



## James Russell Burns

April 16, 1948 - February 19, 2023

James “Jim” Russell Burns, Jr, 74, of Summerville, South Carolina, died the morning of Sunday, February 19th at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, South Carolina after a hard-fought battle with Cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, daughter Jennifer Sola and husband Jeff; step-son Frank Luton and wife Molly, and step-son Hank Luton and wife Adrian. He is also survived by his grandchildren Desiree (Adam), Chelsea (Cody), Jake (Madison), Hudson, Oliver, Macon, Wells, and Sullivan. Also surviving are his six siblings; Anne Marie Kelso (Larry), Carole Lewis (Darryl), Cathy Anderson (Andy), John Burns (Ligaya), Maggie Dorst, and Josie Bowen. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, James Russell Burns and Leocadia Leszczyński; sister Eileen Abouobaya (Mohamed); brother Michael Burns (Annette).

Jim was born at Balboa Naval Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone on April 16, 1948 where his father was stationed during his Naval service.

Jim enlisted in the United States Navy during the Tet Offensive and fought in the Vietnam War, Desert Storm conflict, and the Gulf War. During the Vietnam War he began his career as an E1 and served honorably for 23 years before retiring as Lieutenant Commander holding the position of Chief Engineer.

Upon retirement Jim spent his civilian career in the healthcare field serving in plant/facilities engineering at Palmetto Behavioral Health and Encompass

Rehabilitation Hospital.

Jim was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Summerville where he spent the last few years helping maintain the facilities and maintenance. He was an active member of Cursillo in South Carolina serving as lay rector for Weekend 178 (Fishers of Men) and on many Cursillo weekend teams. Jim's proudest faith-based activity was his Coin Ministry, started over ten years ago. A Memorial Service will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville. Burial to follow at the Beaufort National Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements to be handled by James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Flowers are welcome and donations on Jim's behalf should be made to Cursillo in Christianity, earmarking it "JOG" and mailed to:

Ms. Elisabeth Tezza Simmonite

Diocesan Cursillo Treasurer

2220 Atlantic Avenue

Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

# Cemetery Details

## Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ *With Love, The St. Paul's Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Russell Burns.*



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**With Love, The St. Paul's Staff** - February 23, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ Jim was a dear friend who helped me to learn what it meant to serve in church. He and Charlotte were members at St. George’s church when I started attending there. I noticed them and several others were always doing everything to help when there was a function or event. I wanted to be like them. They went to Cursillo #161 and I attended #162. We were all on fire for Jesus and armed with the knowledge of how to be servant leaders after our Cursillos. We shared so many great times and memories through Cursillo, church events, and our small group for 13 years. I also had the pleasure of working with Jim on the same team to care for and maintain our facilities at St. Paul’s. Jim’s expertise and hard work helped us to get the campus compliant with all of the inspections necessary, and he managed all the vendors and quotes to have service and repairs done. It was amazing how he put it all into a binder to help everyone to know what to do after he was no longer there to do it. I loved watching him give his pocket crosses and share Jesus with others. I feel blessed to call him a friend and love him dearly. He will be deeply missed but we all know where he is now, and that he is healed and whole with his Savior. Until we meet again, Jim, Ultreya!



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**Michelle Barnum** - February 22, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AB

“ I remember Jim and Charlotte from a Cursillio weekend when Charles was still alive. Jim was such a joy! The thing I remember most about Jim-he was always smiling and was such a teddy bear. Love, Ann Beauchamp

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**Ann Beauchamp** - February 21, 2023 at 11:21 PM

LT

*We met Jim and Charlotte at Cursillo 188 at Camp St Christopher. He was a sweet kind hearted man. He had a friendly smile and he touch our hearts that weekend. You could see Jesus in Jim. Our thoughts and prayers for Charlotte who we love. Jim touched us at Cursillo 188. May he rest in Peace.*

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**Liz Tumbleston** - February 26, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ *Blue, Red, and Yellow Dahlia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of James Russell Burns.*



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February 21, 2023 at 10:35 PM

JG

“ *My wife and I met Jim at St Georges church and quickly became friends with him and Charlotte. We shared many good times together both in ministry and socially. Jim was a Navy man through and through and would share tales of his adventures with anyone who would listen. They were always good for a laugh. Jim could be prickly at times but if you needed help he was the first to volunteer. If someone was sick in your family you could count on Jim to show up with a crock pot of delicious homemade soup. My daughter saw him as her uncle and he always saw and treated her as his niece. We look forward to seeing him again one day but for now we will remember him as a child of God who we were blessed to call our friend! We'll miss you brother! Praying for you Charlotte and looking forward to sharing memories. May God keep you, Jen, Hank and Frank filled with His love and peace!*

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**Jim and Brenda Gonnella** - February 21, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Forever a big bear of a man in my heart. Jim did absolutely nothing halfway. All my love, Lilly*

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**Lilly Petrey** - February 21, 2023 at 09:45 PM