



# James Horace Geer

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James “Jim” Horace Geer, 84 years old, passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 22, 2024, at home in Parkland, Florida where he lived with the love of his life and wife of 62 years, Kathleen “Kathy” (Huffman) Geer.

Jim was born in Sparta, Tennessee on August 20, 1939, and was raised there in a loving home with his parents and beloved dog Buddy, graduating from White County High School on April 26, 1957.

Jim was always very proud of an early job he had in Sparta running a Tastee-Freeze together with a close friend.

He attended Tennessee Technological University (formerly Tennessee Polytechnic Institute) in Cookeville, Tennessee, graduating in June of 1961 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business

Administration with a major in Finance. He was very involved in class government and was student

body president at the time of his graduation. It was during his time at Tennessee Tech that he met

Kathy whom he later married on May 26, 1962.

Jim received his commission in November 1961 in the U.S. Army through Tennessee Tech’s ROTC

program and, following graduation, served as a 2nd Lieutenant.

He worked for a short time at the Commerce Union Bank in Nashville, Tennessee until the Army



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assigned him to Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina. During his time at Fort Bragg, he met several FBI agents who suggested he consider a career with the FBI, which he ultimately did, and it was there he found his passion. Jim joined the FBI in May 1964 and attended several months of training in Quantico, Virginia after which he was given his first assignment as a Special Agent in Springfield, Illinois. He was transferred to the San Francisco division in 1965 to attend the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California where he learned Serbo-Croatian which he continued to be able to speak all his life. Upon completion of his language training, he was transferred to the Washington, DC Field Office in July 1966. In Washington he held various roles including in 1972 when he was placed on “loan” to the House Appropriations Committee and spent approximately 2 years reviewing various military appropriations. In February of 1978 he was transferred to the Dallas, Texas office as Assistant Agent in Charge until September 1979 when he was transferred back to Washington as a Section Chief in the Intelligence Division. In 1982 Jim was appointed Assistant Director of the FBI’s Laboratory Division and served in that role until August 1985 when he took the position of Assistant Director of Foreign Counterintelligence. In this role Jim was responsible for the executive management of all FBI counterintelligence programs and operations and in charge of the FBI’s efforts to “identify and neutralize the threat posed by foreign intelligence services and their agents in the United States and by nations, groups and individuals which constitute the sources of international terrorism.” He served in this position until his retirement



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from the FBI on November 30, 1989. Jim joined the DuPont Company in December 1989 as Director of Corporate Security for the company's worldwide operations and held that position until his retirement on December 31, 2000. He was responsible for the security of DuPont's physical locations around the world and for security issues relating to the nearly 100,000 DuPont employees around the world at that time. On May 5, 1986, the mayor of his hometown of Sparta, Tennessee proclaimed Jim "A

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Illustrious Citizen of Sparta Tennessee" and "Jimmy Geer Day" was celebrated at his alma mater,

White County High School, during which time Jim spoke and answered questions from the

students. He also received in 1986 the Louis Johnson Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Business Administration Foundation at Tennessee Tech which honors special achievements an

alumnus has accomplished in his/her profession or for participation in civic, cultural, educational,

political, or other activities worthwhile to society.

For his service in the FBI Jim received both the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal on December 4, 1990, and the Distinguished Service Award of the FBI Executive Service. The CIA

director noted as part of the award presentation that Jim's career with the FBI would have

"overreaching importance to U.S. national security for years to come."

Jim was a loving husband, devoted father, and proud grandfather and great grandfather. He was

known by all for his southern charm, sense of humor, and kindness. He was a highly respected

leader in the international intelligence community and a mentor to many.

Jim is survived by his wife Kathleen Geer, three children: JamesH. Geer Jr., KellyM. Geer, and Jeffrey Geer; three children-in-law: Sheri Geer, Michael Horton, and Renee Maurer; six grandchildren: Matthew Geer, Kelsey Daiber, Joshua Geer; Danielle



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California, Alex Horton-Geer; and Samuel Geer; one granddaughter-in-law: Fabiola Geer; and two great grandchildren: Ezra Daiber and Grace Geer.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Mr. Horace Greeley Geer and Mrs. Velma Clyde (Bain)

Geer and grandson-in-law Alexander Daiber.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all those that had the privilege of knowing him.

A service will be held on June 8, 2024, at 10 am at North Creek Presbyterian Church, 4601 NW 71st

St, Coconut Creek, FL 33073.

Memorial gifts may be directed to one of the following:

· Former Agents of the FBI Foundation

<https://www.socxfbi.org/SFSA/Donate/FoundationGeneral.aspx>

· North Creek Presbyterian Church in Coconut Creek

<https://www.northcreektoday.org/give>



## Tribute Wall

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**Carl And Cathy Pales** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



June 1 at 12:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift to the Geer family.



June 1 at 12:31 PM



**Carl Pales** posted:

I grew up across the street from Mr. Geer (and he'll always be "Mr. Geer to me) and was best friends with James Jr. growing up in Springfield. He and my father were also great friends and I have more memories of him growing up than I can count, whether it was watching football games at the Geer house, having the Geer family over to our house, and just his sense of humor across the board. If there is one memory that sticks out, it is when (about 1972-73 or so) I was walking back to my house from the Geer's, forgetting my football in their yard, when Mr. Geer yelled to me, "Carl, stay there and I'll kick it to you." He then punted the ball which had a beautiful arc - ending through our next door neighbor's second-story window. If memory serves, everyone eventually laughed it off, perhaps Mr. Geer less so after paying for a new window. Mr. Geer was a big part of my childhood and a great man. He will be missed.

June 1 at 12:27 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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