



James "Jim" Russell Block

February 2, 1955 - July 23, 2021

James "Jim" Russell Block, 66, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, July 23, 2021, in Greenville, SC.

He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 2, 1955, but has lived in South Carolina since 1978. He has been employed by Bob Jones University and Bob Jones Academy as a photographer/teacher of photography since 1979.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Bonney Rudd Block, a son, Jared William Block, a daughter, Alyssa Block Dickinson (Eric), a granddaughter, Olivia Brooke Dickinson, age 2, and a grandson, Logan James Dickinson, aged 5 months.

He is also survived by his siblings Randy (Margaret), Stephen (Ruth), and Teresa Block Meyer (Steve). Also surviving are sisters-in-law Rollanda Rudd Cothran (Mel) and Cheryl Rudd Tidwell (Tom), brothers-in-law Robin Rudd (Michele) and Dale Rudd (Paula) and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin William Block, mother, Marjorie Jean Block, infant son, Justin James Block, infant niece, Angel Faith Rudd, and nephew Stewart Tidwell.

Jim was born to Alvin William Block, a farmer, and Marjorie Jean Block, a nurse. He lived near Shellsburg, Iowa, on a farm in his younger years and in Vinton, Iowa, during his high school and college years. He had been planning to follow in his father's footsteps and become a farmer. His dad died unexpectedly of melanoma when Jim was 15 years old, so his mom had to move from the farm into town and worked as a nurse full time.

Jim graduated from high school in 1973 and then got a job in town and put college on hold because he had no idea what to study. Jim heard a musical group perform at his country church and one of the performers gave him a One Way Bible. He read that Bible on his lunch hour and for the first time understood the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. He got saved on his own reading that Bible and his favorite passage was Psalm 55. The next fall he went to UNI (University of Northern Iowa) where he was invited to go to a Bible study.

A BJU grad was there making a film about the Bible study group and that, along with his experience of making silly movies of friends' adventures in high school, caused him to get interested in cinema. The BJU grad told him about the cinema department at BJU and he came here the fall of 1975, not knowing anyone.

After receiving an undergraduate degree in cinema, he began pursuing his first graduate degree while pursuing a certain young lady who taught at the Academy, Bonney Georgia Rudd. On December 19, 1981, they married, after knowing each other for a year and a half. He received a total of four advanced degrees over a 40-year span. During that same time period, he became a father to Jared, born 3/28/1988, and Alyssa, born 6/15/1992.

He earned the title of Papa when Olivia Brooke Dickinson was born on 7/13/2019. She became a big sister to Logan James Dickinson on 2/9/2021.

Jim was passionate about his love for the Lord and was always eager to share it with others.

He also loved his students and photography, but most of all, he adored his family, especially his two grandchildren. He was beloved by all who knew him. His antics and his sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 1:00-2:45 pm at Heritage Bible Church (2005 Old Spartanburg Rd, Greer, SC 29650). A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00 pm at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, you may give to the missions' fund for Heritage Bible Church at heritagegvl.com/give.

Cemetery Details

Private (Family Only)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Heritage Bible Church
2005 Old Spartanburg Road
Greer, SC 29650

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

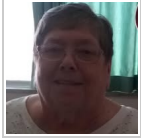
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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Russell Block*

November 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Bonney we are so sorry about Jim. Our prayers are with you. I saw some of the video on facebook and it disappeared and couldn't get it again. Is there a way I could buy a copy so then Ed can see it. By what I saw he certainly was a well liked man. I hope you will be okay. Again our sympathy*

Bonnie Berglund - August 02, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Sympathy to you Bonnie and the kids. Really wanted to see the funeral but Facebook zipped it out. I wanted to see if I can find it. I saw some of the tributes and my was loved alot. You should be proud. We wished we could have been there. But we love you all and our prayer will be with you. Will keep trying to find again the funeral again. I remember when we stayed at your house one time and enjoyed you both. Love you*

Bonnie Berglund - August 01, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *I remember Jim as a friend and worker in photo studio at BJU. We had a great relationship while he worked for me there when I was the manager. He will be greatly missed as he was always around taking pictures. All we can say is the Lord does all things well and we don't understand but He does. We will pray for his family. George and Linda Rogier.*

George Rogier - July 30, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Russell Block.*



July 29, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Russell Block.*



July 29, 2021 at 05:01 PM