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Jim Bakker, 82, of Strongsville, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family. A devoted husband, father, and stepfather, Jim lived a life rooted in faith, family, and the quiet joys of living.

Originally from Hanford California, Jim carried with him a deep love for farm life—raising cows and pigs, enjoying home-cooked meals, and finding peace in the land. Above all, Jim was a man of faith. He loved being a Christian, and his days were often filled with reading and discussing scripture, eager to explore its meaning and apply its wisdom in his everyday life. He welcomed conversation on just about any topic, always ready to listen before sharing his uniquely thoughtful perspective.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn, three daughters: Stephanie Elliott and her daughters, Marina Freeman (Shad) and Julia Maynard (CJ), their father Mark Elliott, great-grandsons, Calvin and Levi; Michelle Uguccini (Jeff) and their children, Elisa Baek (Andy), Jessica, Amanda, Gina and John James; Nicole Sowders (Ryan), her daughters, Lily and Emily; stepchildren, Walter Haggard (Cailen) and their daughter Evelyn; Kelly Haggard (Brian Kunz) daughters, Kendall and Kora, Erik Haggard (Caitlin) and their children, Julian and Amelia, and Cody Haggard (Hosanna) and their children, Leo, Ezra and Aria; and brother, Michael Johnson (Kathleen).

He was preceded in death by his parents Marinus and Lena Bakker; brother Harry Bakker (Donna), and his beloved daughter Andrea Bakker, whose memory he carried close to his heart.

Those who knew Jim will remember his kind heart, his thoughtful conversations, and his unwavering faith. His life was one of love and grace and his spirit will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Western Reserve Hospice.



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Funeral service will be held at Sunset Memorial Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio (Section 33, Lot 43, Space 5).





Events


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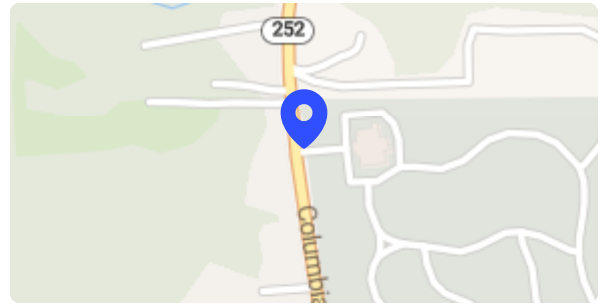
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 10:00 AM ET

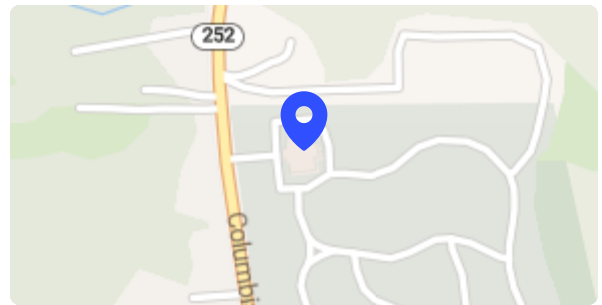
 **Sunset Funeral & Cremation Services**
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Cemetery**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

 **(440) 249-6256**





Tribute Wall

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Gayle D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



August 6 at 8:51 PM



Brad Eichhorn posted:

There are so many good memories.....He and I shared the leadership of our Men's Group at Pathway Church for a couple years. One (or both) of us seemed to forget to say our do something nearly every week. He would just smile and tell me "We have eternity to remember that one!"He is now enjoying his home with his Lord.

August 6 at 6:02 PM



Michael Johnson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

It was a time to meet, share and order food on the internet. A time to always remember for the Rank Boys.



August 6 at 3:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bakker family.



August 6 at 2:16 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



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Media

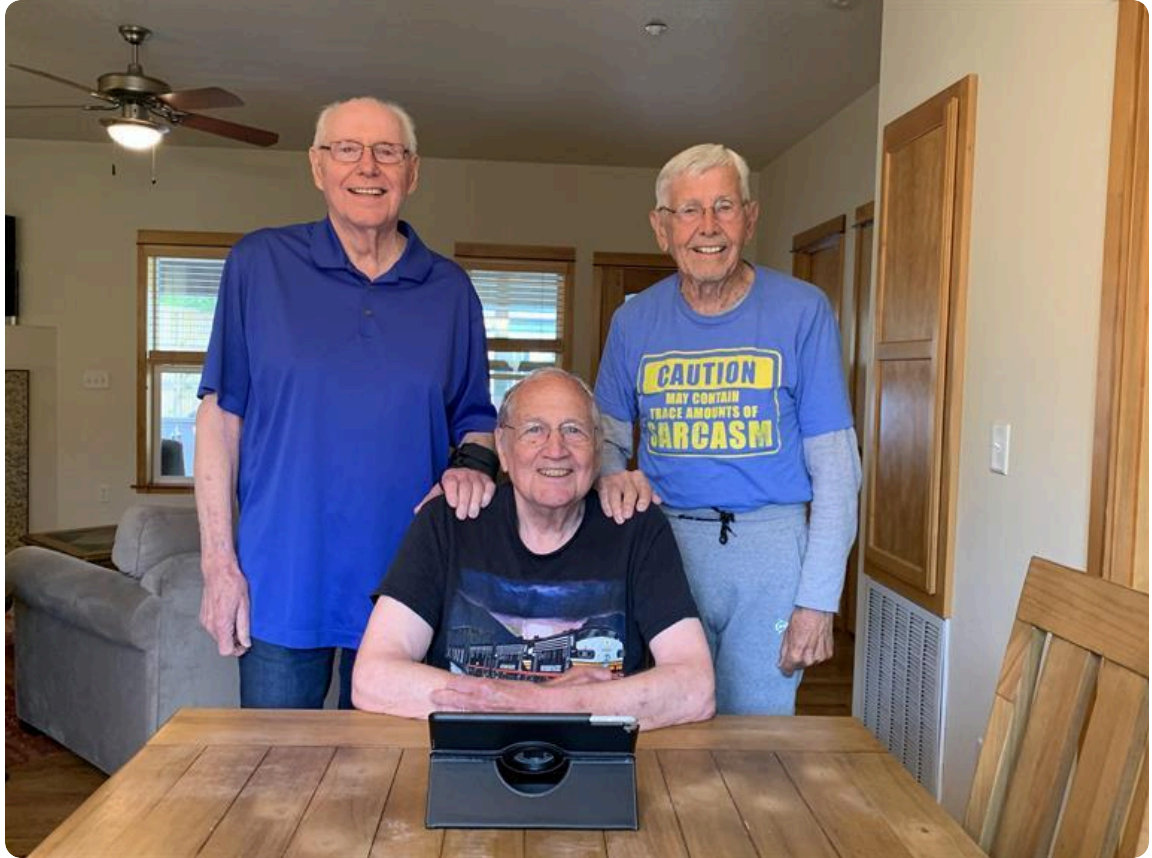
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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