



James Austin Goodwin

August 23, 1940 - February 4, 2023

James Austin Goodwin died on Thursday, February 2, 2023. James, the oldest of 3 children of James Atwell Goodwin and Phyliss Rine Goodwin, was born on August 23, 1940 in Moundsville, West Virginia. Jim's parents and his brothers, David Wayne and Thomas Laun, all predeceased him. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and his wife of 64 years, Rebecca Hoskins Goodwin, and by their beloved son, James Michael Goodwin and his much loved family, Lori Trull Goodwin, Lauren, Matt and Ava Lee, Callie, Steve and Stevie Ware, Austin and Taylor Goodwin.

After World War II, Jim's parents moved from Moundsville to St. Albans, West Virginia, his lifelong home. Jim attended St. Albans schools and, in addition to being an honor student was active in clubs and sports and the church. Jim was always a hard worker. In the seventh grade, he began rising early to deliver the morning Gazette before school. He continued this work all through high school. After school and practice for whatever sport he was playing, he had a list of clients for whom he mowed and did other yard work. After high school graduation, he traveled the country working different jobs. He was a life guard in Florida, picked fruit in California, and fought forest fires in Oregon.

In his early 20s Jim returned to St. Albans and began his work in the car business at Harvey Shreve Ford. Except for a few years when he sold Dental Equipment in the Tri-State, he worked first as an automobile salesman, then

as a sales manager, then as a dealership manager. When Jim retired at age 70, he was a manager at C&O Used Cars, at that time, the largest used car dealership in the east. After retirement, Jim actively volunteered for the Coal River Group and worked to help clean up the river and build events such as the Tour De Coal.

Jim's life was blessed with enduring friendships that he treasured, and his family was a constant source of joy. Perhaps the best summary of his life was when he was helping his granddaughter, about age 7, learn to ride a bike. She walked in the house and announced, "Meemaw, Granddad is a really nice guy!" Yes, family and friends would agree, James Austin Goodwin was a really nice guy.

At his request, Jim has been cremated.

Family and friends will gather from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at Bartlett Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans

If you wish to make a memorial gift, he requested to be remembered at the Coal River Group, P.O. Box 363, St. Albans, WV 25177.

You can visit Jim's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Goodwin family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Tribute Wall



“ *I am so very sad that Jim is gone. What a blessed, long marriage you & Jim had. Now, lean on your many friends & your family.* ”

Nina Lyons Darnell - February 09, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Austin Goodwin.* ”



February 09, 2023 at 09:33 AM

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“ I always regarded Jimmy as a man of few words. Over the decades that our family have returned to WV, I have always made visits to the Goodwin's home a priority. As soon as I arrived, Jim would disappear. I came to believe this was an act of generosity, giving me all this time with Becky to myself. For 50 years Jimmy and I had probably 40 seriously brief exchanges, and likely 5 or 6 briefly serious chats. The latter, serious chat, occurred in 2019 when we stood on the balcony overlooking The Coal. I spoke of my walk across a narrow part of England, relating that our youngest daughter was tearfully anxious for me. Jim said, "All you can do is explain why you want to do this walk, why alone, and how you have prepared yourself for it. Whatever happens, you and she will know that you were doing what you wanted." I hadn't really done that. While I was thinking about it, he added, "Try not to leave things undone." Wow, I immediately wished I had left my bedroom tidier before I left home when he interjected, "you know... important things." Then he disappeared again! Brief, serious, caring, generous. Thank you, Jimmy (p.s. I love what you've done to the river!). What a legacy!

Christy Austin - February 08, 2023 at 12:14 PM

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“ Christy, Butch, Callie, Taylor, & kids purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Austin Goodwin.



Christy, Butch, Callie, Taylor, & kids - February 08, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Austin Goodwin.



February 06, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ Got to be reacquainted with Jim and his very lovely wife a few years ago at family reunions - what an absolutely lovely, classy couple. You could tell family was at the center of their hearts and it was such a joy to see them and visit with them. Everyone is truly blessed to be able to call them family. You will remain in our prayers.



Terry and Shelley Prettyman - February 06, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Austin Goodwin.



February 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Austin Goodwin.



February 05, 2023 at 08:23 AM

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“ Jim was indeed "a very nice man"! He was a great neighbor and friend. We'll miss him. Blessings to dear Becky and all of the family.



Billie Graybeal - February 04, 2023 at 02:54 PM