



## Mr. James Bonanno

September 11, 1945 - April 4, 2021

James J. Bonanno  
September 11, 1945  
April 4, 2021

James (Jim) Bonanno, age 75, of Roswell GA lost his 12 year battle with prostate cancer on April 4, 2021, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife, Maris of Roswell, his sister Rose Marie of Quincy MA, his brother Paul of Hingham MA, his brother Joseph (Joe) of Somersworth NH, son Robert (Bob) of Gansevoort, NY, son James (Jimmy) of Southlake TX, son Matthew (Bee) of Roswell GA, 6 grandsons and 2 granddaughters along with nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother Mary and father Santo of Boston MA, along with his sister Mary Lou Chase of Pembroke, MA.

Jim's career in the hotel industry spanned more than 50 years. His work was with franchise properties for Sheraton Hotels, Hyatt Hotels and Best Western Hotels. He was esteemed by his by his colleagues, clients and friends.

Jim had a love of wildlife, fishing and fast muscle cars. Jim was a devoted husband and father. He was a man of deep faith and compassion. Jim was admired for his wisdom, humility and thoughtfulness He was fascinated by the world around him and all that God afforded him. He will be deeply missed by all those he touched.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 17th at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. If you are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service will be available on Facebook at Ncfhlive. If you are attending virtually please leave a comment so the family will know that you were able to join them.

----- FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND IN PERSON PLEASE RSVP TO MARIS  
BONANNO VIA E-MAIL AT [marjbon@gmail.com](mailto:marjbon@gmail.com) -----



# Events

---

**APR 17** **LiveStream** 02:00PM  
Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/NCFHLIVE>  
GA, US

**APR 17** **Celebration Of Life** 02:00PM - 03:00PM  
Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA, US

# Comments

---



“ In February, I visited dad, in Roswell. During my visit I had the privilege of bringing him to a doctor and infusion appointment. I say privilege because it was nice to do something for him for once. When we got to the infusion part of his appointment, it was early in the afternoon. We'd been there for a couple of hours already. The nurse got him settled in his big infusion chair and asked him if he wanted anything. She listed off a bunch of food. Dad ordered a yogurt, a sandwich a bag of chips and a ginger ale. A few minutes later the nurse brought his food over. He took the yogurt and soda, then he slid the sandwich and chips across his little table over to me. He said he only wanted the yogurt and he'd ordered the sandwich for me because I hadn't eaten lunch yet. I shared this because it's very typical of his character to be thoughtful, kind and considerate. Even in all the pain he was in along with the day he was having at the doctor he thought of me and that I might be hungry. I can only hope to be half as great a man as him someday.

**Robert Bonanno** - April 20, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Awesome story.

**Maris** - April 20, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Awesome story and typically he thought of others first.

I am honored that I was able to be his caregiver. I love him and miss him.

**Maris** - April 20, 2021 at 02:09 PM

---



“ Hi Bobby and Jimmy,  
Elaine and I want to express our sincere sympathy over the loss of your father. He was always a bright light and he will be greatly missed by all of you. Your Grandma Scott loved your Dad and we all appreciated his many kindnesses. Looks like all the family times were enjoyed by everyone and those memories will remain with you forever in your hearts.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Uncle Rick and Aunt Elaine

**Rick Scott** - April 20, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Thank you so much. I think of you guys very often.

**Robert Bonanno** - April 20, 2021 at 01:55 PM

---



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Bonanno.



April 17, 2021 at 07:36 AM

---



“ My condolences to all the Bonanno family, especially my two nephews, Bob and Jim. I knew Jim many years ago and he was very nice to me when I was a young man. He always gave good advice and showed an interest, when it was most needed. I've always appreciated that. I know he had a great life and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

**Ron Scott** - April 16, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Thank you for that Uncle Ron. I think of you and Uncle Rick very often.

**robert bonanno** - April 17, 2021 at 09:20 AM

---



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Bonanno.



April 16, 2021 at 08:57 AM

---



“ I don't believe it was any coincidence that Jim started his new journey on Easter Sunday. We had spoken a few times about what was inevitable and he said he was not afraid because he knew where he was going. He often said that it was his family, friends, faith and humor that carried him this far. I am saddened only in that his physical presence will be greatly missed but I also smile knowing he is resting peacefully and without pain in a familiar place in which he strongly believed exists. He will never stray from the hearts of those he loved and those who loved him.

**Dave Nuss** - April 13, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Bonanno.



April 13, 2021 at 07:56 AM

---



“ Jim was a earth angel he had done his work here on earth touching many many many lives with his kindness his humor his belief in Jesus. I am so honored to be one of those who worked for Jim and remained his friend for years! Jesus has now brought him home to be by his side.

