



## James "Jim" Esposito

January 4, 1933 - January 30, 2026

James "Jim" Esposito, 93, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2026, in Naples, Florida.

Born January 4, 1933, to the late Louis and Concetta (Argentine) Esposito, Jim grew up on Taylor and Laughlin Street in Chicago, where he formed the foundation of the values and work ethic that shaped his life. On May 15, 1955, he married the love of his life, Pauline "Bunny" Cavanaugh, beginning a partnership filled with devotion, laughter, and adventure.

Jim was a dedicated and hardworking provider. In his early years, he supported his young family through his work with the Chicago Park District while also playing string bass in his father's orchestra, the Louis Esposito Orchestra. His natural people skills and steady leadership guided him into a long and distinguished career in banking. Over more than 50 years as a Chicago-area banker—most notably as President of American National Bank & Trust of South Chicago Heights—Jim became known for his integrity, warmth, and unwavering commitment to the communities he served.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jim embraced life with curiosity and joy. He loved traveling, and exploring new places became one of his greatest pleasures. Whether it was a family trip, a getaway with Bunny, or a journey later in life, he cherished the chance to see the world, meet new people, and create memories that his family will forever hold close. He also enjoyed boating, bridge, cooking, golf, and, above all, time spent with his family.

Jim is survived by his loving children: Michael Esposito of Chicago, Illinois; James Esposito of Lisle, Illinois; Joseph Esposito of Chicago, Illinois; Connie (Steven) Davis of Big Rock, Illinois; and Paul (Dawn) Esposito of Chapin, South Carolina. He is also survived by his grandchildren—Mary Frances (Kyle) Anderson, Jaime Esposito, Brooke Davis, Bridget (Chase) Cook, Brendon Esposito, Amanda Esposito, and Kaitlin Esposito—and his great-grandchildren, Everett Anderson, Spencer Anderson, and Keegan Davis Mulloy.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Pauline “Bunny” Esposito, and his brother, Ralph Esposito.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on February 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in James’s name may be made to the American Breast Cancer Foundation at [www.ABCF.org](http://www.ABCF.org).

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Leo Catholic Church  
28290 Beaumont Rd  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-0901

# Tribute Wall

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“ Abimael R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Esposito.

Abimael R. - February 14 at 10:34 AM

VL

“ To Mr. Esposito: I didn't have the pleasure of knowing you but I certainly know your daughter Connie. We work together at KONE and I love working with her. You raised a wonderful daughter, and I just know your sons are wonderful also. May you rest in peace knowing you raised a wonderful family.

Vicki LaFayette - February 13 at 01:35 PM

SG

“ Sue Gardner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jim" Esposito.



Sue Gardner - February 10 at 11:07 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Esposito.



February 06 at 05:27 PM

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“ Love, Cancilla, Wasyluk, Zimmerman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Esposito.

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**Love, Cancilla, Wasyluk, Zimmerman Family** - February 06 at 05:27 PM



“ Hey Dad,

*Been thinking of you.*

*Thanks for playing a game of catch with me in Roseland to Bridge at the Carlisle a few weeks ago*

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**Jim Esposito** - February 05 at 08:01 PM

CD

“ *Jim on his bass in papa Louie's orchestra*



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**Connie Davis** - February 05 at 01:29 PM