



## James L. Benner

March 2, 1936 - May 5, 2019

James L. Benner, 83, of Newark, DE returned to his heavenly home in the arms of Jesus on May 5, 2019 after a valiant battle with a long illness. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God carried him through a long and happy life and ultimately gave him peace.

James worked for Chrysler for over 42 years and retired in 2001. In his younger years, he worked with his father at Benner Brothers Plumbing in Ohio. He was one of the founding members of Friendship Baptist Church as well as a deacon, Sunday school director, and teacher. James enjoyed music, playing his guitar, and he loved to sing. Also, in his spare time, he loved working on cars, fixing many things and spending time with his family.

James was born to the late Jesse V. Benner and Marzella E. Benner, in Portsmouth, Ohio on March 2, 1936. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jesse Virgil Benner and Darryl Benner, and his nephew, John Combs.

James was blessed with a large and loving family and is survived by his loving wife, Rosetta (Coleman) Benner of 63 years; his three daughters, Carolyn Snyder and her husband Terry of Middletown, DE, Susan Connell and her husband Robert of Elkton, MD, Sheila Stecher and her husband, Edward, of Bear, DE; his three sons, James Benner and his wife, Kelly, of Auburndale, FL, Jesse Benner and his wife, Sharon, of Newark, DE, and Joseph Benner of Newark, DE. James was the proud grandfather of 16 beautiful grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Flo Polk of St. Petersburg, FL, Bonnie Bertram of Ohio, Diana Kritzwiser of Ohio, Connie Martin of Ohio and his brother Bruce Benner and his wife, Donna of Ohio; as well as his many brother-in-law's, sisters-in-law's, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

The viewing will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 5pm to 7pm with services beginning at 7pm

at

Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark, DE 19711. The

burial

will take place at the the Green Coleman Family Cemetery in Shelbiana, KY

on

Tuesday, May 14th.

Memorial

donations may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 2200 Glasgow Ave,

Newark,

DE 19702.

# Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James L. Benner



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**Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes** - August 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

SL

“ To the Benner Family:  
I am so sorry about your Loss. Jim was a super nice man. He will be missed. I will always remember him and my husband Dennis outside talking about things happening in the neighborhood. May God Bless Him..  
My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.  
Jim, R I P

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**Susan Lawler** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jimmy passing. I am sure he will be in heaven with his dad and his aunt lena ,garnet ,roy and red they all will be watching down on all of us.

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**Joyce Maphet Urkew** - May 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *My love thoughts and prayers to all the family from across the pond. I send you strength*

Pauline Taylor - May 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen uncle Jim in a long time. I do remember how sweet he always was. I know he will be missed greatly. You all are in my prayers. Love you all.*

Sharon Lyon - May 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Stecher & Benner family,*

James Keatts - May 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you all! 🙏 I loved my uncle Jim so so much! 😭 I will miss that sweet smile and that laughter ! Gary and I will see you all in Kentucky on Monday! Love you 💕💕💕 🙏*

Darenda Olsen - May 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *I am sorry about your loss but, God has a plan and Jim is in that plan. We have to remember the time we had the love he had for each of us, until we meet again. God bless all of you*

Elizabeth G Boles - May 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Krista McCrea - May 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Benner Family,

*I am very sorry for your loss of a great man!! I am very heartbroken, but also glad that he is no longer suffering.*

*My fondest memories of Mr. Benner was always working on one of the cars, mowing the lawn, or talking to my dad for hours about something that happened at Chrysler or something/someone in the neighborhood. My dad and Mr. Benner were 2 peas in a pod. He was a very good neighbor, was always looking out for the kids and other neighbors. He helped me get my car started (even though my mom and dad didn't tell me about a switch) he seen me out there trying to start it, he immediately came over, he looked at a few things and realized there was a starter switch... and off I went! I just had gotten my license and he always told me to be careful when I would go out. We had a very special way of saying "Hello", he would always whistle to me and I back to him. When I seen him last I did that and he smiled. Mr. Benner was very loving and always had time for everyone, and if you needed something he was there, he will be truly missed by all that loved him.*

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**Tracey De Nofio (Lawler)** - May 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM