



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF  
*James Walter Beers*

April 15, 1935 - October 28, 2025



James Walter Beers was born in Kentucky on April 15, 1935, the son of Walter and Doris Martin Beers. His sister, Mary Jo, came along soon after, completing the family of four. A large extended family developed, with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins in the Beers and Martin families.

Growing up, he liked to be outdoors, participated in Boy Scouts, and learned to play the saxophone at age 10, which began a lifelong love of music. In high school, he played in the Beechwood Band, Beechwood Chorus, and All-State Band and All-State Chorus.



Jim married Sherrill, another Beechwood Alumnus, at The First Christian Church in 1956. Their daughter, Kelly, was born in 1958 and son, Greg, in 1959. They raised their family on Beechwood Road in Fort Mitchell, where they formed many bonds with other families. Jim was always interested in what his children were doing and made it a point to get to know their friends.



When the grandkids and great-grandkids came along, he happily obliged them with his Donald Duck imitation. He treasured all of his eight grandchildren, Hillary, Jessica, Christopher, Amanda, Charlie, Chelsea, Kevin, and Brian. He played his sax for them, sang silly songs with them, and always had a stash of Goldfish crackers and Sprite whenever they visited. He also taught many of them to fish at Richwood Farm. He has been blessed with ten great-grandchildren: Caroline, Camden, Brinley, Gunnar, Teddy, Arnie, Woody, Londyn, James, and Adelaide.

Additionally, Sherrill and Jim had a close relationship with Sherrill's brother Frank, and his wife, Jane, as well as Jim's sister Mary Jo, and her husband, George, and their families.







Jim and Sherrill had a large circle of friends through the Northern Kentucky Heritage League, The Fort Mitchell Country Club, and Erlanger Christian Church.

Jim was proud to have been involved in the business forms and printing industry for over 45 years. He was a talented artist and painter. Additionally, he served as Choir Director at Erlanger Christian Church. He played saxophone in a band with friends, a side gig he continued until just a month before he passed away.

The thing that many people will remember about Jim is what a good person he was. When Sherrill's health declined, Jim was at her side, taking care of her until the end. He approached every day of his life making a choice to be happy, compassionate, and kind. He made friends with people everywhere he went. In the final days of his life, a nurse commented on how impressed she was with his kindness, even while he was not feeling well.

Jim died resting comfortably on October 28, 2025.





