



James R. Wetherhold

December 28, 2025

James R. Wetherhold, 83, of Anderson, SC, formerly of Allentown, PA, passed away on Dec. 28th 2025. He was the husband of Susan K. Alatorre. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Richard K. and Lois A. Wetherhold. After graduating from William Allen High School, James spent most of his career as a sound engineer at Allen Organ Company in Macungie for many years until retiring. James was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He also enjoyed the company of his dog, Andy.

Jim enjoyed the outdoors, as well as to tinker and invent. He also enjoyed a good serious conversation as much as a good joke--he had a one-of-a-kind sense of humor. A good CMP sundae at the Ritz Barbeque in Allentown was something he looked forward to very often. It has been said that Jim played the best Santa Claus over the holidays at family gatherings.

Jim spent time volunteering at a JRM (Jamaican Relief Ministries) thrift store in Anderson, SC.

Survivors: Wife, Son: Ryan M. Wetherhold and his wife Kristi A. (Laubach), Stepson: Christopher D. Hallman, Grandson: Zion M. Wetherhold, Sisters: Jane, wife of Clifford Cummings; Janet, wife of William Stanley, Brother: Jeffrey Wetherhold and his wife, Lisa. Nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by a sister, Joanne Lucas, wife of Robert Lucas, as well as his stepson, Andrew Alatorre.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 27th at 12:30 P.M. at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16th and Hamilton St. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Friday, from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the funeral home.

Following the service, family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate and remember Jim's life at a catered luncheon at Ritz BBQ, 302 N. 17th St., Allentown, PA 18104.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Jamaican Relief Ministries at: <https://jamaicarm.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.
Allentown, PA 18104

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc
1601 W Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
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Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Peter Weiss and I am best friends with Ryan Wetherhold, Jim’s son. Me and Ryan met at 4 years old and have been best friends since. I remember when we were both around 7 Mr. Wetherhold had a commercial van that was empty in the back with no seats. Me and Ryan would sit in the way back of the van sitting on something that would make us slide all the way to the front. It was Mr. Wetherhold that was pressing on the brakes pretty hard making us slide forward intentionally. Me and Ryan would be laughing so hard!!!! Good Times

Peter Weiss - February 18 at 04:52 PM

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“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QABsw7g8sCg>

Jeffrey Wetherhold - February 13 at 06:12 PM

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“ Jim was my cousin, I am Cheryl (Wetherhold) Petrakovich. My parents were Ray & Betty Wethethold, My father, Ray, was Jim's father, Richard's brother. My brother Ray, and I got together with Jim and Sue at the Flea Market at Leesport, Pa., and on vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C. before they moved to S. C. We always had a great time with them. and we will miss Jim dearly.

CHERYL PETRAKOVICH - February 09 at 05:04 PM

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Correction: My father, Ray, was Jim's uncle, Richard's brother.

Jeffrey Wetherhold - February 13 at 06:15 PM