



## James Raymond Beaver

May 27, 1941 - July 3, 2023

James Raymond Beaver, 82, formerly of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away in Naples, Florida, on July 3, 2023. Jim was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 27, 1941, to the late Ernest Raymond MD and Frances Jeannette (Chapman) Beaver. He married his beloved Carole Jean Courtright in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 24, 1962. Jim graduated from Rensselaer High School with class of 1959, and Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and a JD degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1968.

After law school, Jim managed the campaign office of a candidate for Indiana's 2nd Congressional District. Upon winning, he and Carole moved to Washington DC where Jim served as Administrative Assistant. Jim enjoyed the work on Capitol Hill immensely but eventually his passion for practicing law won out.

In 1970, Jim, Carole, and their new daughter Shannon left Washington D.C. and returned to their hometown, Rensselaer. Jim remained active in politics, serving as the Jasper County Republican Chairman for several years in the 1970s.

Jim and U.S. Rep. Charles J. Halleck (retired) founded the law firm of Halleck and Beaver, P.C. During his 46 years of legal practice, Jim served as the Jasper County Attorney and represented the Jasper County Board of Commissioners, the Jasper County Board of Aviation Commissioners, and the Jasper County Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Jim additionally provided general legal services to countless area residents. Always a gentleman, Jim practiced law with dignity and humility, uplifting the legal profession in his own way—by setting excellence as his own personal standard, and by extending every courtesy to those he met along the way. To Jim, everyone's personal situation was important, and the outcome mattered only if obtained by diligence and fairness. In 2010, Jim's son Eric joined the practice, and the firm was renamed Beaver & Beaver P.C. Jim retired from the practice of law in 2016, and Jim and Carole retired in Naples, Florida.

During their many years on Home Avenue, Erin and Eric were born and all three children later graduated from his alma mater with Erin also earning a law degree.

Jim enjoyed fishing at the nearby family lake and any lake where the fish were biting. He was an avid golfer who loved spending time golfing with his buddies at Curtis Creek Country Club. Fall meant the approaching seasons of the Chicago Bears and cheering on his Indiana Hoosiers, especially during the Bobby Knight era and the national titles.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carole, three children, Shannon K (Scott) Engelken, Scottsdale, AZ; Erin Rae Adell, Carmel, IN; and Eric James (Clair) Beaver of Rensselaer; grandchildren, Alexander, Andrew and Ava Engelken; Isabella and twins Mitchell and Madeleine Beaver, and step grandchildren Katherine and Jacob Retek; sister, Janet Rae Beaver MD (Tom Schaub); brothers, Steven Russell Beaver MD and Richard Elston Beaver. He was predeceased in death by his parents.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM CT at the Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 AM CT at the church. A luncheon will be held at Curtis Creek Country Club from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM CT.

Memorial contributions may be made payable to Jasper Newton Foundation with Rensselaer Urban Forestry Council in the memo line, PO Box 295, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

**AUG 2.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
107 E. Angelica Street  
Rensselaer, IN

## Memorial Service

**AUG 2.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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107 E. Angelica Street  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Judy Siegrist - July 17 at 01:13 PM

DF

“ *Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Diane Fish - July 14 at 09:13 PM

DF

*With sympathy  
Peter and Diane Fish*

Diane Fish - July 14 at 09:14 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Martha Langley - July 13 at 10:29 AM

TE

“ *Condolences to his family.*



Terry - July 12 at 11:08 AM

SJ

“ *Stacey Johansson lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Stacey Johansson - July 12 at 09:26 AM

EG

“ *My condolences to Jim Beaver family!*



Elaine Gembala - July 11 at 05:08 PM

KS

“ *Kevin And Mary Scheurich lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Kevin and Mary Scheurich - July 11 at 04:01 PM

DH

“ *Dale And Trish Hamacher lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Dale and Trish Hamacher - July 11 at 12:25 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



Martha Langley - July 11 at 10:28 AM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching*



**Myles Beeching** - July 10 at 06:16 PM

BP

“ *Bob& Heidi Phillips lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



**Bob& Heidi Phillips** - July 10 at 03:08 PM

JP

“ *Jeff & Kris Phillips lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



**Jeff & Kris Phillips** - July 10 at 10:32 AM

JO

“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



**Janice Odom** - July 10 at 09:25 AM

SB

“ *Steven Beaver lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver*



**Steven Beaver** - July 09 at 02:45 PM

PB

“ Penny & Joe Bardoczi lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Penny & Joe Bardoczi - July 09 at 10:02 AM

PM

“ Patty Miller lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



patty miller - July 09 at 07:40 AM

RB

“ Richard Elston Beaver lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Richard Elston Beaver - July 08 at 11:03 AM

MS

Dick- I'm so sorry to hear of your brothers passing. I sure miss seeing you at the library and around town waving and greeting all of your friends. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Melissa

Melissa Smith - July 11 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ Janet Rae Beaver lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Janet Rae Beaver - July 08 at 10:07 AM

DH

“ Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Dale Huhn - July 07 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Judy Burvan - July 07 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Judy Siegrist - July 07 at 09:35 AM



“ Don Waymouth lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Don Waymouth - July 06 at 08:05 PM

BF

“ Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of James Raymond Beaver



Bethel Ford - July 06 at 07:04 PM