



James R. Baird

September 22, 1937 - May 8, 2019

James R. Baird, 81, Coach Jim joined his Heavenly Father Wednesday May 8, 2019 suddenly from a heart attack at the age of 81.

Jim is preceded in death by his mother, Adelaide; father, Joseph Kendrick; brothers, Donnie and "June" and sister Jane.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 55 years, Jeannie Kellner Baird and his children Theresa Marks (Ted), John (Kim), Donna Bruno (Ed), Vince (Mary). He has 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Kathy Cahill.

He was a retired sheet metal journeyman in local 110 and taught the apprenticeship for years. He was considered the best copper guy east of the Mississippi. He continued to work until the day he transitioned. He loved football and was a volunteer football coach for 60 years. He coached 25 years in the CSAA winning several Toy Bowl championships. He loved coaching at Trinity. Jim was a big New England Patriots fan. He was in the army reserve. He was a devout Catholic and a member of St Bernard since 1970. He cherished his relationship with Jesus and had a special devotion to Padre Pio. He was a very giving and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Funeral Mass for Coach Jim will be at 11 AM on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Saint Bernard Catholic Church, 7500 Tangelo Drive. Visitation will take place from 2-8 PM on Sunday, May 12 at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road, with a vigil at 7:30 PM.

Memorial donations may be given in Coach Jim's memory to Mass of the Air and the Catholic Education Foundation. Online condolences may be shared at www.Ratterman.com.

Cemetery

St. Michaels Cemetery

1153 Charles Street
Louisville, KY, 40204

Events

MAY 13 **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
7500 Tangelo Drive, Louisville, KY, US, 40228

Comments



“ Coach Jim was my football, basketball, and baseball coach from 5th grade to 8th grade at St.Lawrence..He was like a second father to me. He took me to hospital when I separated my shoulder at baseball practice & washed my eye out when my glasses got broken during basketball practice..my brother played for his Toy Bowl champion team..He said we need more men like him guiding young children..Amen

Moe Gardner - May 11 at 05:20 PM



“ I first want to offer my condolences to the family for their loss. Coach Baird was a huge reason why I went to Trinity. He talked to me about the possibility of going there and as an 8th grade boy, the last thing I wanted to do was go to a school full of boys. That's until I started talking about football and life with coach Baird. He made a lasting impression on me and I thank him for everything he taught me. I loved that team he helped bring together and I now have close brothers for life that I played with at Trinity. Thank you coach for everything and I know you're up in heaven putting together your next great team. RIP

Marcus Marshall - May 10 at 09:06 AM



“ Thanks Marcus

John Baird - May 10 at 01:59 PM



“ Theresa, I hope you are able to find comfort in your family and memories as you celebrate the life of your father.

Love,
Kim Parham



Kim Parham - May 10 at 08:20 AM



“ Billy Kellner lit a candle in memory of James R. Baird



Billy Kellner - May 09 at 10:37 PM



“ Thinking of all of you and knowing you'll keep close the memories of a great husband, dad, grandpa and friend

jenni mcall - May 09 at 10:45 PM



“ St. Bernard (especially, me) will miss your friendly face and gestures of genuine friendliness. Thank you, Jim, for strawberries and peaches, too. You will be remembered, for sure!!!

Alice McCall

Alice McCall - May 10 at 07:05 AM



“ Thanks so much

John Baird - May 10 at 02:01 PM