



James Francis Marron

July 28, 1946 - January 13, 2026

James Francis Marron, age 79, passed away peacefully at his home on January 13, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born on July 28, 1946, in New Castle, Pennsylvania, the son of John “Bud” Marron and Elizabeth “Betty” O’Donnell Marron. He attended and graduated from Allegheny Clarion Valley Schools in the old Emlenton building, where he was a standout student-athlete. Jim excelled in both golf and basketball and proudly held a career basketball scoring record of 996 points, a fact he would want everyone to know was achieved before the three-point line ever existed.

Jim attended Clarion University, where he played on the freshman basketball team before being drafted into the United States Army. He served honorably in Okinawa during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Specialist Fourth Class (SP4). Following his military service, Jim returned to Clarion University and completed his degree in Business Administration.

In 1982, Jim began a long and dedicated career as Director of Human Resources at Central Electric Cooperative, where he worked until his retirement in 2008. Retirement, however, marked the beginning of his second career, as he became co-owner of the Allegheny Grille in Foxburg, a business he poured his heart into and took great pride in.

Jim was deeply committed to his community and served in many meaningful roles throughout his life. He was a founding member of the area-wide Jaycees and the Foxburg Chamber of Commerce, and he served for several years on

the AC Valley School Board. A lifelong coach and mentor, Jim shared his love of sports by serving as the AC Valley Varsity Basketball Coach, shaping countless young lives along the way.

Jim was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman. Golf was especially close to his heart and one of his favorite ways to spend time with those he loved most. He cherished countless hours on the golf course with his brothers, wife, and sons. He also treasured the many days spent in the woods hunting and fishing alongside his sons and grandsons.

Above all else, Jim's greatest joy and purpose in life was his family. He married the love of his life, Ann Jenkins, on August 11, 1973, at St. Agnes Church in West Mifflin. Together, they shared 52 years of marriage built on love, laughter, and unwavering partnership.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, John "Bud" and Elizabeth "Betty" Marron; his beloved son, Patrick James Marron; and his parents-in-law, Jack and Elsie Jenkins of West Mifflin.

In addition to his wife Ann, Jim is survived by his sons, Michael (Jennifer) of Parker and Christopher (Erin) of Gibsonia; his beloved grandchildren, Jonathan and William; his brothers Jerry (Lynn) of Foxburg, John (Barb) of Johnstown, and Leo (Susan) of Foxburg; his sister Patricia (Bob) of Foxburg; and his in-laws Nancy Jenkins of Pittsburgh and Tim (Jean) Jenkins of Ohio. He is also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews: Ted (Brittany) of Mercer; Lori (Dave) and their daughters Allison (Seth) and Amelia of Foxburg; Emily (Christina) of Orlando; Leah (Andy) and their sons Dominic and Joseph of Foxburg; Megan (Jason) and their children Jack and Eve of Foxburg; and Lauren (Dan) and their sons John and Will of Ohio.

Friends will be received at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Parker (201 S. Wayne Ave.) on Sunday (1/18/2026) from 12-2pm & 4-6pm. Military Honors will be held the following day (1/19/2026) at 10:45am by the VFW and American Legion of Parker, preceding the Mass of Christian Burial at 11am at Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in Emlenton. Interment will take place at Parker Presbyterian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made via check to AC Valley Athletics with the memo of "Jim Marron" and mailed to PO Box 100, Foxburg, PA 16036.

Cemetery Details

Parker Presbyterian

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker
201 S. Wayne Street
PO Box 21
Parker, PA 16049
(724) 791-2484

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker
201 S. Wayne Street
PO Box 21
Parker, PA 16049
(724) 791-2484

Military Honors

JAN 19. 10:45 AM (ET)

Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
801 Chestnut St.
Emlenton, PA 16373

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
801 Chestnut St.
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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Jim was the first boys basketball coach to hire me to work his varsity games. I was honored to work his games! Loved seeing him and Ann at the Foxburg to grab food and talk basketball. When he retired he was at all the home games and when I worked I would always have a good chat with him. Jim you were one of the best coaches to officiate for!! Those memories will always be remembered. Sympathies to everyone whom knew Jim...we lost a great man. 🏀💕🙏

Carla Smith - January 23 at 01:10 AM

LE

“ Sorry to hear about your loss he was a good guy and a great basketball coach rest easy

Leroy - January 17 at 05:59 PM

BM

“ Chris, Erin, and family - We are absolutely heartbroken to hear about your father's passing. We always admired him as a true gentleman. It is so clear where you get your kindness, your giving nature, and your strength from. You truly are a reflection of him. We're holding you and your family close in our thoughts and prayers during this incredibly difficult time.

Brittnee and Tim Madigan - January 17 at 12:24 PM

HG

“ So long Jim,
In truth I wish I had gotten to know you better, but the circles of our lives almost never intersected and then only briefly.

It was, however, a pleasure to witness your many successes and accomplishments. Congratulations.

Know too, that all of us of A-C V '64 deeply appreciated your generously hosting our many recent reunions at the "Grille." It made all the difference.

May God rest you well from a life well and honorably lived.

Howie,

Howard Gordon - January 16 at 04:39 PM

SF

“ Sean R. Foust purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Francis Marron.



Sean R. Foust - January 16 at 02:19 PM

TT

“ The CET team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Francis Marron.



The CET team - January 16 at 01:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Francis Marron.



January 16 at 11:44 AM



“ Bill and Charlotte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.

