



James Thomas Compton

August 21, 1939 - September 19, 2010

James Thomas Compton, 71, of Laurel, died Sunday, Sept. 19, at South Central Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family and loving friends. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Memory Chapel in Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements. Funeral services and burial will take place at Springhill Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. The body will be placed in the church at 9:30 a.m. Jim was born in Broken Bow, OK, and attended George S. Gardiner High School. After serving 3 years in the National Guard, he enlisted in the Navy and trained to become a deep sea diver. His service included 3 tours in Vietnam, and duty stations in the Philippine Islands, Japan and Spain. Jim was commissioned as an officer and held command of diving units and naval bases in Maryland, Florida, California and Hawaii. He retired after 33 years of service in 1989, when he and wife Pam returned to Laurel and he fulfilled his boyhood dream of raising cows and fishing in his own pond. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Thurman and Helen Compton, and brothers Daniel and William. He is survived by his wife Pamela; daughter Helen and husband Brad West, and grandchildren Nathan, Samuel and Lydia; and his sister Sharon and sister-in-law Marcia. The family thanks Drs. Tanious, Kumar and Hogan, and staff for their exceptional care. They are also grateful for the outpouring of support by the Springhill Baptist Church family.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't hear until the morning of the funeral. I can only assume that when I called the F.H. they misunderstood when I said Jim's name because I was told he wasn't there. I would have tried to be there for you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. You are in my prayers.
Marian

Marian Latimer - September 25, 2010 at 10:18 PM

DB

“ My thought on James T: A Leader of men A Guardian of family
Generous of heart True to all My friend
I know has already started running the streets with Bill.....

Donna Barker - September 25, 2010 at 01:23 PM

JG

“ Helen, our thoughts and love are with you and your family.

Jeff and Jamie Goldfarb - September 24, 2010 at 04:27 PM

EF

“ Dear Helen and family,
All of us at Business Performance Labs are sincerely sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Having suffered the loss of my own father as well, I have some idea of what you and your family are going through. No words of comfort are adequate for such a loss. I wish you the strength, comfort and peace derived from friends and family during this difficult time.
Thinking of you fondly,
Ed Fritsch

Ed Fritsch - September 24, 2010 at 02:52 PM

AC

“ I wish I could have heard you speak To listen to story after story To gaze and sway and sit intrigued Hearing of you in your glory I'm sure I'll catch a version or two Of stories you used to tell But I don't think it'll be same I heard you told them well Your spirit lives on, though Your stories, too Through your wife, daughter and family In everything they do They'll tell your jokes And remember your flair And each time they smile It's as if you'll be there You know they will miss you But never be far You'll be a prayer away Wherever they are I wish I could have heard you speak To hear your logic on life I feel like I get parts of you though From your daughter - an amazing mentor, mother and wife She laughs out loud And helps everyone whenever she can I truly do surmise that She made you a very proud man Her family is so special Each one of them unique They can each brighten your day Depending upon what it is you seek Brad has a kind-heart He's just as nice as can be Nathan's a great big brother to the twins Who soon will be three Sammy is a peach He climbs, giggles and high-fives And pretty Liddy's just a cutesy riot It's easy to see they've enhanced each other's lives I get to meet the Mrs. soon She's said to be simply dear I'm sure she's gotten word of my crazy demeanor But you can't always believe what you hear! So here's to your robust laugh, Big hugs and strong wit I say with true confidence You are one not a soul could forget

Angelica Carter - September 23, 2010 at 02:36 PM

MC

“Helen's dad" made a big impression on all who knew him. He was passionate about his family, his grandchildren, his farm and animals, and making things for loved ones that they will keep forever. He will be remembered.

M'Lu and Bob Colbourn - September 23, 2010 at 10:02 AM

GC

To the family of James I offer my heartfelt sympathies and prayers. I graduated with James in 1959 from Gardiner High and am so glad I saw James at some of our reunions. We will remember you in our prayers.

George Cornett

George Cornett - September 22, 2010 at 10:05 PM

LW

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lynn Walter - September 22, 2010 at 07:57 PM

SF

Our thoughts and prayers go out to my Auntie Pam and my cousin, Helen and her family. Uncle Jim was an amazing man who led an interesting life and lived it to the fullest. God bless his family and friends and the wonderful church that is there comforting them during this sad time.

Sharon Benintende and family - September 22, 2010 at 01:36 PM

CD

“ We are so sorry. Jim gave me my sweet sister-in-law and I am grateful to him and Pam.
I know that Helen and Brad will help Nathan, Sammy and Liddy know about their PawPaw and will work to instill in them a love for who their grandfather was, as well as the high vlaues and sense of duty which Jim had.
We pray that Jim's family will abide in the Lord during this difficult time. Wish we could be there in person to give you hugs.May the peace which passes understanding be yours.
Love, Les and Christine

christine Deane - September 22, 2010 at 10:33 AM

DV

“ Helen and Pam, My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you both. Debbie King

Deborah VanceKing - September 22, 2010 at 10:02 AM

TR

“ To Pam and The Family:
Thank you for sharing Jim with us at the annual "Paella Dinner" at Helen and Brad's house. We enjoyed getting to know him and we really enjoyed listening to the Navy stories as shared with Ted and John Koval (both former Navy Divers, John was under Jim's Command). Jim was quite a good story teller and was always fun to talk to. We will miss him. God Bless Him and Keep Him. With love,
Ted and Connie Ross

Ted and Connie Ross - September 22, 2010 at 09:42 AM

MC

“ Dear Helen and Family,
My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely, Mary

Mary Crimmings - September 22, 2010 at 12:13 AM

PR

“ Your family is in our hearts at this time of loss. I am thinking about
happy times...
"Alli-@@!&(**-oop!" SPLASH
Hawaiian sunsets and swims...
Great big bear hugs complete with a few grunts.
Love to all,
Pam

Pam, Mick, Claire, Monica Rabin - September 21, 2010 at 07:35 PM

RG

“ May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time

Randy Gould - September 21, 2010 at 11:18 AM