



James Ernest "Jim" Blanton

October 14, 1946 - December 8, 2025

James Ernest "Jim" Blanton, 79, of St. Augustine, passed away on December 8, 2025, at the Bailey Family Center for Caring.

Born in Baxley, Georgia to the late James and Christine Blanton, Jim was raised in St. Augustine and graduated from St. Augustine High School. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, a chapter of his life for which he held deep respect and pride.

Following his military service, Jim began a long and dedicated career first with General Tire and retired with Hancock Tire Distribution, as a Regional Sales Director for the entire continental US as his territory.. His strong work ethic, steady leadership, and commitment to his team were hallmarks of his career. In 2013, Jim retired to the mountains of Georgia, where he enjoyed the peaceful surroundings and became a proud member of the Lions Club. He later returned home to St. Augustine, where he became an active member of McDowell Baptist Church. His faith was central to his life, and he was always eager to serve, support, and encourage others.

In his younger years, Jim loved fishing and playing golf. Throughout his life, he remained an enthusiastic football fan, cheering passionately for the Florida Gators, the Dallas Cowboys, and, in more recent years, the Kansas City Chiefs.

Jim was known for his generous heart and unwavering compassion. He cared deeply for people, always opening his home to anyone in need. A devoted animal lover and a proud patriot, he held strong love for his country, the

military, and his community. Above all, Jim put his family first—loving, supporting, and cherishing them with steadfast devotion.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Blanton; daughter, Kelli Bellefeuille (Steve); grandchildren, Autumn Bellefeuille, Zachary Bellefeuille, Lauren Blanton, Justin Brewer and Caitlyn Blanton; sisters, Sandra Collamati and Betty Henson. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Blanton and sister, Wanda Scifres.

A funeral service will be held at 11am Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with burial to follow at 2:30pm at Jacksonville National Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4-6 pm on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Burial

DEC 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32218-1247
(904) 766-5222

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 15, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren Blanton - December 14, 2025 at 10:53 PM

KD

Jim was a great guy! I knew him as my customer from Publix but, he was so much more than that to my husband and me. He was a great friend. I will never forget him and he will be sorely missed.

Kathryn Davis - December 15, 2025 at 12:02 AM

JM

“ *Jim & Janie McConnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.*

Jim & Janie McConnell - December 14, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.*



December 14, 2025 at 08:39 PM

VP

“ Jim and I worked together at Dunlop Tire for over 15 years. We travelled all over the US selling Centennial Tires. I considered Jim a great friend. We also spent some great Thanksgiving holidays together. We will never forget them.

Neither one of us were good golfers but we enjoyed that time together.

He was someone you could count on for whatever was needed. Honest and strait forward.

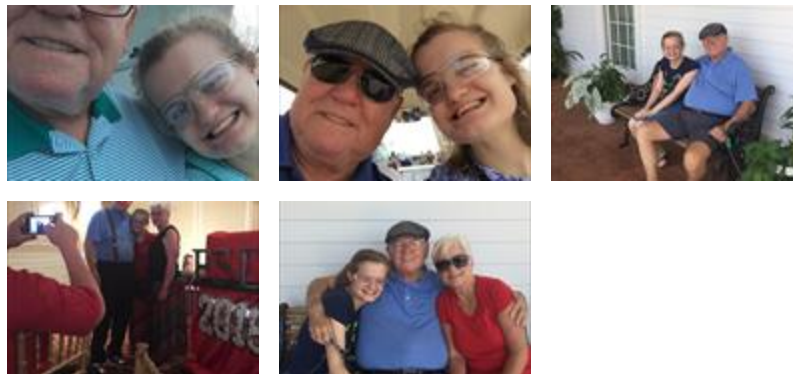
When we called on our first customer whose name was Jim-Bob, I asked Jim why he had 2 first names and he said everyone in the south has 2 first names. From then on I called him Jim-Bob. He had the worst sense of direction of anybody I ever knew but, I'm confident now he found his way straight to Heaven. May God bless him and all of his family.

With Love, Vic and Ramona.

Vic & Ramona Pinto - December 14, 2025 at 02:58 PM

LB

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren Blanton - December 12, 2025 at 07:09 PM

TC

“ The Collamatis' purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.



The Collamatis' - December 12, 2025 at 06:45 PM

LN

“ Love Mom, Geri, Rod, Susan, Dave, Nida planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.

Love Mom, Geri, Rod, Susan, Dave, Nida - December 12, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.



December 12, 2025 at 07:51 AM

JG

“ Judy Hunt, Lilburn, Georgia purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.



Judy Hunt, Lilburn, Georgia - December 11, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JG

“ Judy Hunt, Lilburn, Georgia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ernest "Jim" Blanton.

Judy Hunt, Lilburn, Georgia - December 11, 2025 at 01:32 PM

RI

“ Jim & Sharon were our next door neighbors. We all became really close friends always there for each other anytime. Always a fun time with Jim around. He will be missed tremendously. Rest in peace Jim always will be in our hearts. 🙏❤️
Rose & Sal Ippolito

Rose Ippolito - December 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM