



## James Douglas Carr

January 14, 1958 - April 22, 2026

James Douglas Carr (Jimmy) 68, departed from his earthly home and joyfully spends eternity with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He took that final step to his heavenly home on April 22, 2026 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He leaves behind his dearly loved family and friends, yet he was gratefully anticipating the end of pain and tears and heartaches that is a part of our present life. Born in Columbia, Pennsylvania, on January 14, 1958, to the late Perry J. Gardener and Ethel I. Carr. Jimmy had two sisters, Alice and Roma, and two brothers, John and Cleve, as well as many loving friends. His memory will remain in the hearts of his many friends.

Jimmy grew up in Mount Joy and graduated from Donegal High School in 1977, where he played soccer and baseball.

Jimmy was a 43-year volunteer fire department volunteer, serving Fire Department Mount Joy for 28 years as Chaplain. FDMJ posted this about Jimmy:

“It is with heavy hearts that the Fire Department Mount Joy announces the passing of our beloved Chaplain. James "Jimmy" Carr, who left us on April 22, 2026. Jimmy began his fire service career on September 1, 1983, when he joined Friendship Fire Company. He later served with Florin Fire Company before his membership moved to Fire Department Mount Joy on September 1, 1993, where he faithfully served for the remainder of his life. Over his 43 years in the fire service, Jimmy served as our Chaplain for 28 years— a role that

suiting him perfectly. He was a kind and gracious man who made it his mission to pray for the safety of every member of this department. He also gave generously of his time as Alternate to Zone 7 for 4 years, Alternate to the Lancaster County Firemen's Association for 2 years, and Alternate to the State for 8 years. Gone to Glory, Chaplain Carr— Forever in Our Hearts. “

Jimmy worked at the former Country Table Restaurant, where both diners and coworkers enjoyed his company. He was also active with the Mount Joy Jaycees and the Memorial Day Carnival Committee. Jimmy had a passion for baseball. He could name any World Series winner from any year, along with who played, who won, and how many games it took. Even the most devoted baseball fans were often stumped when they tried to test his knowledge. Likewise, with NFL Super Bowls. He also was an avid Hershey Bears Hockey fan and he enjoyed their success, especially the back-to-back Calder Cups! Jimmy also knew amazing detail about the trains and train lines of Pennsylvania and any shopping trip with Jimmy was sure to include Iced Tea and Tastykake's.

Jimmy faced many challenges in his life, but he never gave up. He was a committed Christian who openly shared his faith. Since he was never able to drive, Jimmy depended on friends for help with his weekly and monthly routines. The kindness and support of the Mount Joy community meant a great deal to him. Jimmy always appreciated the generosity and care that so many provided.

Jimmy attended many churches in Mount Joy, including St. Mark's, Mount Joy Church of God, Florin BIC, Mount Joy Mennonite, and, most recently, was a beloved founding member of Proclamation Presbyterian Church at Kraybill School. Throughout his life, he glorified his Savior and honored the Word of the Lord. He treasured every Christmas Eve spent with friends, and always proclaimed his relationship with God and the Lord Jesus. He is at home with

the Lord. AMEN and PLAY BALL!

Jimmy's presence, his prayers, and his gentle spirit will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was truly a servant of this department and this Community.

A Fireman's Funeral and Service of Resurrection Hope for Jimmy will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Proclamation Presbyterian Church, 598 Kraybill Church Rd, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, at 3 pm. He will be laid to rest beside his mother in Henry Eberle Cemetery, Mount Joy. Memorial contributions may be made to FDMJ, 111 New Haven Street, Mount Joy. To

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Proclamation Presbyterian Church  
589 Kraybill Church Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

# Tribute Wall

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“ James and i ran together at the florin fire company. Rip and he will be missed by his family and firefighter family

*Ken stahl*



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**Kenneth E Stahl** - April 27 at 01:08 AM

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“ Jim was my friend since 1979. I was 16 and working at the Tastee Freeze on the West side of Mount Joy across from Weis back in the day. He used to come in for a bite to eat and we became good buddies. He was a kind soul and always had a smile and encouragement to share. He always thanked me for talking to him. A few years on, Mrs. Darrenkamps' Candy Store was the meet up place where Jim would have some lunch and he would banter with his apartment neighbor "Fannie", who was a fire cracker. The conversations were entertaining to say the least. My children enjoyed talking to Jim as well. He had a pure heart and was easy to love. I am a better person for knowing him. I will look back on my time with you with much fondness. I love you dearest Jim. This world was blessed to have you in it. Fondly, Fawn Cornwell. (Mount Joy street girl)

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**Fawn Cornwell** - April 26 at 06:44 PM

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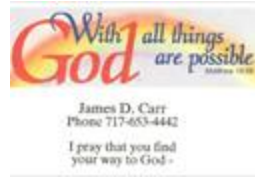
*I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Jim was in my graduating class at Donegal. I remember him well. He was very kind and also his own man. I'm glad to see he lived a full life with many friends. RIP Jim. Cynthia C.*

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**Cynthia Charles** - April 30 at 08:53 AM

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David Crow - April 26 at 03:17 PM

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David Crow - April 25 at 07:19 PM

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“ Jimmy was one of the first people we met at Proclamation Presbyterian Church in January 2017, and he has been a faithful friend ever since. That Sunday he was really proud that it was his Birthday week, his 59th! We learned of his long-time devotion to his Savior and to Fire Department Mount Joy. We will truly miss you Brother until we meet again.

David Crow - April 25 at 07:18 PM