Jim thank you for being my earth angel! Barbara Desmond

**Barbara Desmond** - April 10, 2021 at 07:18 PM

---



“ Dear family members, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing but thankful to have known and worked with Jim at BW since 2010 as a fellow RDC. Although we were on different teams for most of the time we all shared common experiences about our crazy travel schedules and PIPs. For a period of time Jim was the only guy in the group. Will miss your positive attitude and calm demeanor. It was a pleasure knowing you!

**Lynn Brown MacGowan** - April 09, 2021 at 01:17 PM

---



“ I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to know Jim, he was a good man and a great friend. I learned so much working with him. He treated people with respect and kindness, making friends wherever we traveled to. The impact he has had on my life will be with me forever and for that I am greatfull

**Chris Stanley** - April 08, 2021 at 08:03 PM

---



“ A very unique, talented, and good human being, Jim was always positive and helpful to all. He was also very honest. A bad idea would be explained in a very nice and smoothing way...but you saw the light. It was hard to have a bad conversation with Jim. His sense of humor and his caring for others just wouldn't let it happen. Over the years I'm sure that Jim helped over a thousand or more franchisees make the right decisions and end up with a building that looked and worked much better and was more cost efficient that they were proud of. Many franchisees and entrepreneurs have large egos by nature. Jim had a natural way of handling that and spoke to the individual. I never saw him loose his temper. His advice to me in the 70's was, "The first one to loose his temper or raise his voice has lost the argument." A thought I have remembered and used for the past 40 + years with gratitude to Jim. If anyone gets and large welcome in heaven, ti will be Jim. A life well lived. With all my sympathy for your loss. Greg Plank

**Greg Plank** - April 08, 2021 at 12:46 PM

---



“ RIP, old friend. For 15 years at Sheraton and Starwood and many dinners and get togethers, always a wonderful guy and friend. Condolences & prayers for Maris, children and family. Sam W

**Sam W** - April 08, 2021 at 11:42 AM

---



“ We have sweet and fun memories sharing many meals and holidays with Jim. He was funny, kind, a great story teller and full of love and joy! Love, the Gilreath family

**nicole gilreath** - April 08, 2021 at 11:06 AM

---



“ I had the privilege to travel and share stories with Jim over the years at BW. We are all better and smarter for having known him. Jim, you remain in my heart and thoughts!

**Elliott Stepman** - April 08, 2021 at 10:17 AM

---



“ My sincere condolences to Jim's family. I only knew Jim for a short time. I had the opportunity to share some stories during business trips and over dinners in that time while I worked with Jim through BW. We had alot of laughs. I know many people will miss Jim and his smile. I know I do. Rest in peace Jim.

**Scott** - April 07, 2021 at 09:47 PM

---



“ I have so many wonderful memories travelling with Jim in Canada. He so loved coming north of the border no matter how remote or cold it was. My favourite memory will always be the frequent dinners at Boston Pizza Restaurants and enjoying wine, pasta and conversation about anything else but work. I will cherish the time spent with him. Rest easy Jim! One last cheers to you my friend...

**Victoria Ganuelas** - April 07, 2021 at 09:15 PM

---



“ Hi, I will miss you cousin. Patrick Orlando.

**Patrick Orlando** - April 07, 2021 at 09:00 PM

---



“ Working with Jim at BW is something I will always treasure. So many memories of meals filled with good food, wine and alot of laughter. Jim's industry knowledge can not be surpassed, but it is his wit, compassion and deep love for his family that made him truly special.

**Lynn** - April 07, 2021 at 07:08 PM

---



“ To the Bonanno Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. As a co-worker to Jim, we were actually all friends. Jim was a part of us contributing to so many successful projects. His practical, non complicated approach made it so easy to work with him. We had great conversations while we traveled and dined together. I looked forward to seeing him and he all of us. He liked his cars and we had many wonderful conversations about those he owned. He also loved his family and was as eager to get home to his wife. Our world was graced with Jim, we enjoyed every minute we had together. His sense of humor and travel experiences will stay with me for many years to come. Rest well Jim, We love and miss you and will always remember your contributions to us all.

**Dwayne - BW** - April 07, 2021 at 06:16 PM

---



“ When I got a job at Best Western I had to go out and train with all my co-workers and the one I did not look forward to going out with was Jim. He looked like he was going to be a hard person to talk to and learn from.....nothing could have been further from the truth. In the short time I know Jim we became best of buds. He helped me so much and was such a man of faith....he became one of my mentors. Even after we both lost our jobs because of covid, he would call me every Monday to see how I was doing and reminisce about the great times we had traveling together. The only thing I regret about knowing Jim was that it was such a short time but until we meet back up again in heaven and have a few laughs, my memory of will live forever. Thanks for being such a good friend and mentor.....I will miss you tons.

Gary Hatch

**Gary Hatch** - April 07, 2021 at 05:52 PM

---



“ Dino And Barbara lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Bonanno



**Dino and Barbara** - April 07, 2021 at 05:11 PM

---



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Bonanno.



April 07, 2021 at 04:10 PM