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James Lee Forbes, 91, of Decatur, IL, passed away on Friday (12-08-2023) at his home.

Jim was born on January 2, 1932, in Vandalia, IL, the son of Lester James Forbes and Loma Oral (Abbott) Forbes. He married Barbara Auer on July 8, 1955, in Decatur, IL. Barb and Jim had sixty-eight and a half years of marriage together.

He attended Tabernacle Baptist Church in Decatur, IL, and Whitney Baptist Church in Leesburg, FL. Jim worked for Caterpillar for thirty-two and a half years retiring in 1987. Barb and Jim spent thirty-two years going down to Florida from 1989-2021.

Jim is survived by his wife Barb of Decatur, IL; son: Jeffrey James Forbes of Edwardsville, IL.; daughters: Sheryll Ann Bagley and husband Chris of Bethany, IL, and Kimberly Sue Sifford and husband Rick of Bethany, IL.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Morris Dale "Jake" Forbes.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday (12-13-2023) at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home with visitation from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the funeral home. A Graveside service will follow the funeral at Graceland Cemetery Decatur, IL.

Memorials may be made to Whitney Baptist Church in Leesburg, FL.

Condolences may be left at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events


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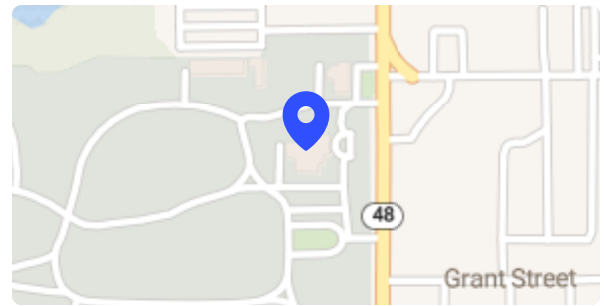
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 13, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

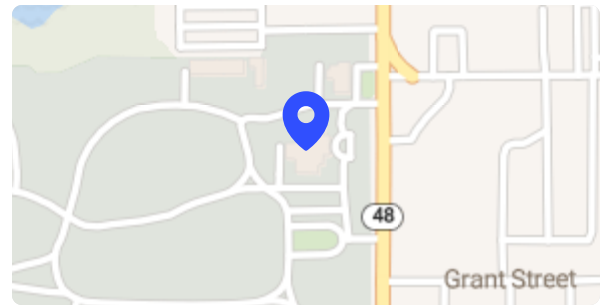


Funeral Service


 **Wednesday**, December 13, 2023


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

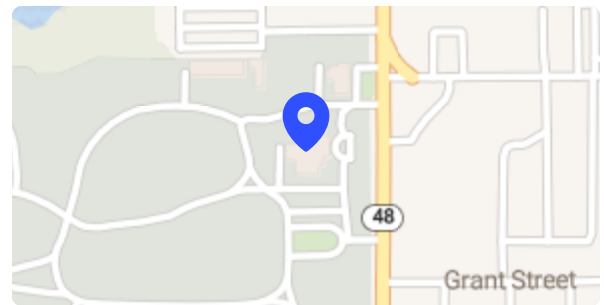
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Cemetery Details

 **Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

 **(217) 615-0724**





Tribute Wall

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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



December 12 at 5:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Forbes family.



December 12 at 8:44 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Forbes family.



December 12 at 5:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Forbes family.



December 12 at 3:14 AM



Connie Eyre posted:

My thoughts and prayers are definitely with the Forbes family. I'll never forget the SDHS Homecoming of 1977. I was the senior class advisor and Jeff was a senior. Jim and Barb so graciously allowed us to build our homecoming float in their garage. Do you realize how much patience that must've taken to give the time and space nightly with noisy teenagers? It was always a treat to visit with them while the students built that float, and by the way, the float won 1st place much because of a great host and hostess!! Fun memories--what a fun guy and wonderful father. Thinking of you all with love. ~~Connie Eyre

December 10 at 4:04 PM



Richard Dorr posted:

Barb and family,so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Rick and Leslie Dorr

December 10 at 12:23 PM



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Joy Ware posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with the family. I just loved seeing Jim and Barb come back to FI in the winter. Jim was such a great guy and comical. I loved seeing all his pretty suspenders. There were some good times at our social activities when Jim was here.

December 10 at 4:19 AM



James Floyd posted:

We are all so sad that Jim has passed from this life to the next one, however Jim LOVED the LORD, and he is present with him now. I am THANKFUL to have met him, known him, and loved him. I am a better person because of knowing him, and his sweet wife Barb. Our prayers are with this precious family. We miss you guys here in Florida, thrilled to have had him in our church down here as well. Love to your precious family. James, Patty, and Ruby Floyd

December 9 at 3:40 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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