



James J. Behan

March 29, 1945 - March 21, 2023

Jim was born on March 29, 1945 in Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Jim also held a Masters degree in Engineering Management.

He moved to Orlando in 1968. He worked 37 years as a civilian employee for the Naval Air Warfare Center, Orlando. During his work with the government, Jim traveled extensively throughout the United States. Several of his programs took him to England, Scotland, Paris, Rome, and Saudi Arabia. After his retirement, Jim served as a consultant to the Navy for another seven years. Jim's other interests included a love of sailing, woodworking, and traveling.

Perhaps one of his greatest joys came from his marriage to his wife Alice, whom he had known since third grade. Together they raised one beautiful, Catholic daughter, Bernadette Ann, of Winter Park, Florida. Jim and Bernadette developed an uncanny closeness which allowed them to discuss, analyze, and share many of life's situations.

Bernadette and her husband, Patrick gave Jim his greatest blessings. These blessings came with his grandson Patrick James and his granddaughter Madeleine Marie. These wonderful children filled Jim's retirement years with purpose, love, happiness, and companionship.

For Jim, his Catholic religion was his foundation for life. For over 40 years, he was an active member of Annunciation Catholic Church. He and Alice are founding members of this parish. Jim's Catholic faith greatly influenced his integrity, his honesty, and his loyalty to friends, colleagues and family.

He leaves behind: Alice, his wife; his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGinley, Winter Park; Precious grandchildren; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. George J O'Neill, Atlanta; two nephews and two nieces, Mr. and Mrs. George J. O'Neill, Atlanta, Mr. Christopher O'Neill, Atlanta, and Miss Michelle Waback, Ohio. He also leaves behind one great-nephew, Finn George O'Neill, Atlanta; Finally, he leaves behind his sister, Phillis Waback, Ohio. Jim was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles O'Neill.

A funeral Mass will be held for Jim on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.*



March 26, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Jim was a part of our little Submarine Family at NTSC (NAWCTSD). Both of us worked with Jim for many years. Many, many memories. Our sympathy to the family. Sincerely, Keith and Laurie Keister*

Keith and Laurie Keister - March 26, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ *The Behan Family are very dear to us. We send our prayers to you and May God take care of Jimmy and comfort for family..Much Love. Jere and Nancy Wynne*

Nancy Wynne - March 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Jere & Nancy Wynne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James J. Behan.*



Jere & Nancy Wynne - March 26, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.



March 25, 2023 at 05:36 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.



March 24, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.



March 24, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.



March 24, 2023 at 08:28 PM

RB

“ How do you share just one memory about Jimmy when you have so many? Jimmy and Alice have been close friends of our family for over 30 years. They have welcomed us into their home many times during the holidays, and we always felt like a part of their wonderful family. "Mr. Jimmy," as my two daughters called him, was a big teddy bear- though he would not want too many people to know that. He possessed just the right combination of wit, sarcasm, and humor. And, if you got to know him, sometimes he would introduce you to all three of these qualities. Our family will truly miss Mr. Jimmy, and he will always hold a special place in our family and in our hearts. May God keep you in His loving arms, Mr. Jimmy. We love you.

With love, Bob, Wendy, & Allison Brennan and Emily Brennan Moran

Robert James Brennan - March 24, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LE

“ Love, Bob, Wendy, Kevin, and Emily purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of James J. Behan.



Love, Bob, Wendy, Kevin, and Emily - March 24, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James J. Behan.



March 23, 2023 at 08:51 PM