



James Peter Anholt

July 24, 1942 - January 13, 2023

James “Jim or Jimmy” Peter Anholt 1942-2023

Born and raised in New Jersey before moving to Fort Myers in 1968, Jim and his wife Betty moved to

Sanibel in 1969 after being hired by Frances Bailey to manage the Sanibel Chevron Station. Jim and

Betty managed and then purchased the service station, running it until 1982 when Sanibel Transit was

born. Sanibel Transit ran a historical trolley tour, trolley schedule and tours/events all around Sanibel

and Captiva Islands and SW Florida until 1999 when Jim became a paid member of the Sanibel Fire

Department. Jim was a volunteer firefighter since he was 15 years young and remained a member of

fire departments for 51 years. In 2004 he was awarded the Medal of Valor for his heroic efforts in

saving Janie Melsek who was attacked by a 12 foot 457 pound alligator, preventing her from being dragged into deeper water.

Jim has been past board member of Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber, Caretta Research and is a

life member of SCCF. Loggerhead sea turtles were a passion of Jimmy's. He helped Charles LeBuff

with Caretta Research tagging and tracking sea turtles that nested on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. His

greatest joys have always been bluegrass music, camping and people. He

has never met a stranger

and always left you with a smile and laugh.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty, their children Morganna and

Cameron, his grandson

Jamie, his sister Barbara Ford and her husband Edward and extended family.

A celebration of Jim's

life will be in the spring when Sanibel has recovered more from Hurricane Ian.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James Peter Anholt*



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“ *James Peter Anholt*

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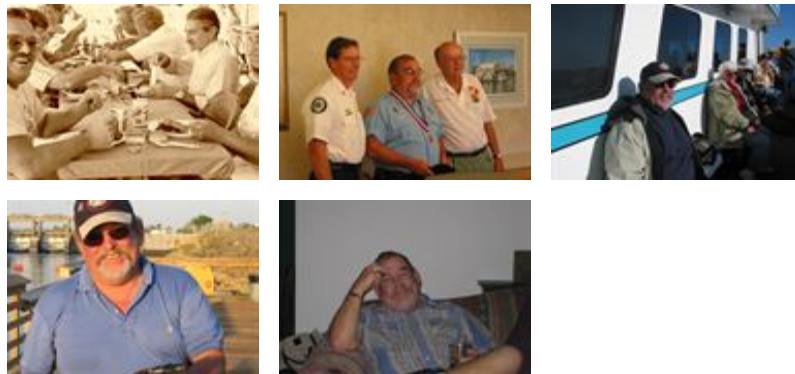


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“ I am so deeply sorry for your family's loss, as Jimmy was such a kind man! I had the pleasure of getting to know the Anholt family when I lived across the street from them on Sanibel. Some of my fondest memories of Jimmy, besides the whole family being such awesome people are many, but here are a few.....after Hurricane Wilma which I stayed for because the shelling was awesome (long story), Jimmy arrived the following day to see me picking up downed vegetation and chastised me for staying on the island! He said that Betty was staying in Buckingham and she was okay, he was back checking on the house which was good. Seeing me safe seemed to satisfy him after I insisted I was fine; I had adopted a wonderful yellow lab with my same name, KC, who escaped during a torrential thunder and lightening storm one summer. I searched everywhere for him and was sure that something bad (alligator) had gotten him....that evening after dark there was a knock on my door. It was Jimmy and he said "come on down, have something for you". We went down to his truck and in the front seat was my KC boy! I cried of course, but he said he heard on the radio that he listened to for emergencies, that a dog was found at a local resort and knew it was KC; I always admired how much he loved his property, plants, his beloved family and of course his staghorn fern that was huge! Undoubtedly, there are more fond memories....Jimmy, rest in Peace, you are dearly missed by so many.....my love to all the family during this very difficult time.

Kara "KC" Cuscaden - January 19, 2023 at 05:57 PM