



## Rev. Dr. James C. Valentine

May 23, 1943 - February 23, 2021

Rev. Dr. James C. Valentine, age 77, passed into glory on February 23, 2021. James was born on May 23, 1943, son of the late Morris J. and Beatrice M. (Very) Valentine. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert and John Valentine.

James graduated from Union College and Ohio Theological Seminary. He went on to earn his Doctorate of Ministry from Drew University.

James met the love of his life, Vickie L. Gatton at college. They celebrated 56 years of marriage. Together they served the Lord in the United Methodist Church for over 40 years before his retirement. James was an active member of his community where he served in the local food pantry.

James was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and relaxing at the lake. Treating his family to ice cream was a particular joy.

His shining stars were his sons. James was a loving and devoted father to Clifford J. Valentine (Christine) of Dunmore, PA and Cory J. Valentine (Wendy) of Hallstead, PA.

James was adored by his 6 grandchildren, Isaac, Esther, Gayle, Elijah, Ella, and Asher Valentine. They will deeply miss their "Poppy."

A Memorial service will be held at 2 pm on February 27, 2021 at the United Methodist Community Church, Great Bend, PA listen to FM radio station 105.1

from the parking lot or live stream on Facebook on the United Methodist Community Church's page, with the Rev. Doug Sivers officiating. The church sanctuary is reserved for the immediate family due to COVID restrictions. Burial will be private. Please sign the guestbook at [www.tuttleweisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tuttleweisleyfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, the Valentine's ask that you treat your family to ice cream or make a donation in his honor to the Caring Community Food Bank at the United Methodist Community Church, P.O. Box 586, Great Bend, PA 18821.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Susquehanna, PA 18847

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Community Church  
406 Main St.  
PO Box 586  
Great Bend, PA 18821  
<http://umcc.us/>

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Sorry for your loss. It seems like only yesterday that the kids were over swimming in the pool.

*Bonnie and Art Williams*

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**arthur williams jr** - March 05, 2021 at 03:32 PM

NS

“ My deepest sympathy. Your Dad helped me through some really tough times and could always make me laugh. Praying for your Mom. 💕💕 Nancy Stockholm

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**Nancy Stockholm** - February 26, 2021 at 08:44 AM

VF

“ Dear Vickie and family,  
Bruce and I loved both you and Rev. Jim. When we first moved back to this area and were looking for a church to attend, you both made us feel like such a part of FFMC. He was absolutely a life saver for us when our eldest daughter developed leukemia and for 3 1/2 years we went to hell and back and almost lost her. He is a true disciple of God and always welcomed and made anyone he came into contact with feel "special". His love for the church and God always made us want to do more to bring people to God and the church. He will be sorely missed, but know he is looking down on all of us and watching over his family. Bless you! Vickie Franchak

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**Vickie Franchak** - February 26, 2021 at 08:31 AM

DW

“ My condolences, Mrs Valentine, Cliff and Cory. I have many fond memories of days spent with y'all at the lake house, particularly of the time my first fiancée and I took the rowboat out and my brother, Jesse, and Cory then caught up to us in a canoe and then broke out the waterguns.

*Danielle White - Houston (formerly Scranton)*

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**Danielle White** - February 25, 2021 at 10:52 PM

MB

“ James and I were colleagues in the ministry. I served as his parents minister in Hop Bottom PA He was a good Christian servant to Jesus

*Marilyn Barnard, retired*

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**Marilyn Barnard** - February 25, 2021 at 06:22 PM

JD

“ Dear Vickie, Cliff, and Cory,  
I was so sorry to hear of Rev. Jim's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of the time that he was pastor of the New Milford United Methodist Church. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you! I will certainly treat my family to ice cream in his honor.

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**Judith Daniels** - February 25, 2021 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ My sincerest condolences regarding one of the finest men ever. Many wonderful memories, but my favorite goes back to my wedding day when he married my wife and I. On the news of his passing, I recalled that day. The kind words he spoke. His presence and strength. When I think of his role on this special day, I can't help but think of all the lives he touched and how much he enriched the world around him. He will be deeply missed.

