



## James Rik Bumgardner

April 23, 1952 - September 15, 2014

James Daniel Rik Bumgardner, 62 of Huntington, W.Va. passed away, Monday, September 15, 2014 in St. Mary's Medical Center. He was born April 23, 1952 in Logan, W.Va. the son of Elizabeth Perdieu Bumgardner Jeffers of Proctorville, OH. and the late, James Bumgardner. In addition to his father, he was also preceded in death by his brother, David Jeffers. He is survived by his wife, Karen Fraley Bumgardner of Huntington, W.Va; one son, Scott Bumgardner (Shawna) of Huntington, W.Va. and one daughter, Melissa Bloom (Damian) of Jacksonville, Fla; one brother, Kenny Bumgardner (Robin) of Proctorville, OH. six grandchildren, Eden, Ella, Ashley and Bri Bumgardner and Wilson and Hayden Bloom and several nieces, nephews and friends. He was a computer programmer, a 1997 Zac Binkley Citizen Volunteer of the year recipient from the Herald-Dispatch, former Cabell County School Board Member, long time youth basketball supporter and assistant coach at Beverly Hills Jr. High School and Huntington East High School and member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 AM on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Fellowship Baptist Church, Barboursville with Dr., Jerry Warren officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Friday, September 19, 2014 at the church. Henson & Kitchen Mortuary is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonmortuary.com](http://www.hensonmortuary.com) .

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Rik Bumgardner*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Now is the time to remember all the great memories and to think about how proud he must have been of his children and grandchildren.*

**Linda and Don Smith of Barboursville** - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Karen, Scott, Melissa and Kenny, we are sad about Rik's passing...we know how much you all loved and admired him. Rik was so cherished by Aunt Florence that we cannot help but remember her also ... faithful always to pray for her family and God's blessing. We hope for you that you have comfort and peace in coming days, remembering a blessed eternity was planned for all by the mercies of the Living God. Love, Arlie and Karen*

**Arlie Thomas and Karen Teston of Beckley WV** - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you all!*

**The Folks Family of Colorado Springs, Colorado** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Karen, Scott, and Melissa, I was so saddened to hear of Rik's illness for the past months, but am rejoicing that he is with our Lord. He was an incredible individual and so good to so many. I will keep all of you and your families in my prayers. May God bless you, Libby Orndorff Killo

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**Libby Orndorff Killo of Columbia, MD** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am sad to learn of Rik's passing. We have been friends since high school. Rik was unique; he overcame a lot of challenges through his intelligence, perserverance, and great personality. He loved his family and his community.

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**Chuck Chambers** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Karen and family: I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of Rik - a unique man who, though small in stature, lived a big life and was so many things to so many people. Though I haven't seen him for years, I will always remember him as the kind and caring man that he was. His example is one not only for those with some sort of handicap, but for all of us. Rest in Peace, Rik. May the family be comforted by his memory, their faith and the fact that his suffering is over....

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**Joe Ball of Lewisburg, WV** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ We are sorry for your loss. No one could have taken better care of Rik than you. You are the perfect example of living the wedding vowels, "For Better or Worse, For Richer or Poorer, In Sickness and in Health". You did it perfectly. There must be a star in Heaven waiting for you. Well Done Karen.

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**Gene & Sue Evans of Huntington, Wv** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Karen and Family: We have always had fond memories of Rik and of our days together at Concord. I knew that Rik had a vision, and was a man of character. He did not let us down as he made a huge difference in this world. Rik loved, and was loved. Rik has a special place in heaven. RIP, Brother Rik.

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**Rick and Libby Miller of Charlotte, NC** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Scott, Ken and Family...so sorry for your loss and praying for all of you.

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**Ruth Adkins Flint** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our family knew Rick and his family from the early days living on 5th Avenue in Huntington. Later on we stayed friends when moving to Barboursville. Rick was one of a kind and always fun to be around. His mother, Betty, was a friend to my family for so many years and for that I will be ever grateful. I wish the family the best and am so sorry for their loss.

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**Jack Varney of Cincinnati** - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ I remember Rik as a great high school friend. The manager of the football team. The only guy that Coach Dink Allen could never stay mad at. He never permitted his handicap to keep him from enjoying life and making many, many friends. I am certain he will be missed by his family and close friends. I believe I will see Rik in Heaven. It will be a great class of 70 reunion. May God Bless and Keep this family Dale Adkins

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**Pastor Dale Adkins of Troy Ohio** - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ As a good friend of Betty's, my thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. .

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**Carol Wagie of NE Ohio** - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Karen, Melissa and Scott, Diane and I were sadden to hear about Rik's passing. He was a good man, husband and dad. He gave back so much to the community of Huntington. He touched so many lives working with the young people he came in contact with. Thank you Rik for all you did. We will miss you along with the many other friends you had. May God touch the hearts of his family during this difficult time. Ron and Diane Oliver

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**Ron and Diane Oliver of Amelia Island Florida** - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Karen, So very sad to hear the news about Rik. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless, Sherry and Gary Freeman

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**Gary Freeman of Hurricane, WV** - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Miss Karen, Pamela and I are sorry to hear of your loss. Words are little comfort at this time, but please be assured you and your family are in our prayers. May Our Lord bless you now and comfort you in your grief. Charlie " Young Buck " McCoy

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**Charlie McCoy of Princeton, WV** - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Karen, Scott, Melissa -I'm truly sorry about Risk's passing. We were so close during our years at Concord, but time life & distance due us apart. The weekend that you all come to Baltimore and the Saturday we spent at the Inner Harbor stands out as one of my best memories.Rick will always be in my thoughts!Stan

Stan (POCO) Pulz of Baltimore - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of Rik's passing. I will never forget him as a friend and brother at Concord college. He was a good and honorable man. My deepest sympathy Karen to you and all his family...God Bless.

Robert Mazzella of Hinton WV - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Ric, my dear friend and fraternity brother at Concord College. The peace you now have from your recent illnesses is bittersweet for those of us who enjoyed our times together. I will miss reliving with you the fun and fellowship of our college days as Pikes. But, you rightly deserve being removed from the agony you and Karen have been experiencing. Rest well Little Brother, you will be remembered for the fine friend you were.

Edd Houck of Spotsylvania, Virginia - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Godspeed Uncle Rik, I hope you know freedom and happiness for eternity.

Joshua Bumgardner of New York City - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ James Rik Bumgardner

Bob Wilhelm of Huntington - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM