



James Vernon Shaw

June 15, 1937 - February 27, 2019

James (Jim) Vernon Shaw, 81, of Bourbonnais, IL went home to heaven February 27, 2019 with his wife of 57 years, Joy, by his side.

He was born June 15, 1937 in Athens, OH. He graduated from Athens High School in 1955. He served four years in the United States Army and National Guard. He was married in 1961. Jim and Joy moved to Illinois, where he graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 1971. He owned his own printing businesses, the Momence Progress Reporter and J & J Printing, for over 60 years. He served with Guidelines International Ministries in southern California as a printer for four years.

He is survived by four children: Jodi and Rick Benware of Wheaton, IL; Judi Shaw of Bourbonnais; Jason Shaw and Amanda of South Lake Tahoe, CA; and James Justin and Laura Shaw of Fairview, NC; grandchildren Jessica and Todd Mulder; Jordan and Emily Tripp; Jared Tripp (AshLyn); Jacob and Taylor Tripp; Torrey Benware; Tyler and Ally Benware; Talia Joy Benware; Connor Shaw; Mackenna Shaw; and Noah Shaw; and three great-grandsons Drew, Jack and Grayson Mulder; two sisters, Judy Radford and Peggy Storts and brother Dick and Sandy Shaw, all of the Athens area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Billie Shaw; a sister, Shirley Bean and brother-in-law Larry Radford.

Jim served as an elder and door greeter at River Valley Christian Fellowship for over 10 years. A Celebration of Life service will be held March 23, 2019 at River Valley Christian Fellowship, 800 N 2000E Rd., Bourbonnais, IL. The service will be officiated by the Rev. Derick Miller.

Jim loved the Lord, his wife and family, his church and friends, his work, and his little dog, Tiki. He will be sadly missed.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to: Living Alternatives, Pregnancy Resource Center: 1780 W. Merchant St. Kankakee, IL 60901 or
World Vision: P.O. Box 9716 Federal Way, WA 98063

Cremation rites have been accorded. Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship Church
800 North Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Fellowship following Celebration

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Vernon Shaw*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Kelli, Emil, Con-Man & The Princess purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Vernon Shaw.*



Kelli, Emil, Con-Man & The Princess - March 21, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Vernon Shaw.*



March 20, 2019 at 06:50 PM



“ *Jim was a wonderful friend. He completed many printing jobs for me, always with a smile and usually a joke or great story. Condolences to the family. We are praying for you, our dear friends!*

Barbra Hartness - March 07, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Vernon Shaw.*



March 05, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Vernon Shaw.*



March 05, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ *It was always a joy to have Jim greet us as we entered River Valley on Sunday mornings. He would always smile, holding out his hand, call me by my name asking how I was. And, if my husband wasn't with me, he'd inquire about him.*
He was quite the character too! He sometimes would tease me that I drove my walker like a drunk! Jim, you will be missed. RIP sweet man.

Patti Shidler - March 04, 2019 at 07:18 PM