



## Jim Reitano

July 15, 1939 - August 17, 2020

“You judge a man by how he treats his family.” By this classic Jim Reitano proverb, his life was an indisputable success. James A. Reitano went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on August 17, 2020.

Jim was born July 15, 1939 in Lawrence, MA to Alfio and Rose Reitano. The middle of three brothers (Sonny and Dick), Jim was proud of his Italian heritage and his life as a Bostonian. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Marine Corp and credits this decision to serve as one of the best of his life.

Jim and his family moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1971 for his job with the Whirlpool Company. He chose to make his home in the village of Pickerington because it had a baseball diamond at its center. The perfect place to raise his children. A gifted salesman, Jim joined the Kappus Company in 1972 and in 1985 founded SESCO with his partner Jack Kappus. He worked until his retirement in 2000.

Jim married Nancy Newton on July 27, 1974. She was the love of his life, who he claimed was the most beautiful woman he ever knew. He was a devoted father and grandfather, never enjoying himself more than when the family was all together. He is survived by his wife, his five children [Jim (Bridget), Rick, Cindy (Gary), Scott (Lori), and Joshua (Paige)], eleven grandchildren [Brittany, Nicholas, Tony, Brandon, Joey, Tyler, Mary Rose, Justin, Matthew, Lucy and

Crosley], as well as five great grandchildren.

In April of 1994, Jim was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. In June 1995, Jim gave his life to Jesus Christ. These two events became the defining features of his later years, as Jim became a living witness to the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:16 -- "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." Jim spent the final decades of his life serving God and others in his work with Baskervill Food Pantry (which he helped found), Teach My People, Friendship Place, St. Elizabeth's, and St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church.

Jim loved to golf, throw a party, tell a story, and laugh. Many, many people have described him as the best man they knew. He loved his friends and family. He dearly loved his wife, who cared for him so well. And he loved his God, who he now sees face-to-face. His was a life well lived.

There will be a small service of interment at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Pawleys Island, SC at 2:00 PM on August 24th. A traditional funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 PM on September 5, 2020 at New City Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. (This service will also be live-streamed at [www.newcitycincy.org/funeral](http://www.newcitycincy.org/funeral)) In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made by mail or online to Baskervill Food Pantry, 99 Baskervill Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 ([www.holycrssf.org/baskervill-food-pantry](http://www.holycrssf.org/baskervill-food-pantry)) or Rock Steady Boxing/ Fighting back Against Parkinson's, 7440 N. Shadeland Ave, Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46250 ([www.rocksteadyboxing.org](http://www.rocksteadyboxing.org))

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim Served GOD,Family and Country with Honor, was an Honor Knowing the Marine.

Gerry Napoleone/Pawleys Island, SC - August 24, 2020 at 12:21 AM

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“ Nancy, you and Jim were so much a part of St Paul's WUMC. We will miss him very much. He kept going when many would have given up. The faith he had is a true testament to what belief is God can do. May your family be comforted by that same God. Shirley Hutcheson

Shirley Hutcheson - August 23, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ Thanks for your service Marine !!!  
Semper Fi  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - August 20, 2020 at 10:23 AM