



James V. Farrell

July 19, 1942 - June 28, 2020

Conway, SC : James Farrell, 77, originally from Tinton Falls, New Jersey, after a short illness, transitioned into eternal life on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

He was born in the Bronx, New York and served as a Christian Brother for over ten years. An avid Professor of the Civil War, Biology, and Chemistry, James taught at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, NJ and various schools and universities throughout the East Coast. James truly left an indelible mark on the world, serving Monmouth County as a Fire Commissioner and most recently as a Professor at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC.

He leaves to celebrate his life his brothers, Brother John Farrell, a Christian Brother in Albany, New York and Eugene and Tamie Farrell of New Jersey. James also leaves adopted families who cherish their moments with him, his Godchildren, quadruplets: Ryan, Patrick, Colleen, and Shawn, and their mother Melissa Worrell. We say "Goodbye" to a man who was "our uncle," a man who loved his chosen "family" like his own flesh and blood, a man who provided life with so many happy memories to the Persson, Willand, and Nonnemacher Families.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Oscar Borda at 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the Catholic Church of St. James.

The family invites you to view the mass via live-streaming at the church's website, <<https://stjamesconway.org/>>

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

Previous Events

Mass

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526
<http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I am a few years too late, looking for an old friend. Brother James was my biology teacher at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, New Jersey over 50 years ago. He was a good man and a great teacher. RIP, Brother.

Gary Sullivan - December 03, 2023 at 08:07 PM

CA

“ Jim would come to the OLLI offices with multiple bags of goodies to share. He would talk with anyone and everyone - always able to connect with people. You are loved and missed here but on to a greater life.
Sincerely,
Casey Keck

casey - July 08, 2020 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ When I got the news from Melissa of your passing my heart sunk. Since moving to Charleston we made it routine to call after work. Like clockwork I would call you at 5:30 and we would chat my whole car ride home. Now it doesn't feel right as I drive home and not here your voice asking me about our 4 legged friend Luka or what is new with the baby. I will miss my days back at Coastal where I would come visit you every Monday to help you get things done around your house and then sit and chat for hours before grabbing lunch. You loved talking about history and tried so hard to educate me on my least favorite subject. I will never forget the jokes you would crack and how often you would pick my brain to try and understand us crazy millennials. You will be missed, Jim. Riley, Luka and I love you so much. Rest in the sweetest peace.

Lindsey Sanford - July 08, 2020 at 09:35 AM

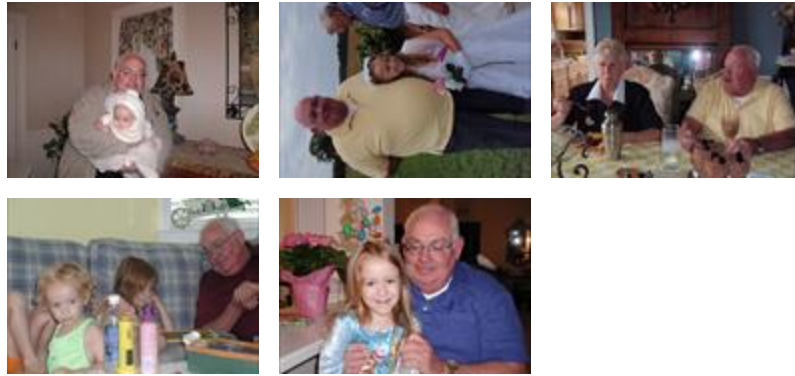
JC

“ With sadness I send condolences on behalf of the cousins in Sligo and Donegal on this tragic loss. We remember all our ancestors in prayer and in particular Uncle Mick who was lost at sea in WW2 on 10th August 1940 -two years before the birth of James RIP.
John Comiskey

John Comiskey - July 07, 2020 at 07:55 PM

SH

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Sharyce - July 07, 2020 at 05:29 PM

RO

“ The phone would ring and I would see that it was you calling for Joede. On occasion Joede would not be available so I would pick up just to let you know. For most people the response would be, "Oh okay, just let her know I called." That would never happen. ANY call with you carried the potential for a full blown conversation on any subject! Over the years you and I spoke of family, John Deere, the South, the North, chicken wings, firearms, health care, rights, wrongs, current events, history and countless other topics. I welcomed these conversations as refreshing unexpected moments. Now, I will hold on to them as treasured memories. Thank your for being all you have been to Joede, the Persson, Willand and Nonnemacher families. I already miss your calls, I already miss you, but I am grateful to know that the history for which you are so fond is now yours for all time. God bless.



Robert - July 07, 2020 at 04:32 PM

“ July 6, 2020

Forever in our Hearts!

James, I already miss you so very much! I miss your voice and our daily phone calls asking me about "slinging bull" and calling me "your little girl on the mountain." You have always always been there for all of us. From the time I was a little girl taking Joede and I on our Saturday excursions to Englishtown...that's what our last conversation was about....those yummy doughnuts and bagels. You were my "hero" coming to save the day with the hamster incident. Sitting on the couch with Kudulz and then Syeda they both loved you dearly. You have always been there. My boss at Persson Outdoor Power, I did make a great delivery and pick up "Persson." You never told me I couldn't do it. I loved that about you. Through it all you have been there, from all my moves to different states, marriages, birthdays, holidays, baptisms, communions, talent shows, class trips, (your favorite was the Civil War Re-enactment with Carsyn and Katya), graduations, shooting guns, dinner and a movie, or Friday night Pizza night drinking beer out by the pond, through all my life, and deaths, the good and bad, happy or sad you've been there to hold my hand or just give me a hug... but you were there!!! I know that you are watching over all us now, you are and will always be my Angel James!

