

James Robert Bunting II

February 23, 1956 - August 22, 2024

James Robert Bunting II, age 68, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital following a short illness.

Born on February 23, 1956 in Brynmawr, PA, he was a son of the late James Robert Bunting and Marie Therese Wackerman Bunting.

James served in the US Navy honorably and was a former US Navy Seal, Seal Team 1 and was a member of the Fraternal Organization of the U.D.T./Seals and the Murrells Inlet Yacht Club.

Preceding James in death were his parents, 1 brother, John F. Bunting and a great aunt, Bertie Leota Dwyer.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy of Surfside Beach and 2 daughters: Cassia Anne DiSerio and her husband Dustin DiSerio of West Chester, PA, Jennifer Marie Bunting and her husband Thomas Ermmarino of Surfside Beach; 1 granddaughter, Alyssa Marie Ermmarino, 2 grandsons: Dylan DiSerio, James DiSerio and 1 sister, Jane Marie Smith of West Chester, PA.

A Celebration of James's life will be held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Conch Cafe (on the beach), 1870 Waccamaw Drive, Garden City, SC 29576.

In lieu of flowers James suggests that you "Take A Child Fishing".

Please sign the family's guestbook at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Conch Cafe (on the beach)
1870 Waccamaw Drive
Garden City, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Way too young, so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. I deployed with Jim in Golf platoon, a lot of great memories. Thoughts and prayers for you Jim and your family. Steve Brooks

Steve Brooks - August 30, 2024 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Jimmy’s passing. We deployed together in GOLF Platoon to WestPac in 1977. What a great teammate, friend and SEAL. I have so many memories of our antics during that deployment. My condolences to his family and friends. RIP Frogman! Jerry Weers

Jerry Weers - August 27, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DM

“ Well, I don’t know where to start. I have so many wonderful memories of Jim. He was my neighbor for over 30 years. He always was there to assist me and my parents when I wasn’t around he looked after the neighborhood he kept us all safe. He is a beautiful spirit. I will miss him always and forever. I’m so sorry to the family to Dot and all of the family for their loss. Thank y’all for your friendship, Deborah Mayberry.

Deborah Mayberry - August 26, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PY

“ Jimmy, great Bud/s memories, a friend to all, my condolences to your family,
We’ll meet again on the other side, hooya 88

Paul Yobbi - August 25, 2024 at 08:48 AM

MK

I remember when I was a new guy at SEAL Team ONE in 1979 and Jimmy immediately took me under his wing. He was perhaps one of the funniest Team guys that I had the honor to serve with. Jimmy was a great SEAL and friend! God bless Jimmy and the Bunting family!
Mark Kauber

Mark Kauber - August 27, 2024 at 05:13 PM

DS

When I look back, I see I really did not know Jim that long. Six months of BUDS, jump school, and then we went our separate ways, but boy do I remember him. How could you not. Outsized personality with very little nuance about him. If you met him once you would remember him. To describe Jim in a word it would be indomitable. He could not be intimidated by anyone or anything and you knew early on this is the guy you want on your side. Although if you went along with Jim you realize he is taking you to a place you were not sure you wanted to go. Anything that our instructors in training would throw at us he would embrace and then say is that all you got, which of course brought more retribution. Always the one to say the inappropriate but obvious and if we were doing something we weren't supposed to, Jim was usually involved. That is the way we rolled. Jim shaped the spirit of Class 88. Jim, you are gone too soon. I will always remember your off key singing cadence, your oversized personality and your joie de vivre. Rest in peace brother we will all form up on the other side.
Hoo Ya
You brother in training
Doug Schmitz

Doug Schmitz - September 01, 2024 at 06:34 PM

WB

“*Jim was a force of nature in the river of life. He was part of the foundation in the brotherhood of 88. Our 6 months of shared pain gave us a bond time and distance never erased. I'll miss you brother.*”

William Bostic - August 25, 2024 at 07:12 AM

TG

Jimmy you are missed and leave a legacy to the community and those whose lives you touched. You are my Brother who shared so great times together including some medical treatments and battles at the Icehouse in Slidell lol.

Family I am available if there's anything I can help with . Love, peace and condolences 🙏 from Tim & Sarah Gill

Timothy Gill - August 26, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BB

“ *Jim was the first friend I made when I arrived in Coronado for BUD/S Pre-Training. We palled around together and pushed each other through BUD/S, but we got into no small amount of trouble along the way. He was fearless, irreverent, jovial, and an unwavering friend to many. God bless, you, my brother!*

Brent R Briggs - August 25, 2024 at 06:43 AM

BB

“ *Jim, was a classmate in BUD/S training, the crazy 8's. A classmate, brother, and friend. He always made the day go by with a laugh. Fair Winds and Following Seas, may your light guide us.*

Brian Baxter - August 24, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SH

“ I loved this man like another dad and in the almost 40 years of knowing him I have so many amazing memories of him I don't think I could pick one. Sleepovers and Halloween at he and Dots house was always an epic time. I could always count on his often inappropriate but hysterical questions and jokes, a good time on golf cart rides, a very dirty welcome martini. There is no one else that could tattoo his tooth and it would just make sense. More than anything Jim was an amazing dad to not only his daughters but to everyone one of us “other” kids that wandered into his garage.
Love you Jim. Love you Dot, Cassia, Jennifer

Sharon - August 24, 2024 at 10:46 AM

JP

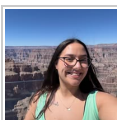
“ Jim/dad, thank you for everything you did for me. The things you taught me and showed me has made me the person I am today. I know your in a better place, I miss you and we will have a beer and a dip again . Love you Dad
F.T.W

Jerry Piccolo - August 22, 2024 at 09:51 PM



“ I had the pleasure of know Jim through his granddaughter and my best friend, Alyssa Ermarrino. He was one tough man, but he was also very considerate and funny. To the Ermarrino/Bunting family, I am deeply sorry for your loss.
You will be very missed PawPaw!

Hailey Martinez - August 22, 2024 at 06:02 PM



FTW!!!

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TE

“ My first meet with Jim Christmas Eve many moons ago , it was like Dracula coming down the stairs almost floating, he says "Do you like guns" I said "yes sir as long as there not pointed at me"." Dam good answer" he replied.
I left that night without being shot, which I was definitely happy about.

Thomas J Ermmarino - August 22, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TE

*I love you Jim
FTW wooooooooo*

Thomas J Ermmarino - August 22, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ Love you, Daddy
F.T.W.

Jennifer Bunting - August 22, 2024 at 03:56 PM