



James Ray Farster

June 28, 1947 - December 24, 2019

James Ray Farster, 72, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

He was born June 28, 1947 in Armstrong, PA to the late Omar & Irene Mottern Farster.

James taught high school math, was a professor and a basketball coach. He was in the education field for more that 40 years. He enjoyed carpentry work. His grandchildren were the love of his life.

James is survived by his loving wife, Deborah H. Farster; children, Amy Solman (Fred), Renee Farster-Degenhardt (Nathalie), Brandon Farster (Angela), Kimberly Piper (Brandon), Hilary Kubit and Keith Kubit (Courtney); brother, Dan Farster (Helen); grandchildren, Braden, Zaila, Maceo, Josie, Molly, Leah, Cade, Brooke, Blake and Ryan .

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 PM on Friday, January 3, 2020, at St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA. Burial will take place in Lawn Haven Burial Estates, Worthington, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 128 S Tryon St #1588, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Cavin-Cook Funeral and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Farster family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul Cathedral
108 N. Dithridge St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Tribute Wall



“ *James Ray Farster*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *James Ray Farster*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *James Ray Farster*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Debbie,
Very sorry to her about the passing of your husband. I am praying
for you and your families at this difficult time
Take care of yourself. Elmer Herman*

Elmer Herman - April 01, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



John Karabinos - January 05, 2020 at 10:57 PM

DO

“ I’m so sorry to here of Jim’s passing I am a cousin of Jim and it’s been quite a while since I’ve seen him my dad and Jim’s mom we’re brother and sister. my thoughts and prayers are with his family! RIP Jim. Love Debbie Owens

Debbie Owens - January 02, 2020 at 02:19 PM

DF

“ Brother,

I will miss you more than you will ever know. May the good Lord and the angels in heaven watch over you . You are now at peace!!

Your loving brother, Dan

Dan Farster - January 02, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MK

“ What a great teacher he was at Deer Lakes high school RIP

Marta Kane - January 01, 2020 at 07:03 PM

MK

“ Mr. Farster was one of the best teachers I've had the pleasure of knowing. He was so patient and kind with all of his students and would take extra time to help those struggling! He truly found his calling as a Teacher. Prayers for his family. Mary Beth Kopar 1985 graduate

Mary Beth Kopar - January 01, 2020 at 11:19 AM

GC

“ *Debbie and Family,*
As a colleague of Jim for many years, he never ceased to inspire me with his quick wit and wealth of knowledge. He was able to reach all of his students. Their respect for him was well deserved. Jim is and will always be an icon at DL. His passing leaves a void to all those who knew him. Prayers and condolences to the Farster and Kubit families.
Gina CATANESE

Gina Catanese - December 31, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *So sorry to here of Jim’s passing. We shared memories that started in IUP math courses. May he Rest In Peace.*
Sympathies to DEBBIE and the family.

Lynn Sasala - December 31, 2019 at 01:44 PM

RB

“ *My sympathies to the Farster Family. Jim taught me 9th Grade Geometry at Deer Lakes High School during the 1972/73 school year. I was also a student trainer when he coached the boys basketball team. Despite his loud, baritone voice; he inspired me to move forward with a college/math concentration. I somehow remember running into him as he worked at Sears Hardware in Hampton Township (PA) , post-retirement. May he rest in peace!*

Ron Borczyk
Deer Lakes H.S. Class of 1976

Ron Borczyk - December 31, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ray Farster.*



December 31, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Debbie and family—I met Jim 20 years ago. During my first week of teaching at DL as a 21- year-old, he stopped me in the hall and asked me for my hall pass because he thought I was a student. And he then became a classroom neighbor as well as a supportive mentor until he retired. I am thankful for his wisdom; I am the teacher I am today because of his help and his honesty. Take care, and please know that Jim will forever be appreciated.*

Stacy Coons - December 30, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ *Stryker Steel Region purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James Ray Farster.*



Stryker Steel Region - December 30, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Ray Farster.*



December 29, 2019 at 05:18 PM

BG

“ Thinking of many happy memories from our years at Deer Lakes. So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please know that we will keep you and your family in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. ❤️ *Bobbie & Holland Gillespie* ❤️

Bobbie Gillespie - December 28, 2019 at 04:51 PM

DS

“ *Debbie and family, so sorry to here the passing of Jim. Many good memories of you guys and kids at DL. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.*
Darlene

Darlene Snowball - December 28, 2019 at 01:33 PM

DM

“ *Amy, Renee, and Brandon,*
We were sorry to hear of your father's passing and send our deepest sympathy. Holding you and your families in prayer.
Dianne and Jeff Mackowski



Dianne Mackowski - December 28, 2019 at 01:04 PM

BA

One of my life's best friends. Don't know what to say. We just don't always get to know the answers. Bill and Adele

Bill Abbott - December 29, 2019 at 07:09 PM

JB

I shared an office with Jim for may years at Deer Lakes and at Pitt. He was a good friend and a good man. One of my favorite memories was how excited he got during March madness. He loved his basketball. My sympathy to all the family.
John Burk

John Burk - December 30, 2019 at 09:55 AM



Sympathies to all of you. Mr. Farster was one of my favorite teachers and truly passionate about everything he did.

Gene Shiring

Gene Shiring - December 31, 2019 at 10:32 AM

BS

I played for Coach from '71-'73. He tried to mold boys into young men. He was a fine man. Coach, rest in peace.

Blase Szwaczkowski - December 31, 2019 at 11:01 AM

SS

I didn't go to Deer Lakes but our families knew each other. He came to help me with my Algebra and Geometry when I was having trouble. He did it after school came to my house to help. I'm truly thankful for what he did for me. Shawn Sanner

Shawn Sanner - January 06, 2020 at 10:54 AM

ES

*Amy, Renee, and Brandon,
My family considered your dad a good friend.
He along with Gary Kepple physically helped my husband place the heavy beams as our log cabin was being built in the Laurel Highlands. That assistance was certainly appreciated.
He also was a counselor to my daughter at a difficult time during her junior basketball season. He was a source of reasoning for her.
All of us were grateful that he was part of our lives.
I am sincerely sorry for your loss.*

Eileen Shearer

Eileen Shearer - January 07, 2020 at 03:27 PM

JR

Please know that I am thinking of you all God Bless

Jean Rohland

Jean Rohland - January 07, 2020 at 07:27 PM