Sharyce Persson

Family

July 6, 2020

Me and My James

James, I will miss you. You have always been such a "big" part of our lives, even if you lost me at Broadway at the Beach! That one event gave mom and Aunt Joede heart failure. Good thing you watched our pets better than watching a 4 year old go off to the movies by herself. We will all treasure the memories you shared with us as part of our family. We love you.

*Tyler Ann Nonnemacher
Family
July 6, 2020*

*Always part of our lives.
James, We will miss you. Give hugs and say "hi" to our Pop,
Poppers, Bogie, Birdie, Moonstar, oh and Blitz the cat. You always
loved our pets just as much as you loved us. Be a peace James.
Carsyn Nonnemacher
Family
July 6, 2020*

*James, Since I've know Sharyce that would be 25years now. You
have been a part of our lives. You even followed us down to South
Carolina. I will always remember you being there for all of us. Even
if it was to babysit our cats and dogs. You will be missed. RIP my
friend.
Steve Nonnemacher
Family
July 6, 2020*

*Forever a part of our family and hearts.
James, you have always been a part of my life. From the time I was
little living in NJ, Pennsylvania, or South Carolina you've always
been there. My fondest memory is of us shooting at our range in
SC. You called me "dead eye Layne" because I could always
outgun you.
Layne Nonnemacher
Family*

Sharyce Nonnemaher - July 07, 2020 at 08:52 AM

GC

“ Dear John, Gene & Tammy,

We are all saddened to hear of Jimmy's death. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. You will all be in our prayers and remembered by the whole family in the community where your mother grew up many years ago.

*Take care and we will speak again soon.
All the Comiskey cousins in Leitrim.*

Gary Comiskey - July 07, 2020 at 04:39 AM

SW

“ Family isn't who you share blood with, but rather the people who make life enjoyable and special. I was fortunate to know James my entire life. It truly wasn't a family gathering unless he was around! James is family and it's as simple as that. I'll miss most the long historical chats, humorous family meals and the jovial attitude James brought to my life. Thank you James for helping me to become the person I am today.

Statler Willand - July 06, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SW

“ James was a constant in my life since the day I was born. I will miss his American history lessons and our shared love of John Deere tractors. He spent every Christmas Eve with us since I can remember. Every year I would pretend to be sick so I could skip church and listen to all James' wonderful stories about the past and his times with my mom and my Aunts. James was a special adopted uncle and his impact on my life is immeasurable. I sure hope he and my Pop will be proud looking down on me continuing the legacy and love of John Deere tractors. Remember James in heaven and on earth “Nothing Runs Like a Deere.”

Steffen Willand - July 06, 2020 at 11:09 AM

SW

“ A kind, compassionate, and generous soul...James always had such a wonderful light to offer us all. I will miss the fond memories of his extraordinary life and his vast knowledge of the world he was so willing to share.He will forever have a special place in my heart. We were all so lucky to have had him. He will be missed so much. Rest in paradise.

Sharyce Willand - July 05, 2020 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ James became a part of my life when I married Synda. He became an uncle that I never really had. He never ceased to amaze me with his knowledge of American History. His conversations were always thought provoking. I'll miss you, James. Rest easy.
Scott

Scott Willand - July 05, 2020 at 07:18 PM

SW

“ “Jamesie” as I lovingly referred to him was a constant in my life for over 50 years. He may have been my “adopted” uncle but he was certainly the only REAL relative I had. Jamesie’s love for me was unconditional and he weathered many of my personal life storms with a gentle heart and his guiding wisdom. His love was all-encompassing and he enveloped my husband and my triplets in his arms. He called me every morning and always closed our conversations with an “I love you.”. My life won’t be the same without him and I will always close my conversations to my loved ones with “I love you” because I now know that every day is a gift and tomorrow is never a promise. Godspeed dearest Jamesie. My life was definitely better because you were in it.....
Synda Persson Willand

Synda Willand - July 05, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GP

“ *My family has lost and gained a lifetime of memories with all that James was to them. He was an uncle, a mentor, one who baby-sat, a partner in business, but most of all a devoted friend to all of us. His daily telephone calls will be deeply missed as will his concern for the welfare of each of us. He was always there for all of the special moments in the lives of my children and grandchildren. I miss his stories, his knowledge, but mostly his caring. James, you have left behind a lifetime of love to all of us, and we will miss you. What will sustain us is the memories you have left us with, a soul of one of God's greatest gifts to us. Rest in peace, dear friend.*

Gelroma Persson - July 05, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JP

“ When my father passed away I did not know how to navigate my life without him. Every daughter loves their father with all their heart in their own way and you knew how I loved mine. You promised my dad that you would look out for me and you did. Your daily phone calls were something on which I could rely as much as I could rely on the sun rising.. During the good times and especially the most challenging of times when I sometimes felt lost your unfailing calls served to remind me that there are constants in the world on which I could always depend. You did not know it , but you would help find my way.

I've missed your phone calls James. I miss you. My days feel as if there is something missing without them. Whereas in the past it would have been one of your calls to lift me up I am left to find my own way. In time in may be easier, but for now I will have to imagine the phone ringing and then replaying one of the many recordings I have saved. Your daily phone calls were something on which I could rely as much as I could rely on the sun rising bless you James, please say "Hello" to my dad and I love you. Thank you for being my "Uncle" and thank you for being such an important part of my life! Rest In Peace, no more pain.

Joede Persson - July 05, 2020 at 11:14 AM