



Bear Threads, Ltd

James Lee Nicol
1935-2021



It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of my dear husband of 43 years, Jim Nicol.

Jim attended MIT and graduated from Georgia Tech. He then went on to have a successful career in commercial real estate. Only three years into our marriage, he fully backed me in the opening of Bear Threads, Ltd. While he continued with his own business ventures, he became more and more involved and enamored with "The Bear" and really enjoyed our international buying trips and sightseeing along the way.

A quick learner, he came to be friends with all of you, our customers, and so enjoyed the time he spent meeting and catching up with you. I suspect most of you would rather talk to him than me!

In his retirement, Jim was an integral part of Bear Threads, Ltd. and will be terribly missed. If you would like to read more about his life, please see his obituary below.

The Future of Bear Threads

With much prayer and thought, I have decided to close the business. We will shortly begin a Liquidation Sale, and details are forthcoming.

Appointments for in-house visits are being taken and I would love for you to come see everything in our inventory. Please call or email to schedule an appointment with me. If you DO NOT have an appointment, however, please do NOT show up, as I absolutely will not be able to accommodate you.

I encourage you to assess your needs of fabric, laces, embroideries, and buttons, as most of my designs are proprietary and cannot be run again by another person or company. Discounts will be great, but don't count on waiting until the end, or you most likely will be greatly disappointed.

Remember we have not only our regular stock available on the web site, but also our many collections of antique laces, vintage ribbons, and Hand Loomed Swiss Motifs from before the 1950. All at your disposal.

With Great Appreciation of Jim's and my Customers --

Sheila T. Nicol

Jim's Obituary

James Lee Nicol was born June 27, 1935 in Louisville. He was proud of his Scottish heritage with roots on the Isle Of Skye. James -- Jim to his family and close friends -- had a privileged life growing up with his two brothers on a 30- acre estate. He attended The Anchorage School through his freshman year, transferring to Kentucky Military Institute for the remainder of his high school education. There his school year was split between Lyndon, KY, and Venice, FL. The first person in Kentucky to get a perfect SAT score, he was accepted by MIT, Cal Tech and Georgia Tech. He attended both MIT and Georgia Tech, where he earned his Building Construction degree in December 1959.

After graduation from Georgia Tech, Jim was accepted as a "Looper," as Bethlehem Steel called its executive candidates. He remained in Pennsylvania until 1964, when he accepted a Project Manager position with McDonough Construction Company in Atlanta. There, Jim oversaw projects including a redistribution terminal for 4 major oil companies, liquid oxygen facilities for NASA, and plants for the DuPont Company. In 1966 he entered the family-owned business with real estate holdings including The Igloo Ice Skating Rink in Atlanta. In 1976 he established Commercial Development and Investment Corporation (CDIC) doing contract commercial real estate development. Throughout his career, Jim was known for his kind and generous manner with his employees.

Over the decades, Jim's philanthropic devotion to Georgia Tech allowed him the privilege of being one of The Dodd Boys and a member of The Hill Society. He remained a devout fan of the Yellow Jackets where he was awarded a Golden Jacket for endowing an Athletic Scholarship with requirements for academic as well as athletic achievement. He loved Northside Drive Baptist Church and was a member for 56 years. He served on numerous committees, including several terms on both the finance and personnel committees.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sheila T. Nicol.

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