



## James R. Bishop

August 10, 1942 - September 22, 2024

James Richard Bishop, 82, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully at home on September 22, 2024. Jim was a wonderful person, always ready with a joke and a kind word. He was a rock for our family and helped many in the community as well. Jim became a deacon in 2002 in the Catholic Church and derived great joy from his duties, especially visiting the sick and bringing them communion and fellowship. He was active in many local clubs including the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Moose Lodge, and the American Legion.

Jim was born on August 10, 1942 in Pitcairn, Pennsylvania to Alan and Mildred Bishop, the eldest of four children. He was very proud of his service in the Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal (1961-1965). His later career included jobs with Southern Bell, Eastern Airlines, Pinkerton, Gainey, and Coweta County. He loved working with people and he had "more stories than Mother Goose."

Jim cheered for the Braves and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He officiated and coached baseball and football. He was scouted for professional baseball as a teenager, was a DJ in high school, performed in amateur plays, did beautiful counted cross stitch, and made amazing pina colodas. He loved big band music, old westerns, and Hallmark movies. He would always fall asleep at family gatherings, often with a sleeping baby on his lap.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Andrea; their children: Kevin, Karen (Harold), Brian (Tara), Stephen (Lisa), Rebecca, and Jimmy (Christi); the grandson they raised, Kane (Summer); their grandchildren: Caroline (Thomas), Kylie, Parker, Avery, Anna, and Victoria; their great-grandchildren: Lola, JJ, Lydia, and Maddie; and his siblings Gene (Pat) and Bunny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bill, and his daughter-in-law, Renee.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which helps those in need, or the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

Deacon Jim's Requiem Mass will be at St. George Catholic Church at 771 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA, 30263 on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:30am. A Rosary will be said at 10:00am. Please join us for a Mercy Meal after Mass and tell us your favorite Jim story.

Mckoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church  
771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Michelle Gildemeyer lit a candle in memory of James R. Bishop*



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**Michelle Gildemeyer** - October 18, 2024 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Deacon Jim Bishop was a blessing to everyone he met or came in contact with at St. George Catholic Church or anyplace he was! He was kind, caring, thoughtful, compassionate and loved to tell stories of the past to make us smile or just keep us laughing! Church and being with his family, friends, listening to his favorite music or favorite cowboy shows was his happy time! When he was sick and suffering he continued to fight and told everyone he would beat this! He never gave up with the struggles, but just continued on with his faith and love for God to take care of him and to take him when it was his time to go to heaven to be with our Lord Jesus Christ.... You will be missed by many Deacon Jim! You were a good friend to Jim and I and we will never forget you! Thoughts and prayers Andrea to you and your family during this difficult time. Deacon Jim told me he couldn't have gone through any of what he did without you and Becca! God bless you! Love, Michelle Gildemeyer*

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**Michelle Gildemeyer** - October 18, 2024 at 07:37 PM

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“ *Gayle, Sabrina, Rachel, Mandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James R. Bishop.*

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**Gayle, Sabrina, Rachel, Mandy** - October 16, 2024 at 08:29 AM