



JIM HOUSER

November 20, 1941 - February 6, 2021

PERRY –

James Lee “Jim” Houser, 79, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at his residence. The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Contemporary Sanctuary at Bonaire United Methodist Church. A Memorial Service will follow beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Houser will be interred in Mt. Ararat Cemetery in Centerville, Iowa, at a later date.

Considering the current national pandemic and for the safety of everyone there, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing when possible. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Jim was born in Centerville, Iowa, to the late Leo and Gladys Brown Houser. After high school graduation, he earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He worked as a chemist for over forty-five years, specializing in carbon paper and typewriter ink. While the days of using those products are long gone today, Jim was among the end of an era. Although viewed as arcane now, his work was peerless in his industry at the time and vital to the continued success of the various manufacturers for whom he worked, including Frye Copysystems and NER Data, from where he retired. After retiring from the ink industry, Jim embarked on a second career as substitute teacher for the Houston County School District which he thoroughly enjoyed for seventeen years. Although he substituted in many schools, Kings Chapel Elementary and Tucker Elementary were undoubtedly his favorites. A man with a deep and abiding faith, Jim was active in the United Methodist Church wherever his career took him. Bonaire UMC was his final church home and the one where he found the greatest solace. There he was able to combine his insatiable curiosity with a strong faith by forming and leading a Sunday School for like-minded individuals for many years until his health began to fail him. He was also a devoted member of the Chapel Choir, and few things gave him greater pleasure than praising the Lord through song. Woodworking and tinkering in his shop also occupied his time, and many pieces of his handiwork and furniture grace the homes of his friends

across Houston County. A man of rock-solid convictions, seemingly unending generosity and compassion, boundless curiosity and never lacking for a story to share with friend and stranger alike, Jim leaves all of us with many memories. He set a great example of how to live a fulfilled life in service to the Lord.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Jim are his sons and daughters-in-law, Chad and Christa Houser of Hiawassee, and Kurt and Allyson Houser of Dunwoody; his grandchildren, Nicholas Houser, Michael Houser, Christopher Houser, Barrett Houser, and Clemmer Houser; his nephews, Matthew Murphy and Todd Murphy; and several other extended family members.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patricia Houser; and his loving and devoted wife of forty-seven years, Cynthia Kay Houser (nee Grundmeier).

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Bonaire United Methodist Church
221 Church Street, Bonaire, GA, US, 31005

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Jim was a wonderful man whom I will miss, my heart is with his son's and their families. Rest in Peace my friend!

Della Griffore - February 13, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ Praying for you and your family. I remember talking to him everyday after church service. He was a great man. Just think of the celebration in heaven right now.

Juliana Hawkinson - February 13, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jim and Cindy through the chapel choir. Jim made me feel right at home with his quick witt. He and I were always bantering with each other and Cindy was laughing and shaking her head. I have missed seeing Jim this past year because of Covid and whenever choir can get together again I will certainly miss Jim's presence.

Marilyn Williams - February 13, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Jim was a faithful Christian that reminded me how my walk with God was essential to daily joy. Joy is the best word I can think of that encapsulates Jim's love for his brothers and sisters. Singing with him in the choir, Christmas, and Easter celebrations were made dearer to me. The look on his face while he lifted his voice to God was priceless.

My deepest condolences to you, the family he cherished.

Cynthia Fisher - February 13, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Jim was the sweetest fella! I knew him through church, choir and teaching. Always upbeat and interested in what was going on around him. The world is a lesser place without him. RIP.
Joanne Cooper

joanne cooper - February 11, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ I knew Jim and Cyndi from Crossroads UMC. Both were dear to me and I always enjoyed time spent with them. We all went in different ways after a time but I always loved running into them and catching up. I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, but I know he and Cyndi are rejoicing together. Many prayers of comfort and peace to their boys and family.
Vicki Andrews

VICKI YAWN ANDREWS - February 10, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ I loved having him as a sub for me when I taught first grade at Kings Chapel. He was a fine man. He will be missed by so many.

Leelee Lewis - February 10, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Chad and Kurt....The memories are big today....I thank God for placing your parents in my life so many years ago. They were the best friends anyone could ever want. They showed their faith, they certainly didn't just talk about it, they lived it. They loved us unconditionally just like they did you guys and the grandbabies. I have so many happy memories with them. Thanks for sharing both of them with me.....

Kathi Brannen - February 10, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ Chad & Kurt Sorry for your loss. We have enjoyed Jim and Cyndi's friendship over the years. Many good times with lots of laughs. Rich, Marilee Zahnd and family

Richard Zahnd - February 10, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Chad, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Pam Ekey

pam Ekey - February 09, 2021 at 10:07 PM