



James "Jim" Pursel

July 9, 1949 - July 31, 2025

James "Jim" Pursel Sr. age 76, passed away at his home in Myrtle Beach on July 31, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Jim was born in Batavia, NY to the late John and Elsie Dixon Pursel. He belonged to the Rochester Laborers Union local 435 while employed with Soccio and Della Penna of Batavia. He worked his way up from laborer to foreman over the years. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman and carried his love for these to SC. His "Happy Place" was at their camper on Lake Marion where he enjoyed many wonderful years and made many great new friends. At any time day or night you could find Jim with his wife on their pontoon boat out on the lake fishing.

Over the years he also found time to make many woodcrafts that he took to all the local craft fairs. His newest hobby was making beautiful stained glass decor that is enjoyed by his family and friends.

Jim's survivors include his loving wife Helene, brother John (Peg) Pursel Jr. of Batavia, NY, son James Pursel Jr. (Kathy Antinore) of Batavia, NY, daughter Tina Pursel of Burlington, NC, grandchildren, Dylan (Anna) Gossett of Burlington, NC, James Pursel of Batavia, NY, Andrea (Will) Simmons of Batavia, NY, Ashley (Nicholas) Manuel of Batavia, NY and 6 great grandchildren.

Jim is preceded in death by his brother Gary Pursel, nephew Gary Lee Pursel Jr, and step son Christopher Ball.

There will be no calling hours but the family wishes to express their heart felt

thanks and out pouring of love they are receiving.

Thank you Jim for all the beautiful memories you've left us with.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Jim and Helene have been my neighbors for over 25 years and I loved ever minute. Jim is going to be missed so much! He was a great man. Jim and Helene's love for each other was beautiful. Jim knows I will be there for Helene!

Debra Polka - August 06, 2025 at 11:02 AM

HP

Thank you for your kind words Debi. 25 years....hard to believe. And yes Jim knows you'll be here for me.

Helene Pursel - August 06, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LK

“ There are so many things that I did with Jim over the years here at the Beach, I could surely write a book....I watched him hang tough for his Liver transplant...He was call to Charleston's MUSC twice, once the Liver was too small, the 2nd, it was damaged...the 3rd time he was on deaths door but fought his way back...that was Jim! He was a guy who would always help you in any way if he could and just a real good guy! This place called "earth" will surely miss him!!! Until we meet again!!!

Lou Krieger - August 06, 2025 at 10:10 AM

HP

Yes Lou the two of you were always doing something. Especially all the Christmas lights! We could never thank you enough for your support and help during his transplant. True friend/family.

Helene Pursel - August 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM

LE

“ We have been neighbors over 25 years. We have been so blessed to have had Jim and Helene as wonderful friends. Jim was truly an awesome person. Persevered thru so much but always had that great smile and laugh which we will never forget. Oh how Jim loved keeping his yard looking beautiful when he was able. Enjoyed all his woodwork and the beautiful stained glass. This earth will definitely feel more empty without Jim. You will truly be missed, Jim. We send lots of prayers and love to Helene and family. We know the wonderful memories of Jim will help you get thru this. Love you Helene and our deepest sympathy. We are here for you.

Linda and Greg Eley - August 05, 2025 at 04:23 PM

HP

Thank you Linda and Greg for these beautiful heartfelt words. Great neighbors, friends and now support. I love you folks too.

Helene Pursel - August 05, 2025 at 07:08 PM

AD

Helene, So sorry to hear about Jim and we were so honored to have met him. He was a wonderful man with a big smile. We had some good times fishing and socializing at Harry's Fish camp. I know this is a big loss for you and pray that you will find comfort in knowing that Jim is in no more pain and that one day you will be reunited with him again. Sending love and prayers to you and your family.

Anna Dimery - August 08, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LT

“ I remember many great times and we will remember Helene in my heart because I know what you are going through 💕💕💕

Linda Thompson - August 05, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SB

“ I guess I’m starting off by saying what a great guy Jimmy was, Jimmy and I have spent many of hours together, we use to hunt every day during hunting season, we’ve Deer hunted, hog hunted, squirrel hunted, together for many years. All I can say is I learn a lot from him he always was my mentor on many subjects. God I’m going to miss him, even though we haven’t hunted in a few years and we always stayed in touch, and me and my wife would always meet Jimmy and Helene once a year for our gathering, even during that nasty Covid we still met each other for some catching up and camaraderie time. I know he will be missed by a lot people friends, and family, I promise he will never be forgotten. Jimmy I know ur staring down from heaven but we will meet again...

Love you Big Brother

Scott Bradford



Scott Bradford - August 05, 2025 at 07:55 AM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - August 04, 2025 at 04:42 PM

SG

“ Helene Tina and Jim jr. i'm so sorry for your loss. I had a pleasure. I know when you guys for a few years now.. the time we shared at the lake was fantastic. Such fun times lot of laughs. Jim is what I call a gentle giant such a good heart such a kind person and I'm grateful for all the memories we all have together he will be missed by many! love to all of you.

Sylvia Galloway - August 04, 2025 at 09:40 AM

VW

“ Jim I know your star is shining bright, as bright as the beams of color shining through your stained glass creations. We all know that God welcomed you into heaven with open arms and your now living on in an amazing eternal life.

Vicki Wlock - August 04, 2025 at 07:47 AM

RH

“ Jim and I have a lot in common. We have both had some serious roadblocks in our lives. I know I pulled the energy to make the best of times out of some of the worst of times. I pulled that energy by watching him lead a great life. A great life that came from the strongest will of anyone I have known

Ronald Herrmann - August 03, 2025 at 08:43 PM

CF

“ I have know Jim since elementary school. Then as my brother-in-law for a few years.i have fond memories of Jim. It has been many years since I have seen him but keeping up on social media is a good thing. I will keep Helene, John and all of Jim's family in my prayers. You all have my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. God Bless you all.
Connie Ball Faruch

Connie Faruch - August 03, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SW

“ Jim was a big soft bear.. remember him and his family coming to our house for cards and many parties.. my condolences go out to his family ❤️

Sherry Walsh - August 03, 2025 at 08:24 PM

LF

“ Lori Forman purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of James "Jim" Pursel.



Lori Forman - August 03, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LF

“ Lori Forman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Pursel.

Lori Forman - August 03, 2025 at 05:49 PM

GC

“ I used to love to talk with Mr. jim and Helena they were some of the sweetest people I know and I used to fish at the dock and Mr. Jim used to sit with me as I fish we used to have some good time at Santee and I know him and uncle Richard is catching up now so I know they are talking about all the fish they have caught down there but may you RIP Mr. Jim until we meet again.

Georgianna T Cooper - August 03, 2025 at 05:40 PM

RA

“ When My husband and myself started going to Jim and Helene's house I can't even explain how sweet he was. When he started making his wood crafts he wouldn't let me pay full price. When he got sick and had to go to Charleston for Liver transplant we were honored to have been there. When we brought our little dog over he laughed and said she couldn't be bad as she wiggled from head to tail. I have so many great memories and I treasure each one. Will always remember his smile.

Rosetta M Abney - August 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM

BE

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Barry and Kathey Elliott - August 03, 2025 at 04:06 PM

BE

This picture is taken at Jim's Happy Place which is where we met him and Helene. Everyone enjoyed each other during our cookouts. You can see that Jim loved the food. Jim was always ready with an ear to ear grin and big laugh. He enjoyed the lake and we enjoyed his company. So glad we have great memories of him. Love, Barry and Kathey Elliott

Barry and Kathey Elliott - August 03, 2025 at 04:12 PM