



James Edward Franklin Jr.

January 20, 1953 - January 16, 2020

James Edward Franklin Jr., 66, of Pawleys Island, passed away in his home on January 16, 2020.

Jim was born on January 20, 1953 in Charlotte, NC, a gift to Ella Palmer Mitchum and James Edward Franklin. He grew up in Columbia, SC and graduated from Au Claire High School. Jim had a passionate enthusiasm for learning all his life. He graduated from USC's Coastal University in Psychology, attended Emory School of Theology and graduated with a Masters in Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary. He worked for the Methodist Church, then began work as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor for the Mental Health Center, before beginning a culinary degree at Johnson and Wales University, specializing in baking and pastry. He is most known as the bandana-wearing pastry chef that could be found smiling and baking bread and making beautiful cakes at Kudzu bakery for over the last 20 years.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, James Edward Franklin and Ella Palmer Franklin.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Betsy Franklin; his children and their spouses, Suzanne Gilmer Stone of Charleston, Emily Caroline Dauber married to Cory Dauber of Columbia, and Caleb Stuart Franklin of Columbia; as well as his two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lindsey Greenroad

married to Charles Greenroad of Myrtle Beach, and Alison Bryan married to David Collins Bryan Jr. of Mount Pleasant; as well as his sister, Julie Eileen Franklin of Newberry. He had the joy of loving two grandchildren, Clementine Suzette Dauber and Ames Pascal Dauber, as well as his step-grandchildren Maxwell Beckham Hornsby, Charles Jackson Greenroad, David Collins Bryan III, and Betsy Pearl Bryan. His children, stepchildren, and grandchildren always felt the love of his presence.

Jim was a man who loved the simple pleasures of life, such as the details of the perfect loaf of bread, a constant cup of coffee, the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, sunning at the Pawleys Island beach, riding his bike, spending all day preparing a meal, delighting in the birth of grandchildren, and spending time with his family. His wide smile, welcoming spirit, and contagious laugh will be missed. He loved well and was well loved.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Pawleys Island Chapel, 391 Myrtle Ave. Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Tribute Wall

BF

“ How can I ever express what it means to lose you? You are the love of my life, my heart, my everything. I miss you So much everyday, everywhere. You were the best husband and I am glad I was able to tell you this every chance I had. I am forever grateful for the love we shared and I will love you eternally.❤️

Betsy Franklin - March 03, 2020 at 07:01 AM

CF

“ We were fortunate to have lived next door to Jim and Betsy these last 17 years. Our day was always brightened by Jim’s kind smile and enthusiastic wave from across the lawn. Jim was a great neighbor and friend. Always ready to listen without judgment and offer help without being asked. Truly one of the kindest and most generous spirits we’ve ever known. We will miss him terribly and forever remember him fondly.

Kim and Chris Farinella

Chris & Kim Farinella - January 25, 2020 at 11:28 PM

BF

Thank you for those kind words. I will always be grateful for your presence the morning of Jim’s passing.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:16 PM

AC

“ We will miss Jim’s infectious smile, calming presence, and genuine love for being around family. Jim’s cooking was always the centerpiece of gatherings for our family (and so many others on the grand strand). He had sense of humor could keep us laughing. Most of all his humility and servant heart are something we should all aspire to being more like Jim.

Ali and Collins

Ali and Collins - January 25, 2020 at 08:16 AM

BF

Thank you, Jim loved you all so much.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:20 PM

KM


“ To Betsy and your family -- At this time of sorrow, know that I am holding you in light and love. Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Kathy McGrogan - January 24, 2020 at 09:04 AM

BF

Thank you Kathy for all of your love and support.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:21 PM

 Grace Krechel

“ Betsy and family, I just saw Jim's obituary on my church email. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know that Jim was a good father and husband and that he will be terribly missed in your family.



Grace Krechel - January 24, 2020 at 07:58 AM

BF

Thank you Ellen for your kind words.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:23 PM

RZ

“ *We are so, so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was such a warm, kind, and gracious man with a genuine gift for putting others at ease. We had the privilege of having him officiate at our wedding and his sweet spirit touched all who attended. Sending prayers and heartfelt condolences to Betsy and all of Jim’s family.*

Robert and Kimberly Zackowski - January 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

BF

Thank you for your kind words and prayers.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:25 PM

RH

“ *I was lucky enough to have known Jim for the last 17 years, he was a wonderful man who was always interested in my life and what was going on with me. My son Max was very lucky to be able to call him Gramps. I’ll never forget his giant smile and his jalapeño cornbread. My condolences go out to Betsy and the entire family. I’ll never forget Jim.*

*Randall Hornsby
Columbia, SC*

Randall Hornsby - January 23, 2020 at 10:22 AM

BF

Thank you Randall for your kind words.

Betsy Franklin - January 31, 2020 at 07:28 PM