



James (Jim) E. Weston

June 15, 1930 - February 4, 2021

James E. Weston (Jim), age 90, of Morral, Ohio, passed away on February 4th, 2021, at Advent Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

Jim was born on June 15th, 1930, to the late Lee Ray Weston and Lena Mae (King) Weston Steen.

He is survived by six children: Katherine Yager, (partner William Cameron) of Orlando, Dan (Marilyn) Weston of Morral, Jennifer (Mike) Roseberry, of Nashville, Cynthia (Clif) Wenig, of LaRue, Randy (Carolyn) Weston, of Morral, and Brad Weston, of Orlando, (Mary Pat Weston, of Toledo.) Jim is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, and brother Ray Weston, of Morral.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Gerry, and sister, Jane Fogle.

Jim came from humble beginnings, having lost his father to tuberculosis when he was 8 years old, and himself contracting tuberculosis the same year. Hard times ensued. Jim overcame the adversity, living a full life. He was a farmer who loved the land, and began farming with his “like a brother”, Bob Cook, at age 15. Jim went on to graduate from Morral High School in 1949, president of the senior class, student council, FFA, and a basketball star.

Jim married Gerry, his high school sweetheart, in 1951, and together they built a very successful farming operation, which still thrives today. Especially in later years, however, Jim chose to live very frugally, driving older model vehicles, ordering off the value menu, all the while being extremely generous with his family, friends, and those he met along the way. He gifted countless used cars to various family members, saw that his 6 children received a college education, and helped each of them start their businesses or careers. He was always there to provide physical, financial, or emotional support to his family whenever they needed him, through good times and bad.

Jim loved people and never met a stranger. He considered it his mission to make each person he encountered feel special, and to brighten their day with a compliment or kind word. He left a lasting impact on all he met. If one had to choose one word to describe Jim it would be “encourager”. His family thrived and achieved much due to that influence, and when things were tough, no matter how bad the situation, he always found something positive to say to encourage and lift the spirit.

Jim had a contagious zest for life, and to the very end enjoyed participating in the farming operation, investing in the stock market, and avidly following sports, current events, and politics. With an amazing memory, Jim was a wealth of information on a wide variety of topics. Also a masterful joke and storyteller, he entertained his family for hours around the dinner table with stories of his past exploits.

Family was paramount to Jim. He was extremely proud of his family and would bend anyone’s ear who would listen about them and their accomplishments. He had a unique and special relationship with each of his 6 children and with each of their spouses, and then later with each of his grandchildren and their families. He attended every event they participated in

if physically possible. Words fail to convey how much he will be missed by his loving family.

Always a man of faith, Jim was a member of St. Mary's Parish for 40 years. In the last several years, Jim developed a new and closer relationship to God. He would declare that none of "this" (his material possessions) mattered, he just wanted to "promote Jesus" any way he could with the years he had left on this earth, pointing others to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jim has run well the race set before him, and is now enjoying his heavenly reward. A Funeral Mass will be held on March 6th at 10:00 am at Church of Annunciation, Altamonte Springs, Florida. DeGusipe Funeral Home, Maitland, Florida, is handling cremation. A celebration of life is planned for the third weekend of June in Ohio.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, those who wished could donate to "Feed the Children" or "St. Jude's Hospital", or to another charity of choice, in honor of Jim.

Services are pending at this time. The family of James E. Weston invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Joe and Veda Rugola purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James (Jim) E. Weston.



Joe and Veda Rugola - March 02, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ Dear Brad, Katy, Randy, Jennifer, Cynthia, and Dan,

Wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time. Jim was a gentleman, an intellect, a conversationalist, an entertainer with witty joke telling precision, a man who loved His Lord and Savior, and above all, adored his family and every member in it. For me, he became my treasured friend who lifted my spirits each time we spoke. I shall miss him deeply. I will hold his memory close to my heart until we meet again!

I know loss can be difficult, so I'll be thinking of each of you and keeping you in my prayers.

Julie

Julie Burkey - February 13, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LR

“ I remember Jim as a man to be admired, someone with a friendly word and smile on every occasion. As a kid lucky enough to know all of Jim,s children, being from Morral, Jimand Jerrie’s family was the one to emulate. Knowing each of Jim and Jerrie’s children and their character and success, they are the ultimate legacy of a wonderful couple. My condolences and best wishes for all of those grandchildren and those who follow them. Ace

louis ribble - February 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM

KH

To Brad, Cynthia, Katie, Jennifer, Dan, Randy...my condolences on the loss of your Dad. He was always so kind and loving to everyone . Keep your memories close to your heart and they will strengthen you.

Karla Heil Hack - February 12, 2021 at 10:56 AM

KM

“ I met Mr. Weston through Brad and Mary Pat. He was such a genuine gentleman. God Rest his Soul.
Kathy Marsh
Florida

Kathy Marsh - February 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JW

“ Uncle Jim was simply the best! I will miss him so much. May his memory be eternal. ❤️ Love to you all, Weston family.

Jean Wilson - February 11, 2021 at 08:47 PM

MS

“ Always had a great time with Mr Weston better known as Big Jim! Tons and tons of laughs and fun times!! Met him and Mrs. Weston, Gerry, at Stetson with Randy and Bradley. Couldn't ask for better friends than the Weston family. Remember the great hoop games , happy hours, Ocean Condo, trip to the Farm etc etc. Tates Locke almost bought a whole can of whup ass during the Jville game by Big Jim and Dan. Lol. The word the Encourager is the perfect description of Mr. Weston! I absolutely loved that man! Hope to see Big Jim and Mrs.Weston again up in the blue yonder!!

Matt Starrett - February 11, 2021 at 07:55 PM

PD

“ I had the pleasure of becoming friends with Brad and Randy while we were students at Stetson University back in the late 70's. Because I was their friend, I naturally met Mr. And Mrs. Weston, Big Jim and Gerry. They treated me like family from the moment we met. To be in their presence was always a good time. Loving, kind and generous to a fault. Never afraid to enjoy a drink with the boys, a laugh a minute. Even though I was a thousand miles from home, I felt I had a surrogate mom and dad right there in DeLand. Such a beautiful obituary. What a remarkable man and what an amazing family legacy the man has left behind. The world is a poorer place with his passing. But our lord God has welcomed home one of his best angels. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless all of you during this time of grief. Paul "Amos" Duval.

Paul Amos Duval - February 11, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James (Jim) E. Weston.*



February 11, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *My own Mom and Dad taught me that a man should aspire to be a gentleman—always concerned more about the feelings of others above self. Mr Weston was a true gentleman. I didn't know him as well as I wished, but I saw firsthand the meaning of his life in his children and grandchildren. When I did have the chance to be near him, his warmth poured out of him so that you knew it came from his heart. Mr Weston was as strong as a man could be and as gentle and loving as every man should be. He will always be in our hearts.*

Joe and Veda Rugola - February 11, 2021 at 07:10 PM