



## James E. Grace

April 28, 1929 - October 30, 2020

James E. Grace, 91, of Gahanna, Ohio passed away peacefully on October 30, 2020 at home. He was born April 28, 1929 to the late Thomas and Bernice Grace and was a 1948 Roscoe High School Tigers alum, proud to be from a "where men are men and women are glad of it!" Jim served in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War combat veteran. \*\*See detailed service information below. He was co-owner of Abbott's Super Duper on James Road. where he worked tirelessly for over 50 years, often alongside his own family members and employees who became like family. He was inducted into CORGA (Central Ohio Retail Grocers Association) Hall of Fame in 1997 and was known as the King of corny jokes. A faithful follower of Jesus Christ, Jim influenced many lives. He was an active member of Shepherd Church of the Nazarene where he served as a board member, Sunday school teacher and usher/counter. He and Shirley loved to travel and participated in numerous overseas "work and witness" trips. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Helen V. Grace. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Shirley Richey Grace; children Sherrie (Mark) Stimpert, Doug (Beverly) Grace; stepchildren Ed (Kathy) Richey, Stephen (deceased)(Donna) Richey-Suttles, Kathy (Thom) Jacob; grandchildren: Melissa (Jason), Grant (Courtney), Lauren, Eddie (Miche), Charity (Brandon), Stephen (Ashley) and Phil (Kim); great-grandchildren Ella, Parker, Samuel, Jonah, Vic, Lily, Caleb and Eli; Jim and Shirley's family is especially grateful for caregiver Enny Banda. Visitation 11am-12:30pm Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Schoedinger Northeast, 1051 E. Johnstown Rd., Gahanna, followed by a 12:30pm outdoor service at the funeral home (weather permitting). Masks are required for all services. Private burial to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may contribute to any of the following organizations in Jim's memory: OhioHealth Hospice (<http://www.foundation.ohiohealth.com> ) Honor Flight Columbus (<http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org> ) or Shepherd Church of the Nazarene (<http://www.shepnaz.org> )

\*\*Jim was drafted late in 1950 and began his service in December. He completed his Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training with the 502nd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) at Camp Breckenridge, KY. After arriving in Korea

he served with the 3rd Infantry Division from 1951 - 1952: More specifically he volunteered to serve with the 3rd Ranger Company, 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon as a rifleman and with the Quartermaster Company after the Ranger Company was deactivated. Some of his specific medals and qualifications earned are as follows; Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze battle stars, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Medal and United Nations Service Medal. He also obtained a Ranger Tab. He received an Honorable Discharge from Fort Sheridan, IL. in Sept. 1952 as a Corporal.

# Cemetery

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## Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5600 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH, 43213

# Events

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NOV 5	Visitation	11:00AM - 12:30PM
	Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service - Northeast 1051 E Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH, US, 43230	
NOV 5	Funeral Service	12:30PM
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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Schoedinger Funeral Service** - November 04, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ Shirley and The Fortune Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James E. Grace.



**Shirley and The Fortune Family** - November 04, 2020 at 01:09 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James E. Grace.



November 04, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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“ Jim always brought a smile to my face! He was always teasing with me and would make me laugh. I remember how proud we were of him when he came back from the Honor Flight a few years ago. He will be sorely missed!  
Harry & Lou Ann Lucas

**Lou Ann Nye** - November 03, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James E. Grace.



November 03, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ Mr. Grace lived next door to me and my family for nearly 30 years. His kind words and wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all of us. We send his whole family our prayers and love. God got an amazing new angel with Mr. Grace. Love, the Greuel/Nave Family.

**Tracy Nave** - November 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Grace.



November 02, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James E. Grace.



November 02, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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“ Mr. Grace gave me a job as a Capital freshman in the summer of '78. He was such a kind man for me as I worked for the next 4 years. I met my beautiful wife at Super Duper as well, and we have been married for almost 37 years. I used to pick up a key to the store at his home to do night stocking. We love you Mr. G.  
Tom Kirker and Ann Kirker  
Violet Twp., Fairfield Co.

**THOMAS KIRKER** - November 02, 2020 at 12:15 AM

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“ I remember having Jim as Sunday School teacher at Shepherd and our class going to Old Mans Cave. I also recall Jim counting people present in the church service. Plus, Jim was one of the ushers for my wedding to my late husband, Blaine Sapp. Both Jim and I were Roscoe Tigers and enjoyed attending the Alumni Banquets. He was a wonderful person and will be missed!

**Martha Theobald** - November 01, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ RIP Jim.. Sad to see you go. You will be missed.. I remember you as a kid shopping at Super Duper.. :(

**Don S** - November 01, 2020 at 12:06 PM

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“ Jim and Shirley were on the first W&W trip we went on. Jim's smile and work ethic were contagious. Ken and Alisa Stoll

**Alisa Stoll** - November 01, 2020 at 07:12 AM

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“ Shirley and family, Paul and I send our deepest condolences and prayers. Paul and Pam Ondera

**pam** - October 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Thank you for your service - Rangers Lead The Way!!

**Kevin Popham** - October 31, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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“ Sure will miss ur personality and humor at the dentist office . Prays for the family !

**mary lou easterling** - October 31, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ Sheri n Doug. We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We were just talking about him last week. Miss his smile and he's generosity. He was such a big part of the South Eastmoor Community.

Jerry n Rosie Hamilton

**Rosie Hamilton** - October 31, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ This is Doug. Thanks Rosie. Tell Jerry I say "Hello".

**Doug Grace** - November 01, 2020 at 10:14 PM