



# James Vincent Caruso

May 19, 1933 - December 8, 2023

James Vincent Caruso

05-19-1933

12-08-2023

Our Dad was a jovial man of faith, family, and all things history, planes and baseball. He and our Mom (Barbara L. Caruso, predeceased 7-6-21) met Aug 31, 1956 and were married 1 year later to the day: Aug 31, 1957. He started his career as an aviation mechanic by attending Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in Pittsburgh, PA. He & Mom had very humble beginnings, often telling us stories such as one place they lived, they didn't even have a kitchen sink. Due to employment, they moved frequently. They started in Norwich, CT, & from there traveled to Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston & eventually landed in Georgia in 1972. During their moves, they managed to create a large family, beginning with James V Caruso Jr. (deceased 01/1959). Following James Jr., Dad is survived by his remaining children. Michael Joseph (Emie), Woodstock, GA. David James (Bonnie), Charleston, SC. Cathleen Mary Rettig (Frank) Arlington Heights, IL. Jeffrey John (Alicia) Senoia, GA. Beth Caruso Sanchez (Steve) Missouri City, TX, & Jennifer Lee Caruso, Woodstock, GA. As well as 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Dad was very faithful, reading from his daily missalette nightly. He kept prayer cards that he and Mom would read together and spent many days watering the flowers (& talking with Mom) at the Mary Magdalene pergola at St Mary Magdalene Church in Newnan, GA. Little known fact, he and Mom actually made their 1st communion on the same day, many years before their actual encounter.

Dad was always there for his family. He would do anything his "bride" needed or asked. He coached my brother and sisters in various sports, and never missed a game. He taught us how to drive, he taught us the art of cards and chess and other games. He taught us how to laugh & tell jokes, and how to be lighthearted. He taught us how to respect and honor our Mother. These things and more, he did through example. Kindness to a stranger, a grateful heart, and a willingness to help whenever he could were strong

character traits our Dad embodied.

He loved history - especially anything WW2 or John Wayne. He could tell you the ins/outs of airplanes ( old & new). He was constantly reading to learn new things.

After Mom & family, I believe his 2nd love was baseball. He and Mom's first date was a Boston Red Sox game. He knew all the cool trivia about baseball, especially baseball in the 40's and 50's. Many baseball games we all got to enjoy with Dad.

Dad was in the navy when he met Mom. He was on three aircraft carriers. The USS Leyete CV-32, the USS Antietam CV-36, and the USS Tarawa CV-40.

He was a proud veteran. Growing up, the turnstiles on our roof were red, white, & blue. We even had a grill that he painted red, white , & blue. He hung the American flag every day in good weather. He was a true patriot.

His childhood consisted of Catholic school, playing stick ball in the streets of Belleville, cleaning up his Grandfather's pool hall, & swimming in the Passaic River after a thunderstorm.

Our Dad was an incredible man. Gentle to the core. A loving example of being a father, brother, husband, friend , & Grandpa. He is going to be missed by many. He was one of those people who wore the world as a loose garment. Able to graciously move through life, with a positive outlook. Every day, was a great day, in our father's eyes.

We see him reuniting with our Mom, arms outstretched, saying with a smile, "My Love My Love! " as they embrace again for eternity.

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

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 12:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully request donations to St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 3 Village Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
3 Village Road  
Newnan, GA 30265

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Patty Lavelly lit a candle in memory of James Vincent Caruso*



**Patty Lavelly** - January 13, 2024 at 08:09 AM

LC

“ *Jennifer, I'm praying for your family & the repose of the soul of your dad. We graduated together at Berry, & I'm now a parishioner at St Mary Magdalene.*

**Lynette Crowley** - January 12, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Vincent Caruso.*



January 12, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JC

“ *Jen Caruso lit a candle in memory of James Vincent Caruso*



**Jen Caruso** - January 12, 2024 at 09:06 AM

RP

“ *Mr. Caruso was a Patient at our Clinic. He was the sweetest man I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. He was so kind and generous. Mr. Caruso would bring me candy every Valentine's Day and Christmas. He repaired my grandfathers bible and would not let me pay him for it since he knew it met the world to me. My favorite memory is sitting with him in the waiting room and looking at his photography. He had such an eye for beautiful things. The Sunflower picture he brought me will always hang in my office. He was dearly loved by us all and will be missed daily!*  
*Thinking of you all,*  
*Rachel*

Rachel Pent - January 10, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JC

*Thank you Rachel - can you let us know which office ?*

Jen Caruso - January 12, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Vincent Caruso.*



January 08, 2024 at 08:14 PM

DM

“ *I've known Jim and Barbara for many years. Both of these two individuals were so enjoyable and I have missed Barbara's sense of humor and Jim's respect for her and love of his children. I am happy I knew them nearby and distanced.*  
*Deney*

Deney Martin - January 08, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JC

*Love you Deney !*

Jen Caruso - January 12, 2024 at 09:10 AM

RH

“Mr C” as I affectionately call him was the most positive person I ever met. He smiled & laughed through life, spreading joy through endless stories & jokes. A hug, a kiss, & “I love you Rhonda” was the greeting & goodbye every single time I saw him. His watm special love will forever live in my heart. I am grateful he is reunited with his love, “Mrs C” and the family & friends who awaited him with our Lord. He leaves a shining example of living your faith everyday. My prayers are with the incredible family he built. May you all find peace & comfort in the love of God & the enduring love your father, grandfather, & friend Jim love placed in your heart.

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**Rhonda** - January 08, 2024 at 09:12 AM

JC

Love you Rhon

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**Jen Caruso** - January 12, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JC

“ I think about you multiple times a day, keep wanting to call you & say where you at ! Love you & miss you & Mom awful - love, Jen

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**Jen Caruso** - January 05, 2024 at 07:10 PM