



## Laverne James Elliott

September 2, 1943 - February 1, 2020

Jim Elliott, 76

L. James “Jim” Elliott arrived at his heavenly home on February 1, 2020. He was born in Rochester, New York on September 2, 1943 and moved to Okeechobee, Florida as a young teenager. Jim eventually settled in Basinger, Florida where he resided for over 50 years. There was no place he’d rather live.

He took great delight in all his “work”; be it his dedicated career in the dairy service industry for over 40 years or showcasing his great artistic talent for crafting handmade knives. He was a member of the Florida Knifemaker’s Association and The Knifemaker’s Guild, a national organization he was honored to represent.

Jim was frequently found lending a working hand to others in need, whether for his own family or even for those he did not know. His family is especially proud of the work he dedicated to rebuilding homes for families in Guatemala after an earthquake in 1978.

For over 45 years, Jim has expertly managed his own orchid nursery, which is now home to over 3,500 orchids of all varieties. He was also a proud member of the Highlands Orchid Society for 14 years and has won countless awards and honors for his beautiful orchids.

Jim’s life and relationships with others are evidence of his first and most important love, which was for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jim always treated others with patience and kindness, was an enemy to no one, was always humble and brought with him a calming presence to all situations. He never failed to show gentleness and wisdom in his encounters with others. Jim was a member of the Basinger Christian Brethren Church.

Jim was a man of few words, but his unwavering love was in no short supply for his family, especially his beloved wife and helpmate of 56 wonderful years, Dianne Elliott. Jim is also survived by his sons Victor Elliott (Jennifer) and Robert Elliott (Josie); daughter Gail Elliott

(Skip); granddaughters Jennifer Tewksbury (Cameron), Andie Reese Elliott and Sarah Bobst (Jeff); grandson Nick Thompson (Allie); two great grandsons Jeffery and Cameron Bobst; brother Sonny Elliott; sister Kathy McGee (Tommy), brother-in-law Lindy Farrell; and a host of nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his mother and father, Harry B. and Evelyn M. Elliott; and his sister, Evelyn Farrell.

The family will be celebrating Jim's triumphant life on Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Basinger Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, <http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com>

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Basinger Cemetery**

Basinger Cemetery

Okeechobee, FL, 34972

**FEB**

**6**

**Visitation**

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory  
400 N. Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, FL, US, 34972

**FEB**

**6**

**Service**

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ We stopped at Jim's house last weekend, as is our tradition after leaving a race weekend at Sebring Raceway....This time his orchid house was empty and the gate was closed. We knew something must have happened. We have been stopping for a decade and we were lucky enough to have Jim sell us several of his wonderful orchids over this time. We are grateful for his wonderful stories of the love for family and how he began collecting and growing orchids. Our deepest condolences to the Elliott family and warmest wishes to those that loved this kind, wonderful man.

**Kelly & Aaron Weiss** - April 16 at 03:27 PM

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“ Julia Kouragian lit a candle in memory of Laverne James Elliott



**Julia Kouragian** - February 05, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Laverne James Elliott.



February 05, 2020 at 03:14 PM

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“ Our cousin, Jimmy was always a delight to be around. Always pleasant with a smile and kind word. He reached out to those in need without recognition for self. We will always cherish our childhood memories that will stay near our hearts. May GOD'S Blessed assurance comfort our family and loved ones. We have donated to St Jude in an honorable memory of our Jim.  
LOVE, Bud, Bonnie and Judy Myers

Bonnie Shackelford - February 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM

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“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Laverne James Elliott.



February 05, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Laverne James Elliott.



February 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ Eddie Moore lit a candle in memory of Laverne James Elliott



Eddie Moore - February 04, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Laverne James Elliott.



February 04, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ Lourie Schultz & Family lit a candle in memory of Laverne James Elliott



**Lourie Schultz & family** - February 04, 2020 at 02:28 PM

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“ Norma Williamson lit a candle in memory of Laverne James Elliott



**Norma Williamson** - February 04, 2020 at 02:24 PM