



## James "Jim" Goings

November 28, 2025

James "Jim" Goings, 77, a longtime resident of Carrollton, Ohio, and more recently of Summerfield, Florida, passed away at his home on November 28, 2025. Jim was predeceased by his mother, Evelyn May Goings (Grimm), and his father, James Fredrick Goings.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Jim lived a life defined by curiosity, kindness, and quiet service. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim graduated from Walsh College with a degree in Education and went on to follow a wide and varied career path. He taught middle school English—fondly remembered by students for the unforgettable "Helping Verb Song"—and at one point ran a one-screen movie theater in Carrollton. For 23 years, he supported families during their most difficult moments as a large-loss claims adjuster specializing in disaster relief. He was also a member of the local Arson Task Force.

Jim was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, where he served faithfully by caring for the Sherrodsville Cemetery, bringing Communion to the sick, and helping with community dinners in the parish hall. In retirement, he continued his commitment to service, volunteering with Hospice and later as a board member.

He took great pride in tending a thriving garden and could often be found cycling anywhere from 10 to 60 miles a day. His many interests included cooking, writing, painting, photography, building custom bicycles, and visiting museums—especially those featuring his favorite artist, Salvador Dalí. Above all, Jim was a teacher at heart, always eager to share what he had learned with anyone willing to listen.

Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary, whom he lovingly called Rosemary; his children, Amy Spears (husband Phil Spears) and Jennifer Goings (husband Eric DeCaria); six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held in Carrollton for family and friends this summer. Details will be announced at a later date.

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“ *I worked with Jim at Nationwide. He was a unique and passionate guy. I always enjoyed talking to him about a variety of topics. May he enjoy eternal life and see God’s face.* 🙏  
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**Gary Conny** - March 02 at 08:08 AM

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**Joel H. Rogers** - February 27 at 08:16 PM