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**matthew remakus** - February 25, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ Sending love and prayers. Vicki and Jim meant so much to the community in Newark Valley, to my grandparents Walter and Frieda Smith, mom Janet Bouton, and the rest of the crew. I shared grandfather's funeral service with Jim, he was so kind and generous. I loved his laugh and smile. His wisdom and zeal for the love of God in Christ were unmistakable. We, Boutons and Snyders send our love and prayers to all. The covid19 virus may keep us apart and take our loved ones, but it will never take the love we have from us. Blessings!

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**b** - February 25, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RR

“ I got to know Rev.Valentine and his family when he was assigned to the New Millford U.M.C. when both his sons and my four children were teenagers. He was a righteous man, a good preacher, and a wonderful pastor. Years later he baptized one of my granddaughters. I've not seen him in a long while, but though he and Vicki were out of sight they have never been out of mind. I extend my heartfelt sympathies to his family. I shall buy my families a round of ice cream in his memory as I see each family.  
Ruth Roman

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**Ruth Roman** - February 25, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JR

“ *Cliff and Cory,*

*Our sincere condolences on the passing of your father. We always enjoyed seeing him at family gatherings.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!*

*-Cathy and Jim*

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**Jim Roberts** - February 25, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Vicki and family, we are saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We were sure blessed in Newark Valley when you both were here. Cherish the wonderful memories.*

*God bless*

*Burt and Carol Oliver*

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**Carol Oliver** - February 25, 2021 at 08:11 AM

BS

“ *Reverend Jim was a long time spiritual friend, and a part of every family that he touched with his compassionate ways. The many friends that he has in Whitney Point miss him dearly.*

*Love and best wishes from the Samson Family.*

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**B&P Samson** - February 25, 2021 at 05:09 AM

KM

“ *Vickie and family, I'm very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all close in thought and sending prayers for comfort. Rev. Jim was a wonderful man. ~Kristie Miner*

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**Kristie Miner** - February 24, 2021 at 08:45 PM

WF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in God's love. Sending prayers your way-  
The Waite Family

Waite Family - February 24, 2021 at 07:48 PM

AM

“ Vicki and family, we will all miss this wonderful man! I remember before a worship meeting at UMCC when he told me on a specific Sunday that he knew why as a retired pastor he was as sitting in our congregation, he was needed and indeed he was! Loved my time with him! Thanks for sharing him with our community! Love, April and Michael

April Mroz - February 24, 2021 at 02:45 PM

PM

“ RIP REV. VALENTINE



Patty A Morris - February 24, 2021 at 09:44 AM

LM

He was a great man.I am thinking of all you .Love and God Bless  
.Linda Morrissey

Linda Morrissey - February 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

KJ

“ Dear Vicki, I fully enjoyed the bible classes we attended. If you will recall I ask Jim to marry my grandson Kirk 4 and his wife Danielle. As always it was a perfect ceremony. I know you will miss him terribly and you know you will be together again in eternity. God bless you. Kirk and Barbara Hinkley

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**KIRK HINKLEY JR** - February 24, 2021 at 09:31 AM

DO

“ Very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was our minister a few years ago at Franklin Forks .He was a great man & great minister. When my husband was very sick he came to visit & was a great comfort to him.

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**Doris Osborn** - February 24, 2021 at 08:48 AM

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“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE VALENTINE FAMILY. HE WAS A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN.

THE JOHN BRONSON FAMILY

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**THE JOHN BRONSON FAMILY** - February 24, 2021 at 08:13 AM

CF

“ Dear Vicki and Family, I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing..He was a perfect example of what a caring and loving Father and Grandfather should be. You all are in my thoughts and prayers and I am hopeful your wonderful memories will help you during this sad time. Sincerely, Connie Fabrizi and family

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**Connie Fabrizi** - February 23, 2021 at 09:18 PM

RK

“ *I am so sorry Vicki and family to hear of Pastor Valentines passing. What a wonderful man and what a wonderful example he was for all of us. Prayers for Comfort.*

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**Rita E Knopick** - February 23, 2021 at 07:55 PM