



# James Best

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## **James Best**

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**B**est, Jim, 74, of Odessa, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend of many moved on to Heaven the evening of July 30, 2014. Born in Rocky Mount, N.C. Jim moved to Tampa as a young boy. After graduating from Hillsborough High School in 1958 he enlisted in the USAF and served in Shemya, AK and Bari, Italy. He returned to Tampa and worked at Marine Bank, the Florida Insurance Commission and The Tampa Port Authority. He was a graduate of USF. Jim was a member of the Greater Tampa Association of Realtors for over 30 years, selling real estate throughout Tampa Bay. He was very dedicated to Keystone Community Church and served on the Facilities Acquisition Team. Jim is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Kathy, son, James Best Jr., granddaughters, Isabella and Brianna and their mother, Tonya, brothers Bill (Ann) and Randy, in-laws, William and Sara Cooper, Herb and Vicki Shoun and numerous nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Jim's honor to Keystone Community Church Building Fund, 21010 St. Rd. 54, Lutz, FL 33558 or the HPH Hospice Foundation, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34677. A Celebration of Life will be held at Keystone Community Church, August 9 at 10 AM. Jim never complained about being stricken with pancreatic cancer and always professed his assurance of his ultimate destination.



## Tribute Wall

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**Charlie Tillman** posted:

I met Jim and his lovely wife a few years ago as they were traveling on Amtrak. I was the conductor when they boarded the train in Gastonia, NC. Jim and his wife were the most gracious and down to earth people that you could imagine. We spoke a while about a few of the roles he had played in the past as well about the museum that he and his wife were setting up in Hickory, NC. What a pleasure and an honor to have spent those few minutes with him. I had been a fan of his for years and was especially fond of his portrayal of Jim Lindsey on The Andy Griffith Show. We also talked about other roles he had played on The Twilight Zone and various westerns. What a guy. He will be surely missed.

January 6 at 11:40 AM

DD

**Dan Dill** posted:

Kathy, Please accept our most sincere sympathies at the passing of Jim. There was never a time that I didn't see a smile on his face. I will miss seeing him and talking with you guys on your nightly walks past our house. You both were such a welcome site as our neighborhood grew. When we first built our home in Phase 4 in Wyndham Lakes we didn't know what kind of neighbors we would have. It was such a joy to meet you two after you moved in. It's hard to believe that was 15 years ago. I wish all of our neighbors were as nice and caring as you folks are. Please take comfort in knowing that you are going to see him again one day and this time apart will only seem as a blur. Then, both of you will walk the "Streets of Gold" together! God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow! With love, Dan and Adrienne Dill

August 2 at 6:09 AM

JG

**Jack Grisley** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy and family, Jim was a special man, always welcoming from when we first met as one of the first in phase 4 of Wyndham Lakes. He will be missed and blessed in heaven. Love Jack, Lorie, Tyler and Ashley Grisley

August 1 at 3:48 PM



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