



## James H. Cunningham Jr.

May 5, 1936 - May 27, 2021

The Lord opened his arms and brought James H. Cunningham, Jr., of Belle Vernon, to a new life on Thursday, May 27, 2021 after battling a three month illness. A son of the late Howard and Pearl Phillip Cunningham, he was born May 5, 1936 on Indian Hill, Rostraver Twp. Jim graduated from Monessen High School with the class of 1954. He was proud to have served our country in the United States Army, serving a tour of duty in Korea as a surveyor on the DMZ line. He retired in 1986 after 30 years from the Monessen Plant of the Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Company in the steam department. He also retired after 20 years as a bus driver for the Belle Vernon Area School District. He had a love for the outdoors and spent hours manicuring his shrubs and trimming his lawn. He was a perfectionist at all he did. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and loved spending family time with each and every one of them. He especially enjoyed his summer vacations at the beach with his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Bucci Cunningham with whom he would have celebrated 63 years of marriage on July 5, 2021. He was the proud father of son, James J. Cunningham and his wife Lynn of Sewickley, daughter, Jackie Eck and husband Gregg of East Stroudsburg, four grandchildren, Victoria Cunningham of Biltmore Lake, NC, Aaron Cunningham and fiancé McKenna Bergman of Charlotte, NC, Nicole Eck of Essex, MD, and Gregory Eck of East Stroudsburg; one sister, Cindy Phillips and husband Jeff of Dawson, brother-in-law Joe Bucci and wife Theresa of Canandaigua, NY, sister-in-law, Dolores Becken and husband Irv

of Ontario, NY, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Joyce Waldow, mother-in-law Jennie Bucci Merando, sister-in-law Elizabeth Frank and husband Anthony, sister-in-law Marie Valente and husband Dominick, brother-in-law Michael Bucci and wife Helen, niece Annette Valente, nephew Michael Bucci, and great, great-nephew, Samuel Grimm. Friends will be received on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 from 3 to 8 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com). A blessing will be held on Thursday at 10 AM in the funeral home with Rev. James Bump officiating. Entombment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Blessing Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim and Joyce was our neighbor for many years on Belle. He was a wonderful person and like they said, he loved his home and yard...took a lot of proud in them. May he rest in peace. My sympathy to the whole family. Karen (Cinti) Triscik*

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**karen I triscik** - June 02, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Cunningham family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Very Respectfully,*

*John and Carrie Fundy*

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**John Fundy** - June 02, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..*



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June 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM

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“ Your cousins, Ron & Duane Philipp purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..



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**Your cousins, Ron & Duane Philipp** - May 31, 2021 at 05:00 PM

LW

“ Aunt Joyce, Jimmy Jo, Jackie and Family - we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Even though we are far apart you are all in our hearts. Heaven gained another angel and he is now watching over all of us. Much love from Oregon. Leslie, Alan, Raelynn Waldow and our families.



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**Leslie Waldow** - May 31, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ Carol Eck, Adele and family, Beverly and family. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..



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**Carol Eck, Adele and family, Beverly and family.** - May 30, 2021 at 11:23 AM

ET

“Joyce, Jim, Jackie & family, so sorry for the loss of Big Jim. His big smile and soft voice will be missed at the family gatherings. May God bless you all in this most difficult time. you all are in our thoughts & Prayers.

*The Taylor's*

*Nancy*

*Eric, Melissa, Anthony, Alex & Megan*

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Eric Taylor - May 29, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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“Eric Taylor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..



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Eric Taylor - May 29, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..



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May 28, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..



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May 28, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James H. Cunningham Jr..*



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May 28, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Joyce & our deepest condolence for the loss of your beloved Jim.  
Betty & Jack Ventura*

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**Betty Ventura** - May 28, 2021 at 05:00 PM