

## James William "Jim" Buecker

August 23, 1952 - June 7, 2023

Peoria Heights - James W. Buecker, 70, of Peoria Heights, IL, passed away June 7, 2023 while visiting family in Geneva, IL.

Jim was born August 23, 1952 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL to M. Dale and Betty J. (Day) Buecker. He had one sister Sharon K. (Morrison). They all preceded him in death.

Jim married Christine (Kris) L. Weeks on May 5, 1973. She survives. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month and renewed their vows.

Jim is also survived by his two children and eight grandchildren: Tony (Brooke) Buecker (Belle, Lucy, Henry, and Will) of Brimfield, IL and daughter, Heather (Mike) Pittan (James, Cole, Blake, and Noah) of Geneva, IL.

Jim graduated from Bergan High School and Illinois Central College Electronics Program. He worked at Caterpillar until he retired as an engineer in 2015. He was proud of his work and his many friends at Caterpillar. In his retirement he and Kris enjoyed traveling with family and friends across the U.S. enjoying the country that he loved.

Jim was also a devoted husband, father, and Papa. He loved spending time with his grandkids and watching them do what they love. He was their biggest

fan. He will be greatly missed by his family, and they look forward to seeing him again one day in heaven.

Jim was a man of strong faith. You could often find him studying his Bible. He loved reading, discussing, and sharing God's Word with everyone. He believed that Jesus died to pay for his (and all of our) sins and he had no doubt that he would see Jesus after leaving this earth.

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Jim's family has arranged his memorial service to be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria. Reverend Mark Nelson will officiate. Internment will take place at a later date. Cremation has been entrusted to Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church at <https://trinitypeoria.com/give>.

Online condolences may be shared with Jim's family at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
135 NE Randolph Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61606  
<http://www.trinitypeoria.com>

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Kris:  
*So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We enjoyed our charter trips with the two of you so very much. His smile and laughter were contagious. He had a gift for making everyone he met feel like he had known them forever. Cherish all the wonderful memories and know our thoughts and prayers are with you always.*  
*Deb & Jerry Motsinger*

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**Deb Motsinger** - June 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

JV

“ *Hi Tony and Heather. I am sorry for your and your mother's and children's loss. It is nice to see he had a bunch of grandkids to love on. We are similarly blessed.*  
*Jeff Vallosio*

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**Jeff and Carol Vallosio** - June 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM

PJ

“ *Kris I have no words. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry*

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**patti Johnson** - June 10, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James William "Jim" Buecker.*



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June 10, 2023 at 11:12 AM

RW

“ You all know what a Great Husband, Dad, Father in Law and PaPa Jim was. He was also a Great Brother in Law and one of the Best men I knew. He will be missed but leaves a lifetime of happy memories.

Ron Weeks - June 10, 2023 at 10:52 AM

RS

“ Our prayers, love and sympathy to Kris, Heather and Tony and all the family on your husband and father's death. We know we will see Jim again when we see Jesus Christ face to face as he just has, this is our hope. Cherish the many good memories and my God's peace fill your lives. "He is our peace" Eph 2:14

Ron and Lorraine Stotts - June 10, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James William "Jim" Buecker.



June 10, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William "Jim" Buecker.



June 10, 2023 at 07:36 AM

KA

“ Kris and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies are with you all.



Kris Alcorn - June 09, 2023 at 09:34 PM

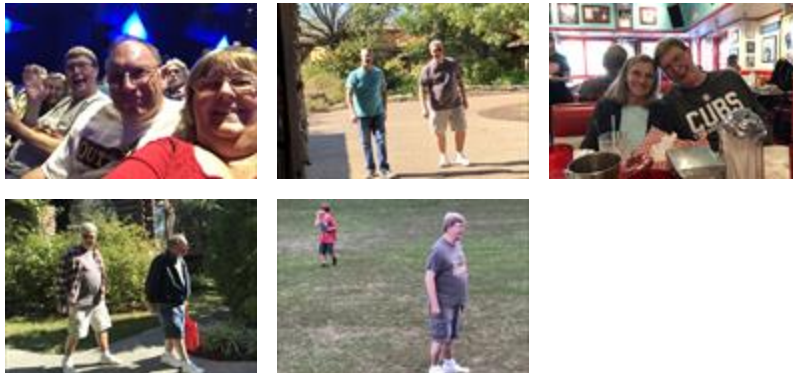
RC

“ Jim, I love you buddy, you were more to me then a Brother in law, you were my good friend too.I know we will get together again & in the mean time, watch out over us buddy.Love you Jimmy.

Russ Carrington - June 09, 2023 at 09:02 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album jim Buecker



Cindy Carrington - June 09, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James William "Jim" Buecker.*



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June 09, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Jim has been a member of our family for over 50 years! He n my husband Dave had so many great times just joking n laughing together! Jim was Cowboy to Dave, as he met Jim before us and Jim said his name was Cowboy! Jim is a Godly man and lived as he believed! The words Strong, Wise, Caring and grounded in his faith are reasons to celebrate Jim now and always! Victory is his in Christ. Love you Kris, Tony's and Heathers families. Praying for you all! Kathy*

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**Kathy Keyster** - June 09, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ *Jim will be missed. Always a smile and a kind word. Jim Maurice*

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**jim maurice** - June 09, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *The Chris Weaver Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James William "Jim" Buecker.*



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**The Chris Weaver Family** - June 09, 2023 at 05:03 PM

CC

“ Jim will be missed terribly by all who knew and loved him. I had the privilege of knowing and living Jim for over 55 years as he dated and then married my sister Kris. He was such a great guy and even though he had so many medical problems over the years he always pushed past them and enjoyed life as much as he could. So many great memories of trips taken with Kris and Jim and get togethers for dinner or family events or for his grandkids sports events. He was always happiest being surrounded by family and friends. Will miss our times together so much but will look forward to when we all can reunite again with our Lord in Heaven.



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**Cindy Carrington** - June 09, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DF

*I wish to express my condolences to the family, I worked with Jim for a few years at the tech center and he was a friend that will be missed. Again sorry for your loss.*

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**Dennis Focci** - June 09, 2023 at 05:05 PM