



James Heruska

November 30, 2024

James Nicholas Heruska born April 16, 1942, passed away November 30, 2024

Jim was born to John Heruska and Ann Hudak Heruska. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother John (Jack) Heruska, his daughter Jami Ann Heruska Salac and his grandson Caleb Michael Bean. Anyone who knew Jim knew he lived life to the fullest and most everything he did we was successful, from being a real estate broker in the mountains of Colorado, to a hog and cattle farmer in Arkansas, to an investment broker in Gulf Shores Alabama where he found his true calling. He was a wonderful broker and loved helping his clients. It brought him great joy and satisfaction up until he reluctantly retired at the age of 81. Throughout Jim's life he was extremely active, training and competing in multiple marathons and triathlons. Fishing, especially with his high school friends for over 60 years. He loved to entertain where he would host an annual hog roast at his farm in Arkansas, to having friends to his house on Ono Island and grilling for them. He was a wonderful cook and was frequently the life of the party. He was an avid reader and enjoyed a nightly Martini on his back patio overlooking the ocean. He loved to watch sports and wasn't above laying down a bet or two especially on college football with his buddy Ski. He leaves behind two daughters Shera Heruska Bean (Paul Bean), and Nicki LaDene Adkins (Joe Adkins). Eight grandchildren Christen Salac Hall (Zackary Hall), Thomas Salac, Rachel Salac, Joshua

Bean (Beth Colley), Zachary Bean, Nathan Adkins, Sarah Adkins, and Alyssa Adkins. Two Great grandchildren Emi Hall and Lila Hall. He leaves behind many loyal friends. His family would like to express their gratitude to his amazing caregivers that have loved him well through his illness and made his last days peaceful Amie Newcomb, Pat Griffith, Josephine Prim, Kristina Harris, and Barbara Smith. His neighbors on Ono Island Kim and Dan checked on him, cooked for him and were a wonderful friends to him. Julie Alexander who was an amazing help while he worked, always treating him with compassion and kindness. A special thanks to the people who loved him to the end Ski, Linda, Rosalie, Jill, and John.

In lieu of flowers please donate to American Legion Eastern Shore Post 199, www.easternshorepost199.com

We will celebrate Jim's life the way he would like with drinks and food. Feel free to drop in and help us toast Jim, Thursday December 5th from 5-8 Sunset Point at Fly Creek Creek Marina 831 N. Section Street Fairhope Al 36532.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart is heavy knowing that Jim has passed. It's been years since we've been together with him and Sharrol. The last being when he was raising hogs. But my memories go back to Conifer, Colorado. Jim and Sharrol were our closest friends and a day didn't go by without talking or seeing either one of them. Oh the fond memories I have.....Jim you were quite the guy. Thanks for the Good Times and wonderful memories!* ”

Carmella Roberts - December 04, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Heruska.* ”



December 03, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember being with Tony and visiting you in Colorado, Arkansas and beautiful Gulf Shores. Jim was so much of a joy to be around. Jim, RIP and may God bless your soul.* ”



Dianne Kennedy - December 03, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, being with all of you in Colorado, Arkansas and beautiful Gulf Shores was some of my best memories. What a fun great man. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him. May you RIP Jim and may God Bless Your Soul.



Dianne Kennedy-Cleveland, Ohio - December 02, 2024 at 11:27 PM

LM

“ It is difficult to share a memory since my life and my family have intertwined with Jim and his family for over 70 years since 7th grade at CHS. We reconnected with Jim and his family when they moved to the Hog Farm in Arkansas. Jim and Sharrol welcomed Bob and I and Rob and Kate immediately. The memories and laughter are such high lights in the tapestry of life's journey. Bob and Jim were such good friends and were always there for each other. Jim loved his girls so much and we all got to love them back.. Our kids had amazing times together at the farm and then Gulf Shores. When Bob died I could call Jim and he would immediately lift my spirits. He had an amazing gift to make you laugh and talk about fun times together. Jim's uniqueness and quirks will be missed. I send much love to his family at this sad time.

Linda McStay - December 02, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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“ When I first met Jim, we realized we were BOHUNKS so that became his name. The thing I remembered most about Jim was his love of sweets. He always made me feel like the best baker in the world. It worked cuz I would bring him samples of my baking. I enjoyed teasing him and have missed him since his retirement. Sympathy to the family.

elaine Durmer - December 02, 2024 at 09:01 AM