



James Keith Ross

November 1, 1944 - October 27, 2024

Mr. James Keith Ross, age 79, of Lincolnton, NC passed away peacefully in his home with his wife, Evelyn Ross, by his side on Sunday morning, October 27, 2024.

Jim, as he liked to be called, was born on November 1, 1944, in Greensboro, North Carolina, son and youngest child of Lester Crowell Ross and Mary Lou Ross.

Mr. Ross is survived by his wife, Evelyn Ross; former wife, Cindy Arundel; son, Bryan Ross and wife Donna, of Claremont, NC; son, Scott Ross and wife Ginger Ross, of Troutman, NC; and grandchildren Matthew Ross and wife Mackenzie, Luke Ross and wife Kasey, Jessie Ross, and Cassidy Ross.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Ross was preceded in death by his siblings Regina Beam Ross, Mary Katherine Dellinger Ross, Elizabeth Ross Caskey, and brother Silas Webb Ross.

As young as age 12, Jim has a paper route. He worked hard to save up money to purchase his first car. Along the way, he won two state championships for most sales which resulted in two free trips to the beach. Jim would go on have a successful career in telephone equipment and later Lawn Care Services. He always had the greenest grass on the block.

Jim proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1972. He was deployed to Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He achieved the rank of Staff Sargent. Later, he returned to Greensboro, NC where he was a Marine recruiter.

He enjoyed playing tennis and, later in life, he owned three horses. He enjoyed taking care of them and they brought him much peace and tranquility.

Jim loved cars. He traded numerous times over the years. He loved the "art of the deal" and would not hesitate to help a friend find a car when they needed one.

First Presbyterian Church in Lincolnton, NC was his church home. He was baptized there, and he and Evelyn were married there in 2006. He served as an Elder.

Family and friends may greet the family from 2:00pm to 2:50pm on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC. A funeral service for Mr. Ross will follow at 3:00pm with Dr. Rev. David Bonnema officiating.

At 4:30pm, a graveside military ceremony will follow at Our Savior Episcopal Church in Lincolnton, NC with Rev. Liz Tester officiating.

Lastly, at 5:30pm, the family will host a Celebration of Life for Jim with Pastor Reed Conley at Artisan Church, Lincolnton, NC.

Evelyn would like to thank the kind caregivers of Home Instead, Gastonia, NC and the compassionate staff of Carolina Caring, Newton, NC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Unity Presbyterian Church - Denver, NC, Our Savior Episcopal Church - Lincolnton, NC, and Artisan Church - Lincolnton, NC.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Ross family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Our Saviour Episcopal Church

1128 N Carolina 182
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
8210 Unity Church Rd
Denver, NC 28037

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
8210 Unity Church Rd
Denver, NC 28037

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Our Saviour Episcopal Church
1128 N Carolina 182
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Sandy & I were deeply saddened to learn of Jim’s passing. We always thought of the two of you as a special couple. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Robert Tomlinson - November 03, 2024 at 07:33 PM

BD

“ Brian and Beverly Dusseault planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Keith Ross.

Brian and Beverly Dusseault - November 01, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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“ Brian and Beverly Dusseault purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Keith Ross.



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DH

“ Dan & Stephanie Hirschfeld purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Keith Ross.



Dan & Stephanie Hirschfeld - November 01, 2024 at 09:07 AM

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SS

“ Jim was a very special man. I am glad we had the time to share out mutual love of tennis.. RIP Jim, I will miss your visits to West Palm Beach with Evelyn and will miss your beautiful smile and sense of humor as well.
Xoxo

Susan Solovei - October 31, 2024 at 10:13 PM