



Mr. James Elkins

June 5, 1946 - November 30, 2018

After bravely battling serious illnesses most of his adult life, and holding the hand of his wife and best friend Rita, Jim passed peacefully into the trusted arms of his beloved Lord Jesus on Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, at the Edwin Poe Care Center, Hospice of St. Francis, Titusville.

Born in the coal country of southern WV, Jim was raised by his maternal grandmother, the late Barbara (Vance Dowler Elkins) Stott and his adoptive Dad, the late Dennie Elkins. He attended a one-room schoolhouse and drew water from a pump until the age of 9. Jim loved playing, hunting and fishing in the mountains, woods and creeks to the background of live bluegrass from a nearby neighbor's house, fella named Lester Flatt. Jim followed his family to Charleston WVA and then to California and eventually Florida. But through all his life's detours he never forgot the magical moment he first saw a fly-fisherman casting in Pond Fork. After several long detours he became one of the best in Brevard, a Grand Master Angler in the Florida Fly Rod Club. His custom-built rods were much coveted by family, friends and other fly clubs, who sometimes raffled or auctioned them for fundraisers.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rita; son Michael, daughter-in-law Michele, grandson Jason and granddaughter Jessica; his mother Marie Pioch, sister Barbara Sue Hudson (Dan), brother Michael (Cathy), four nieces and nephews and their children.

A celebration of life will be held on December 14th at 530PM at St Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church of Port St. John. A reception in the church hall will immediately follow.

Donations can be made in honor of James to Hospice of St. Francis.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 5:30 PM (ET)

St Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Elkins*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Elkins.*



December 06, 2018 at 07:13 PM