



## James Robert Gallaher Jr.

February 17, 1949 - December 4, 2020

James “Jim” (Puttybird) Robert Gallaher, Jr., age 71 of Wheeling, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on Friday, December 4, 2020.

He was born February 17, 1949 in Wheeling, WV son of the late James R. Gallaher, Sr. and Betty Sprowls Gallaher Shivley.

Jim was a self-employed contractor, a US Army Vietnam veteran, a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a supporter of Autism Speaks and active in the WVU Campus Ministry.

Survivors include his wife, of 38 years, Tamara “Tami” Pohl Gallaher; two daughters: Elizabeth “Beth” (Chad) Grimes of Charlotte, NC and Kathleen “Katy” (Michael) Wakim of San Francisco, CA; one son: James “Jamey” Gallaher, III of Wheeling; one grandson: Colten Grimes; two sisters: Barbara (Ron) Jones of St. Clairsville, OH and Debbie (Steve) Schierholt of Columbus, OH; mother-in-law: Muriel Pohl of Cincinnati, OH; two brothers-in-law: Timothy (Donna) Pohl of Cincinnati, OH and Steven (Judy) Pohl of Eugene, OR and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests masks be worn and social distancing observed when they receive friends on Tuesday from 11:00am until time of service at 1:00pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16 Ridgecrest Rd., Bethlehem with Rev. Timothy Spence officiating. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

A celebration of life will be held next summer.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16 Ridgecrest Rd., Bethlehem, WV 26003 or Miracle League of the Ohio Valley, c/o YMCA, 55 Lounez Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003 or WVU Campus Ministry, 293 Willey St., Morgantown, WV 26505.

# Cemetery

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**Grisell Crematory**

Moundsville, WV,

# Events

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**DEC 8 Visitation 11:00AM - 01:00PM**

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Grace Lutheran

16 Ridgecrest Rd., Wheeling, WV, US

**DEC 8 Funeral Service 01:00PM**

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Grace Lutheran

16 Ridgecrest Rd., Wheeling, WV, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Grisell Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Thank you for sharing all these beautiful memories. These photos really capture Jim's personality.

**Jennifer Mathieu** - December 08, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Tami, Jamey, and family... I watched the video during the viewing and funeral and felt as if I were there with you! What wonderful memories, and what a gentle, kindhearted, giant of a gentleman Jim was! Memory Eternal.

**Mary S. Migias** - December 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Go Bless a Good Family. Please find comfort in the sunshine and that Jim fondly touched so many lives. With much sympathy for your loss. RIP Jim



**Sarita** - December 27, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Sarita sent a virtual gift in memory of James Robert Gallaher Jr.



**Sarita** - December 27, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ Tami,

Writing you here because it's the quickest way for me to reach out.....I was not at all aware of Jim's passing until just last night when my cousin Brad told me. I'm very sad to have missed paying my respects and love in person.

I'm so very, very sorry for your deep loss. And the community's loss as well, because Jim was such a beautiful and integral and kind part of it all of his life.

I have nothing but incredibly fond memories of him while growing up and the great love and friendship you both shared with my family, especially my dad and myself. You are wonderful people. Jim will never be forgotten. And i hope taking that knowledge to heart will comfort you during this very painful time. Sending you much love. Michelle Duffy

**Michelle Duffy** - December 13, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ Tami and family,

So sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you.

Bill, Barb, Corey and Kelly Albers

**Barb Albers** - December 09, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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“ I am so sorry I could not attend the service for Jim because of COVID. As my furnace repairman - he was always there for me. He was one of the most caring persons I know - especially when it came to his son and his family. We go back to when he came to AEP & brought his son with him to pick up installation orders for the Hot Water Heaters. May he rest in peace & his family receive Gods strength at this very difficult time.

**Lillian Payne** - December 08, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Thanks, Lil.

**Tami** - December 09, 2020 at 07:48 AM

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“ I would like to express to the family and friends of Jim Gallagher how deeply sorry I am to hear about his passing.

I've been a client of Jim's for quite a few years. He was the nicest man and always made me laugh. He actually nicknamed me "thermacouple" because every time I had to have my hot water tank serviced it always seemed to be the thermacouple that needed to be replaced.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Debbie Nelson  
Mozart, Wheeling, WV

**Debra Sue Nelson** - December 08, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Thank you, Debbie.

**Tami** - December 09, 2020 at 07:49 AM

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“ Mary S. Migias lit a candle in memory of James Robert Gallaher Jr.



**Mary S. Migias** - December 08, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ Dear Tami,  
So sorry. He was a quiet giant of a man. Fixed our temperamental furnace many times and regaled us with stories of how fussy the old Edgwood Lutheran Church furnace was (same model as ours). May your memories and our God comfort you and your family now and always.

Steve and Mary Maxwell

**Mary Maxwell** - December 08, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Tami, I was sad to see that Jim had also taken, so much loss in one week . Our prayers and sympathy are with you.  
Mike and. Mickey

**Micheal Speaker** - December 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss from The Hogan Family (Pat,Sally,John,Heather and Holly Hogan Timmons)

**Sally Meek Hogan** - December 08, 2020 at 09:16 AM

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“ Gallaher family -  
I just wanted to share my love and fond memories of Jim with you all. Clearly, I feel as though I've been a part of your family since I was 15 years old. This was when Jim told me I needed to tone down the eyeliner - Thanks, Jim - life lesson! =) I loved how he always made me feel welcomed and at home at your house.  
My heart is with you all today. Love each one of you.



