember Jim as a very dedicated man to his family and a dedicated Cowboy Shooter. He will be missed!

John and Paula Thoesen - October 30, 2019 at 12:02 PM