Bill and Charlotte - January 16 at 11:44 AM



“ Sending sympathy and prayers to Ann, her sons, as well as the entire Marron family. Thinking of you all during this time of loss. Jim will not soon be forgotten. May he now rest in peace. 🕊️. Diane Bowser Winger

Diane Winger - January 16 at 10:25 AM



“ The Rapp Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Francis Marron.



The Rapp Family - January 16 at 06:46 AM

TF

“ *The Rapp Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.*

The Rapp Family - January 16 at 06:46 AM

MD

“ *Mary Boyle-Althisar and Daughters purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Francis Marron.*



Mary Boyle-Althisar and Daughters - January 16 at 06:05 AM

CF

“ *Sincere condolences to the Marron family.*

Carol Lauer Fitzgerald - January 16 at 12:29 AM

CH

“ *My sympathy to the entire Marron family. I attended ACV during the years that the Marrons were all star athletes. I remember the whole family as caring and kind people. Ann, you were my gym teacher and cheerleading coach. I'm very sorry for your loss.*
Cathy Dreibelbis Horner

Catherine Horner - January 15 at 10:10 PM

JE

“ We had the pleasure of working with Jim for several years. He was a true mentor and friend. He was a person that truly cared about his work, community and people. He will be truly missed. Our prayers go out to all his family and friends. Rest in Peace Jim.
John and Mitzi Evankovich

John and Mitzi Evankovich - January 15 at 07:48 PM

DS

“ Sorry for your loss, prayers for the family



Darla Saye - January 15 at 07:28 PM

JS

“*Jim Marron was the kind of man whose presence made life feel steadier and warmer simply because he was there. A devoted family man, loyal friend, and true gentleman, Jim lived his life with quiet strength, generosity, and an open heart.*

He found joy in the simple, meaningful moments—early mornings on the golf course, the calm of the outdoors while hunting, and time spent surrounded by those he loved most. These weren't just hobbies to Jim; they were reflections of who he was: patient, focused, and deeply appreciative of life's gifts.

Above all else, Jim loved his family. They were his pride, his purpose, and his greatest accomplishment. He showed his love not through grand gestures, but through consistency—by showing up, by listening, and by being present. Jim was always there for everyone, no questions asked. If you needed help, guidance, or simply a reassuring voice, Jim answered without hesitation.

His kindness left a lasting mark on all who knew him. Jim never sought recognition; he simply did what was right, offering support with humility and grace. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched, the lessons he taught by example, and the love he gave so freely.

Though his absence is deeply felt, Jim Marron's spirit will forever remain in the stories shared, the memories cherished, and the love carried forward by his family and friends. He will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered.

We will miss you every day ... no ... every minute. 🥹

Joe Sayers - January 15 at 07:19 PM

BB

The comment by Joe Sayers is a wonderful and eloquent summary of Jim!

Barbara Bott - January 16 at 07:15 AM

BB

Bob and I have known Jim and Ann for about 17 years, and that is short compared to the literally life- long friends they have. They have been our intro to Foxburg and our closest friends here. We will miss him every single day!

Barbara Bott - January 16 at 07:22 AM

EG

“ Edison St. Garage purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of James Francis Marron.



Edison St. Garage - January 15 at 06:59 PM

EG

“ Edison St. Garage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.

Edison St. Garage - January 15 at 06:59 PM

NW

“ Ann, I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a talented, motivated, much-admired, and friendly person. To Ann and the entire extended Marron family, I hope the wonderful memories of all the fun times shared with Jim will ease your sorrow. He will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Nancy Whyte

Nancy Whyte - January 15 at 06:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Francis Marron.



January 15 at 06:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Francis Marron.



January 15 at 06:33 PM

JJ

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to Ann, Mike, and Chris and all the Marron family as you mourn the loss of Jim. He will be truly missed by family, friends and community. Rest well, Jim.

Jocie and Dave Jackson - January 15 at 05:38 PM

CF

“ Cory Jackson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Francis Marron.



Cory Jackson and Family - January 15 at 05:19 PM

CF

“ Cory Jackson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.

Cory Jackson and Family - January 15 at 05:19 PM

SK

“ Condolences to entire Marron family in your loss. May the wonderful memories you each cherish carry you through this time of sorrow. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve & Susan King - January 15 at 05:09 PM

EF

“ Emmett & Debbie Boyle and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of James Francis Marron.



Emmett & Debbie Boyle and Family - January 15 at 05:01 PM

EF

“ Emmett & Debbie Boyle and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.

Emmett & Debbie Boyle and Family - January 15 at 05:01 PM

RM

“ So very sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a wonderful friend and coach to my kids when they were playing sports. Always gave of his time and talent freely. Wonderful guy! Prayers and hugs to Ann and his family at this difficult time.

Rhonda & Roger McCall - January 15 at 04:56 PM

BP

To the Marron family I have many memories of growing up on Ash Alley just down the road from the Marrons. The most significant memory would be the time my sister and I were playing at the Marrons and we got stuck in the mud because they were building a new home. My two aunts who lived with us...Also the time y parents found Jim and I playing in our basement in the coal bin and oh what a mess.

My heart aches for. fro you, Ann and family

Brenda Preston - January 15 at 05:54 PM

TF

“ The Sayers Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Francis Marron.



The Sayers Family - January 15 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ *The Sayers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Marron.*

The Sayers Family - January 15 at 12:29 PM