



James Layton Bruner

July 9, 1934 - April 7, 2026

James Layton (Jim) Bruner, age 91, passed away peacefully at his home on April 7th, 2026. Born on July 9th, 1934, to Norvin "Jack" and Grace Dell Bruner in Hawesville, Kentucky, he was the oldest of 5 children. His childhood and teenage years were spent helping his family work their 200-acre tobacco farm. Upon his graduation from Beechmont High School in 1953, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in June of 1957. In April of that year, he met Jimmie Ann Green on a blind date in California. They were married three months later in Jimmie's hometown of Dallas, Texas, and settled in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he earned his accounting degree from Western Kentucky University. Afterwards, they moved to Hermitage, Tennessee, and, in early 1964, adopted their daughter, Dana. In early 1966, while living in Owensboro, Kentucky, they adopted their son, David. The family moved back to Texas in 1967 and settled in DeSoto, in 1968. Their daughter, Debrielle, was born to them in December of 1971.

Jim gave his life to Christ at the age of 13 and lived a life of service to our Lord Jesus. He & Jimmie were always actively involved in ministries at the church. Jim served for many years as a counselor for the Royal Ambassadors (RA's) and several more years on the State Board of RA's. He also served as a deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Pilot Point, Texas. He volunteered for several years at Shriners Hospital and was honored by Carter Blood Care for his dedication to blood and platelet donation.

Jim was a Godly, steadfast husband and father who chose time with his family over a lucrative, time-consuming career. He sacrificed many things to give his children and grandchildren a wonderful, safe and Christ-centered childhood. He enjoyed baking and creating new desserts. He was well-accomplished in photography and greatly enjoyed hiking different national parks.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jimmie Ann Bruner; daughters - Dana Bruner and Debielle Bruner (Randy) Boggs; sisters - Judie (Bruner) Roark Gentry and Debbie (Bruner) Garrett; 3 grandchildren - Gavin Shaw and his wife Ashley (Rose) Shaw, Morgan Boggs, Emily Boggs (Garrett) Mitchell; 10 great-grandchildren - Caleb Krimm, Carson Medley, Caylor Medley, Sarah Shaw, Shyla Shaw, Hayden Shaw, Araya Heinrich, Anya Heinrich, Paislee Mitchell and Blakelynn Mitchell; 2 great-great grandchildren - Ezekiel Krimm and Sophia Gaitan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his son, David Bruner (2010); granddaughters - Amber Shaw (2018) and Brittany Heinrich (2020); father, Norvin "Jack" Bruner (1997); brother, Tom Bruner (2004); sister, Jackie (Bruner) Finley (2012); mother, Grace Dell Bruner (2016).

Visitation for Jim is Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30PM at Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey, TX. His funeral service is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:00PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Pilot Point, TX. Interment will follow at Pilot Point Community Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Pilot Point Community Cemetery

601 N. Prairie Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

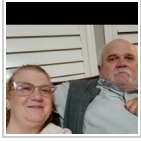
Slay Memorial Funeral Centers
400 US-377
Aubrey, TX 76227

Funeral Service

APR **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
125 N Jefferson St
Pilot Point, TX 76258

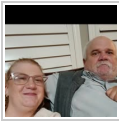
Tribute Wall



“ *Tom N Messina Cox lit a candle in memory of James Layton Bruner*



Tom N Messina Cox - April 09 at 02:00 PM



Jim was one of the sweetest men! He loved Jesus and his family!

Tom N Messina Cox - April 09 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Karen Walterscheid lit a candle in memory of James Layton Bruner*



Karen Walterscheid - April 08 at 09:13 PM

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We will miss Jim so much. He was a wonderful friend and cook. I will always remember his cinnamon candy around Christmas time.

Karen Walterscheid - April 08 at 09:15 PM