**Jennifer Mathieu** - December 08, 2020 at 07:53 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My sympathy and prayers for all of you. In July of 2006, I was having a 90th birthday party for my mother. I was pretty upset to have to get a new hot water tank that very morning, along with preparing to entertain about 16 people in my little house. Jim to the rescue in more ways than one. I had one cousin, that just simply talked your ears off. Poor Jim, how graciously he entertained old Bob while installing the heater. The fascination, of course, was the hydraulic dolly that negotiated my basement steps. After the installation, he was rather surprised when we insisted he stay and eat with us. Jim was truly a gem. I pray our Lord will comfort all of you.

**BONITA F MIHLBAUER** - December 08, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ Thank you Bonita. I love hear stories from his 'customers' who were more like friends. Do I remember you from a doctor's office in Warwood? I was the nurse.

**Tami** - December 08, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ Mrs Gallagher, Brenda and I were very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim was one of a kind. He was the only person we could truly trust whenever we needed his services. It's hard to find someone like Jim in the world today and he will be greatly missed by anyone who knew him. Your family will be in our prayers.

**Dave and Brenda Gessler** - December 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Thank you so much.

**Tami** - December 07, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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“ Dear Tami, and family: I was heartbroken to hear of Jim's death. Please know that Dave and I are holding all of you in prayer.

Jim was such a blessing to me during my time at Edgwood Lutheran Church. He always came into the office with a smile and a, "Hi, Boss". He was a trusted advisor, someone I could call for anything (including a bathtub faucet that wouldn't turn-off...), and a dear friend. Jim always had my back.

My most precious memory of Jim is of him carrying baby Colton around the perimeter of the fellowship hall, singing to him, while we were all eating at the tables.

Please tell Jamey that Pastor Beth says Hi.

All my love:

- Rev. Beth Westphal

**Beth Westphal** - December 07, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ Thank you. He was one of a kind!!

**Tami** - December 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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“ 121 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Grisell Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Such amazing memories. There are no appropriate words for such a loss. You have such a loving family. My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.

**Janet Goddard** - December 07, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ Tami & family: Thinking of you & sending prayers that the good memories will comfort you in this difficult time.

Sandy Duvall - December 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Thank you, Sandy.

Tami - December 07, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James Robert Gallaher, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Army Veteran, James Robert Gallaher, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 07, 2020 at 02:35 AM



“ Thank you.

Tami - December 07, 2020 at 05:24 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 06, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Doris and I are sorry for your loss. Jim was a good friend, as you all were. We'll miss him greatly. You and your family are in our prayers.  
Lutz

**Lutz Albrecht** - December 06, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Thank you!

**Tami** - December 07, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ We remember your hospitality when we visited you in wheeling. Jim was a loving family man and has received his crown of glory. Ann and Chuck. Friends from Cincinnati

**Chuck and Ann.** - December 06, 2020 at 04:30 PM



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**Tami** - December 07, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Jim always wanted to help people, and that he did. I remember that Jim came to our home on a weekend to fix an upstairs commode for us and didn't want anything in return. He took great care of Jamey and was an all around good guy.

**Ron Johnston** - December 06, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Jim was such a wonderful person and so full of life . We met Jim when he was working with hot water tanks . He came here several times and always talked some too . He knew our daughter from the credit union where she worked and they could always find something to share . Jim will be greatly missed . Please know you're all in my heartfelt prayers and thoughts during this difficult time . It's never easy ! May our loving Lord hold you all closely in his arms , giving you the strength during these difficult days ! Whatever you need , I'm here for you ! Hugs and prayers Mary Maguire

**Mary Maguire** - December 05, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Tammy, Beth, Katie, Jamey: I was saddened to learn of Jimmy's passing. His mild manner, jokes and friendly banter made seeing him a pleasure, even when fixing some crazy household problem. He could make any problem a joy, just by his presence. Always pleasant, jovial and available a true blessing to his customers. ThankYou for sharing Jim with the rest of us. Heaven has a new Heating, Plumber and AC specialist. God Bless All of You at this difficult time.

**Mike Baker** - December 06, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 05, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Jim and Tami ran a household of love, fun, spirituality, and strength. When I think of Jim, I remember the box truck with the orange cone on the back! Hugs to everyone. May your days ahead continue to be filled with love, fun, spirituality and strength.  
Patti



**Patti** - December 05, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 05, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ Tami, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Take comfort in your memories.

**melanee sinclair** - December 05, 2020 at 06:20 PM

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“ Jim was a wonderful friend especially to my precious husband, Bob. I am sure they have greeted each other at the gate with a hug.

**Peggy** - December 05, 2020 at 06:09 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 05, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Gallaher Jr..



December 05, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ The Best neighbor a family could ask for. From fixing everything that broke to pulling one of Drew's teeth. Jim and Tammy will always be my favorite neighbors.  
Chuck and Ola Snow

**Chuck Snow** - December 05, 2020 at 05:14 PM