



James A. Beck

October 13, 1960 - July 1, 2021

James A. Beck, Ossian, formerly of Goshen died 10:20 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Warsaw. He was born October 13, 1960, in South Bend, to John "Jack" Charles Beck & Mary Jo (Hostetler) Beck.

Surviving are his children, Cameron (Jamie) Beck, New Haven, Cassondra Beck, England, and Chelsea (Ivan Ramos) Beck, Warsaw. Grandchildren, Liam, Landon, Venessa, Keira, Garrett, and Collin. Siblings, Mary (Dan) Pinckert, Goshen, Jean (Cliff) VanGuilder, Elkhart, Mike Beck, Texas, Jerry (Patty) Beck, Goshen.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

James served in U.S. Navy. On leaving the Navy, he became a Firefighter/EMT for Kendallville, Topeka, and Ligonier. James was owner/operator of ASAP Fire Protection and Can-Do Pressure Cleaning both in Topeka. He was a 1979 graduate of Goshen High School. James was a Fire Investigator, 911 dispatcher, LA County Sheriff Chaplin, and a published author "South West Pacific Motor Torpedo Boats". He enjoyed making wooden flags, collecting fire and navy memorabilia, he also enjoyed cooking, and gardening. He was a huge fire history and Navy buff. He loved spending time with family, grandchildren, and friends.

Visitation will be on Saturday July 10 from 2-6 pm at Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home 311 S. Main St. Goshen, IN 46526. A celebration of life will follow at 6pm.

The service will be live streamed through <https://www.rrefh.com/obituaries/James-Beck-17/>, James Beck tribute page, click on photos and videos.

The family request any public service member, please wear your dress uniform in honor of James.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Rieth Rohrer Ehret to help the family cover expenses.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent at <http://www.rrefh.com>

Events

JUL **Visitation** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes

311 S Main Street, Goshen, IN, US, 46526

JUL **Celebration of Life** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - July 10, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ An external video has been added.



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - July 09, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James A. Beck.



July 10, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James A. Beck.



July 09, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Beck.



July 09, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ My hope was that we would attend a church service altogether with the kids. Sadly, that will never happen.

We were born into families and inherited trauma before we ever met. (I learned in the Heart Work course in 4/2021). Prov 23:23. Thus, we were a couple that needed inner healing and really effective mentoring was not available in 2000.

I will always thank God for the 3 wonderful children God gave us. Ps 127:4-5

So many memories came back to me...The man I met at the roller skating rink at 16, the man I loved, the man that skipped a beat playing his drum in the parade when I said, "Hi", the man that I built a fire protection business with me, the man that sang to me at our wedding, the man who dressed as a clown to help me with the church kids club, the man who ate his snacks while I delivered our son :), camping every weekend before the kids were born, cross country skiing in the mountains in CA, the man who spray painted our house in Kendallville, the man I spent 20 years with, the 2 Christmas' we had altogether with the kids in the last 6 yrs.

For the last 3 years, I have prayed Phil 1:6 for 6 people and you were on my list. Love never fails. Rest my "football player". CJ (seige in your words)

Candace - July 08, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May you always know he was appreciated for his time he spent for us as firefighters. My husband was a firefighter for 24 years, our son, son-in-law and myself were also firefighters. Jim and I had a lot of fun with his wide load sign! I got up one morning and he had attached it to the back of my SUV! We picked on each other for having a “ wide load”! We lived in our house in Millersburg for 40 + years and if we were sitting on the front porch, he would often stop and chat with us. We plan to go to the funeral home on Saturday. God Bless you all.~~ Anna

Anna Miller - July 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Beck.



July 07, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James A. Beck.



July 06, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was truly a kind and joyful person, and I will miss his easy smile and infectious laugh. It made my day when our paths crossed and we spent a moment catching up, talking to Jim was always fun. Sending my prayers and thoughts to Jim's children, his grandchildren and his siblings. Mary Beck McDonald

Mary McDonald - July 06, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing! My condolences to his family and other loved ones. Jim was a beloved GHS classmate and true patriot. I was particularly impressed that he was a published author - I bought his book and will treasure my Jim keepsake. May God bless his eternal soul.

Mary Marttila Lill - July 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Your Visa Family (Bob & the Europe IPS team) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James A. Beck.



Your Visa Family (Bob & the Europe IPS team) - July 06, 2021 at 04:03 AM



“ We are so very sad to hear of Jim's premature passing. I'll always remember him as a sweet little boy I saw every summer when I went to Goshen. Our whole family sends virtual hugs and condolences to your family.

Becky McKee Evans
Tucson, Arizona

Becky McKee Evans - July 05, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ I used to own Kuntry Time Furniture in Topeka, In. Jim would spend alot of his lunch breaks with me. I would help him on his fire extinguisher route. We became good friends. Much of his talk was the love for his kids. Lost touch with him the past 15 years. In fact, just 4 days ago I spent alot of time trying to find him on google. Didnt get far. Jim was a believer in The Lord. I'm believing he is at peace with Him now. Enjoy your salvation old friend! Will see you again!

Rick Harker - July 05, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ He loved his family, the Navy and the fire department. A truly great person.

Brenda Hubler - July 05, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ He was my Best Man at my wedding. Nice guy.

Paul Becerra - July 05, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Jim became apart of the Goshen Redskin Alumni Breakfast and was a great addition to celebrating life with classmates! May we salute you once more....Semperfi

Tim Jones - July 05, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ Jim was so happy to reconnect with classmates. He was proud of his family. He will be truly missed.

Mary Kay (Thul) Longacre

Mary Kay (Thul) Longacre - July 03, 2021 at 02:29 PM