



James E. Cline

August 25, 1938 - January 9, 2022

James (Jim) Evan Cline went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 9th, 2022 following a year-long battle with heart disease. Jim was born and raised in John's Creek, Kentucky in 1938 and moved to Auxier, Kentucky in 1948. He was one of two children born to James Beckham Cline and Lakie (Williamson) Cline. Jim played basketball for and graduated from Auxier High School as Valedictorian in 1956. He then graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from Pikeville College in 1960 and later completed a Master's degree in Biology and Chemistry from Middle Tennessee State. Jim married Frances (Vernon) Cline in 1960.

In August 1961, after teaching high school in eastern Kentucky, Jim and Frances moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida where they had three children (Natasha, Mark, and Jon). Jim taught high school biology for six years and worked at Sears part time. While working at Sears, Jim struck up a friendship with some of the Allstate agents who worked in a booth there. In 1967, Jim started a 32-year career as an Allstate Insurance Agent. He was loved and respected by his clients, fellow agents, and managers. In 1974, Jim was honored as the Allstate Southeast Conference Chairman. He also earned the Allstate Honor Ring multiple times in his career. Jim met Susan (Shihadeh) Cline and they married in 1977.

Outside of work, Jim developed a passion for racing cars. He raced Formula

Vees from 1968-1970 all over Florida. Jim had a great love of the water. He loved to fish for bass on the lakes of Central Florida and the Everglades, to sail off the waters of Fort Lauderdale, and to troll off the waters of Key Largo. Jim also understood the importance of physical exercise – he loved to walk and to swim.

Jim was a man greatly committed to his family. He was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. He provided well for all of his family – spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and financially.

Jim was a man of great faith who trusted in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He prayed every day (especially for all his relatives) as he walked in the mornings. He served as a Sunday School prayer leader, a greeter and an usher at the various churches he attended.

Jim was loved and respected for his sound wisdom, his Hillbilly simplicity, his tender compassion, his incredible generosity, and his humility. He never forgot his roots.

His approach to life is summed up in Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Jim was predeceased by his sister Uldeen Beddow of Fort Lauderdale, FL and his first wife Frances. Jim is survived by his wife of 44-years Susan (Shihadeh) Cline of Bonita Springs, FL; daughter Natasha (Cline) Shirley of John’s Creek, GA, and her husband Greg, and their children, Elizabeth Beaver (husband Jonathan and son Samuel James) and Jamie Stumbo (husband Joshua); his son Mark Cline of Oviedo, FL and his wife Mary, and their children Michelle, Natalie, and Kristin; his son Jon Cline of Windermere, FL and his wife Janine and their children Ryan, Lauren Jordahl (husband

Dan), and Matthew; and his step-daughter Bambi (McCracken) Metscher of Casper, WY and her husband Bill, and their children Billy and Robby. He is also survived by his two nephews Bill Bussey of Houston, TX and James Bussey of Harvest, AL. Also cousin Robert Brown of Nipomo, CA.

A funeral procession, graveside service and burial will be held at the Bowen-Donaldson Funeral Home/Oak Ridge Cemetery in Tifton, GA on January 15th at 1:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 12th, from 12 to 1 PM at First Baptist Church Naples. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Christian Appalachian Project (<https://www.christianapp.org>) in Memory of Jim Cline.

To sign Jim's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory. Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

Cemetery Details

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Tifton, FL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 15. 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM (ET)

Oak Ridge Cemetery
Tifton, FL

Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Naples
3000 Orange Blossom Drive
Naples, FL 34109

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Cline*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I was honored to share with Jim as his pastor at First Christian. I also was honored to share with him in Cursillo events. He was a sincere and I believe a dedicated servant of the Lord. Rev. David L. Haun*

Rev. David Haun - January 23, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *I only was blessed to meet him once at our son's wedding to his Jamie but I am very familiar with his "works". We have been so blessed to have Jamie join into our family and by extension her family. Granny Sue, her mom, sister, her uncles and their families have never been anything but loving and kind and full of the love of the Lord. Pa has left us all so much richer with the legacy of love he has left us. . . most importantly his love of the Lord. Prayers are with his dear family.*

Love in Christ,

Sarah and Gary Stumbo

Sarah stumbo - January 10, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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*Always sad for those of us as we see our loved ones failing in health. Susan has traveled this road. Her beloved Jim has struggled with health issues. Jim has been a gentleman and wonderful husband. Susan has known to well her beloved husband may be called to his eternal home. Jim is now with his Lord Jesus and awaits all of us who know The Lord. Thank you Jim for showing us all how to live a life as a faithful servant of the Lord. Well done Jim, thank you. My prayers are with all the family. How wonderful to know Jim is home. In HIS love ,
Marie Boisvert*

Marie Boisvert - January 11, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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*I was so blessed to know Jim and to greet with him and Susan at the First Baptist Church. Susan , you are in my prayers.
Love Ellie Pagan*

Ellie Pagan - January 20, 2022 at 09:52 AM

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Diane and I have been so enriched by knowing Jim and Susan since we arrived in SW Florida 23 years ago. We will cherish his memory and believe that the "God of all comfort" will do just that for Susan. We love you Sis. Dave and Diane

Dave and Diane - January 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM