



James Franklin Goins

October 23, 1953 - August 27, 2025

James Franklin Goins, "Jim", 71, of Sherrills Ford, NC, peacefully went to be with the Lord and Savior Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was born October 23, 1953, in Mount Airy, NC, son of the late Rev. Charlie and Arlein Goins.

Jim dedicated his life to serving others-whether through his military career, his hands-on skills, or his deep commitment to his church and community. He served honorably in the United States Air Force, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, and Rhein Main Air Force Base in Germany. After his military service, he went on to work as a Government Liaison Officer at Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania and Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, where his leadership and dedication made a lasting impact.

Never one to sit still, Jim poured his energy into remodeling homes, construction projects, and volunteering at his church-especially when it came to building props for various holidays and service themes. He was happiest working with his hands, always finding purpose in helping others and honoring the Lord through his work. He will be remembered for his tireless work ethic, adventurous spirit, and unwavering faith. Jim lived a full and meaningful life, always giving more than he received.

A lover of the outdoors, he was an avid marathon runner in his younger years. In more recent years, Jim enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and spending time on his boat at Lake Norman. He found joy in reading his daily devotionals with a cup of coffee on the front porch, riding on his John Deere tractor, and fulfilling his dream of owning a log cabin on the lake.

A devoted family man, servant-hearted worker, and proud veteran, he leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and hard work. Most important to him was his family and he will forever be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, Paw Paw, brother, uncle and friend. He leaves a legacy to be cherished by his survivors; his wife Lynn Goins; and his children and grandchildren, his son James Goins Jr. and wife, Emily of Columbus, GA (Josiah and Norah), and daughter Erin Farmer and husband, Brad of Concord, NC (Haylee, Brody, and Rylee). Jim is also survived by his sisters, Therisa Dianne Bowman (Bobby) of Ararat, VA, Sarah Houston (Jackie) of Mount Airy, NC, and Rebecca Walsh (Tim) of Murrells Inlet, SC.

A Celebration of Life service will be held by the family at The Cove Church in Mooresville, NC on September 4, 2025, at 11am.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all the medical staff at Atrium Health Lincoln Hospital, the hospice nurses, physicians and staff, his beloved church family and friends for their unwavering compassionate and supportive care that was provided. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Cove Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Cove Church
197 Langtree Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Lynn, Jim was a good friend and I always remember fondly visiting you both and dinner in your beautiful home. My sympathies to you and the family. John Gray

John Gray - January 10 at 09:27 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Franklin Goins.



September 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM

GH

“ Greg and I are heartsick at the loss of Jim. He was a wonderful friend, always willing to lend a helping hand, full of laughter and loyalty. He was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife Lynn and a terrific father, grandfather, son and brother to the rest of his family. We look forward to being reunited with him one day in heaven.

Greg and Jen Henry - September 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ I worked with Jim at Letterkenny. He was always great to work with and willing to share his knowledge. Prayers and strength to his family. My life was richer because I knew him. I will remember him as a good friend and a gentleman.



Sue Graham Petroski - August 31, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TF

“ *The Ellis Family*



The Ellis Family - August 31, 2025 at 11:36 AM

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“ *The Ellis Family*



The Ellis Family - August 31, 2025 at 11:35 AM

DE

“ *Diana Ellis*



Diana Ellis - August 31, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JE

“ *JeffreyEllis*



Jeffrey Ellis - August 31, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Franklin Goins.



August 31, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Franklin Goins.

August 31, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ Bruce and Pam Barrows purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Franklin Goins.



Bruce and Pam Barrows - August 30, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Bruce and Pam Barrows planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Franklin Goins.

Bruce and Pam Barrows - August 30, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Knew Jim for many years through Letterkenny. Sincere condolences and prayers for the family.

Sam Horton - August 30, 2025 at 04:41 PM

MB

“ To the family,
We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We are thankful to God in knowing that Jim is now in HIS presence, happy and void of all pain. We know as his loved ones, you have many difficult times ahead but rest assured of God's love for you. Your family is in our prayers.
Neighbors,
Cliff&Michele Barnett

Michele Barnett - August 29, 2025 at 03:27 PM

BR

I knew Jim from work at Redstone. He and I were friends and often had discussions about the love of God for our lives. My condolences and prayers. He is where we are striving to get, Heaven.

Brenda Barnett Rawls - August 30, 2025 at 05:13 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing! He built an addition on my house on the river at Mallard Creek in Hillsboro, Al. He was one of the most pleasant, hard working and skilled men I have ever had work for me. We became good friends during that special time and I am a better man for having the privilege of knowing Him! I know he will be Greatly missed but Heaven just got a little sweeter!

jeff Anders - August 29, 2025 at 03:02 PM

JE

Jeffrey Ellis

Jeffrey Ellis - August 31, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JJ

Thank you so much for your kind words.

Jim Goins Jr - October 16, 2025 at 02:45 PM