



## James Phillip "Jim" Spalding

May 24, 1957 - August 4, 2023

James Phillip "Jim" Spalding, age 66, passed away on August 4, 2023 at his residence in St. Augustine, FL. James was born on May 24, 1957 in Covington, KY to parents James and Anna (Jones) Spalding. He grew up in Owenton, Kentucky and graduated from Owen County High School with the class of 1975. Shortly after graduating high school he moved to Orlando, Florida to attend U.C.F. He graduated from U.C.F. with a bachelor's degree. Jim worked as a mail carrier with the US Postal Service and was promoted to Postmaster of the Mineola Post Office. He also was elected and served as Mayor of Mineola. In the late 1990's Jim moved to St. Augustine and had most recently worked at the Father Time Clock Shop on St. George Street in St. Augustine. A chance meeting with Rebecca Zetterower would change the course of Jim's life. Jim met Rebecca in the lobby of Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine. That meeting led to a beautiful friendship, romance and marriage three months later. Jim was a kind and wonderful gentleman. He persevered through bad health and led a positive, selfless life. He had a heart for the homeless and frequently volunteered at the cold night shelter for the homeless. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He will be deeply missed.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James and Anna Spalding. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becca" Zetterower Spalding of St. Augustine; Stepsons, Bradley Bunch and Darren Bunch of Fernandina Beach,

FL, a sister, Kathy Giangrande and husband Bill of Orlando, FL; and a brother, Greg Middleton of Leesburg, FL.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 1pm on Friday, August 11, 2023 at First United Methodist Church, 118 King Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
118 King St.  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so blessed to have had such a great Uncle as Jim. He led by example with his great attitude about life and towards people. Life has challenges but Jim showed how to never give up being a good person through those challenges. It's great to have mentors in life who show how to do that. I know that I'm not alone when I say I feel very fortunate to have Jim's wisdom and positive influence be part of my life. I intend to be a good person as he was and make good use of what I learned from this wonderful teacher, who I have been so lucky and blessed to have in my life.

*Chad Blair*

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**Chad Blair** - August 17, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.



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August 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.

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August 11, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.*



August 10, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10*

*An abundant life in all seasons* ❤️



Kathy Giangrande - August 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.*



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August 10, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I was the annoying little sister that followed Jim around. Well, I hope he didn't think I was that annoying. Those of you who knew him pretty well can imagine why I would follow him. He was smart, fun, interesting, a great conversationalist, and had a great sense of humor. We remained close into our adult years and continued to share wonderful times. The world feels so strange without him, and is a better place because he was here. I know he is healed and made whole in heaven, and I will see him again, one day. Until that day I will cherish the memories and be grateful to God that He gave me Jim as my brother. Jim gave me a mug once that says "A Sister is God's way of Making Sure We Never Walk Alone". I would change that to Jim was God's Way of Making Sure I Never Walked Alone. He's not here with me now, but I will forever carry him and all I learned from him in my heart.*

*Kathy Giangrande*



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**Kathy Giangrande** - August 09, 2023 at 02:39 PM

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“ Love Greg, Debbi, and John purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.



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**Love Greg, Debbi, and John** - August 09, 2023 at 11:28 AM

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“ Chad purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Phillip "Jim" Spalding.



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**Chad** - August 08, 2023 at 07:32 PM