



James Edward Beamer

September 23, 1937 - March 16, 2024

James Edward “Jim” Beamer passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 86 years. He was born September 23, 1937, the son of Rolla L. Beamer and Florence Marie Ullrich Beamer.

Jim graduated from Ottumwa (Iowa) High School in 1955. He obtained a bachelor's degree in three years from Parsons College in Fairfield Iowa, in 1958. Jim had his first teaching position at age 20, at Albia High School in Albia, Iowa. In 1960 he applied for and received a National Foundation scholarship for the improvement of mathematics and science teachers. He received a master's degree in mathematics from Notre Dame University in 1961. He taught there for the next two years in Knoxville, Iowa, and Evans Junior High in Ottumwa, Iowa. He transferred to Ottumwa High School replacing C.N. Johnson who was retiring. He was there for three years.

Jim married Alyce Jane Holton which ended in divorce in 1966. They had one daughter, Robyn.

Jim began teaching mathematics at Pershing College in Beatrice, Nebraska, in 1966. In 1967, he married Patsy K. Young, and she and her son, Shane, moved to Beatrice. Jim attended the University of Nebraska while teaching at Pershing College and received his doctorate degree in mathematics education in 1971.

Jim, Patsy, and Shane moved to Saskatoon, Canada, in 1971, where Jim was teaching mathematics and the University of Saskatchewan. Jim obtained a sabbatical from the university in 1978. He and Patsy moved to Eugene,

Oregon, where Jim obtained a master's degree in computers in education. Jim and Patsy returned to Saskatoon where he resumed teaching duties at the University of Saskatchewan. During the next 25 years, Jim published several articles in the "The Mathematics Teacher". He was also involved in the development of the math curriculum and supported the conversion to metric system at the provincial level.

Upon retirement in 1995 as a full professor from the University of Saskatchewan, he was awarded Professor Emeritus status.

Jim and Patsy moved to Owasso, Oklahoma, in 1995. Jim accepted a position at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and remained there for the next nine years, retiring in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy, of 56 years, son Shane (Lee) Young, daughter, Robyn Monaghan, grandson, Kael Young, granddaughter, Bonnie Singleton, and great grandson, Axel Young, and several nieces and nephews. Private family inurnment will be held at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa, Iowa. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Jim's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 6660 South Sheridan Road, Suite 202, Tulsa, Oklahoma, or at www.alz.org. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Cemetery Details

Memorial Lawn Cemetery

Ottumwa, IA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Lawn Cemetery
3002 N Ct St
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Tribute Wall

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“ We were neighbors for several years. They moved down to Oklahoma from Canada. After the first winter we were out talking in the cul-de-sac. Jim said he had to get out early when it snowed to shovel the driveway. I asked him why so early? He said “if you don’t it melts by noon”😭.

Kim Lewis - March 28, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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“ Doug, Kim, Kyle, Cari, Kelsey & Andrew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Beamer.

Doug, Kim, Kyle, Cari, Kelsey & Andrew - March 28, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Doug, Kim, Kyle, Cari, Kelsey & Andrew purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Edward Beamer.



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“ Jim was a good friend of our family and a great colleague to work with. Charlene and I will miss his kindness and sense of humor. All the best to Patsy, Shane and the rest of Jim's family. (Jack Hope)

Jack and Charlene Hope - March 27, 2024 at 02:26 PM