



James F. Sprague

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James “Big Jim” Frederick Sprague, 77 of Spring Hill, FL (formerly of Coventry RI), peacefully passed away on January 23, 2024 at Gulfside Hospice Center of New Port Richey, FL at the age of 77, comforted by his wife.

James was born on September 23, 1946 to Earl and Margaret Sprague (Jeff) in Providence RI. At the age of 17, James enlisted in the United States Navy in 1963 with his first assignment being on the USS Grenadier (SS-525) and ending with the USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630). After leaving the Navy, James worked as an Operating Engineer on several major infrastructure projects in Rhode Island as well as a Bridge and Building Foreman for Amtrak before forming his own company, Four Seasons Re-Construction, which he ran until 2007.

In 1980, James met Carol (Duggan) Sprague, and they wed in 1985, raising Laurie, John, Susan, and Scott.

After retiring in 2007, James built a home North Carolina for him and Carol to live where James spent his days helping others, vacationing with friends and family, and focusing on his hobbies, none more so than building and flying model airplanes with his grandsons Richard and Hunter. In 2017, James and Carol moved to Spring Hill, Florida where James would spend his time collecting, repairing, and gifting heirloom watches. But James enjoyed nothing more than relaxing on the couch with his wife, his dogs Abigale and Daisy, a movie and of course a large bowl of ice cream.

James is predeceased by his parents and his brother Earl. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his sister Debra (Dennis) Jubinville of Hudson Florida; his 4 children, Laurie Sprague of Cranston, RI, John (Elizabeth) Wilsey of Hubert, NC, Susan (Ted) Knott of Norwich, CT and Scott (Sandra) Sprague of Stoughton, MA; his seven grandchildren Stephen, Heather, Shelby, Richard, Hunter, Emerson and Jacob; and his three great grandchildren Zadok, EmmaKay and Walt.



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A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the East Greenwich Veterans Fireman's Club, 80 Queen Street, East Greenwich, Rhode Island from 12-5. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in James's name online at

<https://www.flipcause.com/secure/fundraiser/ODgzNDg=/94619> or mailed to:

Gulfside Hospice

2061 Collier Parkway

Land O'Lakes, FL 34639

Attn: Carla Armstrong




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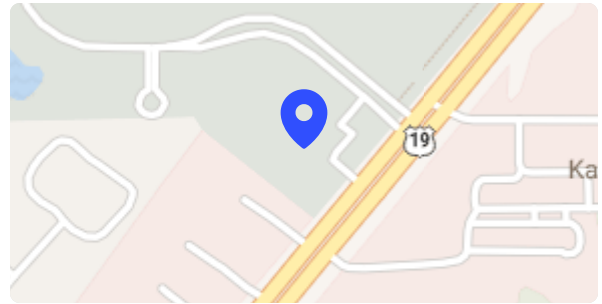
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A. Not a service, Don't deliver flowers

 **Thursday**, January 25, 2024

 7:00 AM - 7:10 AM ET

 **Grace Memorial Funeral Home**
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667





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Debra A Jubinville lit a candle in honor of James.



January 29 at 8:30 PM



Debra A Jubinville posted:

I have so many great memories growing up with my brother Jimmy. He was a wonderful brother. He always enjoyed a good meal, especially Italian dishes. He would ask me things like when are you making me some pasta and meatballs, or stuffed shells, R.I. party pizza etc. I was happy to cook for someone who truly enjoyed it. In the last handful of years we spent the Holidays together, and I guess this past Christmas will be our last. Miss you a bunch, but I also know you are now in painless peace. Love, Your Favorite Sister.

January 29 at 8:25 PM



Sherron And Peter February 1 at 12:14 PM

We are so sorry for the loss of your brother, Jim. Know that he is now with your parents. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you ❤️



Betty J Sprague posted:

Jim has always been a real good nephew to Bob and always willing to help uncle Bob with many projects using his expertise of construction. We always knew we could depend on Jim. He will be missed! Aunt Jean

January 29 at 6:01 PM



Donna Riley lit a candle in honor of James.

Carol we have been best friends for 56 years and still can't believe this happened. Jimmy will always be in our hearts and in our prayers. Love Donna John



January 29 at 1:32 PM



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RG

Richard & Suzanne Griffin lit a candle in honor of James.

We were blessed to call Jimmy a dear friend! When his son John married our daughter, our two families were united! We had many years enjoying each others company! He will definitely be missed but left love for all who knew him! Sympathy to Carol and all his family! Rest in peace, dear friend!



January 29 at 1:04 PM

JM

Jan Morton posted:

My garden buddy while living in Hubert NC. You will forever be missed but always will be in our hearts.

January 29 at 12:52 PM

MI

Michele lit a candle in honor of James.

The hurricane sleepover will never forget your kindness and sense of humor. Always remembered! 💙



January 29 at 11:05 AM

PM

Pat & Walton Moore posted:

JimBo, we fell in love with you and Carol the day you moved in across the street from us. You were something else and I loved joking with you. You are now out of that awful pain and in God's care. We want you to just look down and see that we are taking good care of your precious Carol and your 2 four-legged babies. God Bless You - we are really going to miss you.

January 25 at 10:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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