



James "Jimmy" Alan Grimes

October 14, 1948 - February 9, 2024

James "Jimmy" Alan Grimes, died peacefully on Friday, February 9, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family, at his home in Laurel, MS.

Jimmy was born on October 14, 1948, in Brookhaven, MS, to the late Mr. and Ms. S.E. Grimes, Jr. (Earl and Penny). He graduated from Biloxi High School (Class of 1966) where he developed life-long friendships.

He was an Ole Miss Rebel at heart. Jimmy attended the University of Mississippi where he studied banking and finance, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 1970 from the University of Mississippi.

Jimmy began his career at Mississippi Chemical Corporation in Yazoo City, MS, as an Internal Auditor-Audit Supervisor from 1970-1979. Service in the US Army from 1970 to 1979 included active duty followed by reserve duty. He received an Honorable Discharge as a Captain in 1979.

On July 12, 1975, Jimmy wed his wife of almost 40 years, the late Gail Herring Grimes, in Yazoo City. Jimmy and Gail, along with their 3 children, moved to Laurel, MS, in 1979. It was in Laurel that he began employment with Sanderson Farms as Chief Internal Auditor. Jimmy worked at Sanderson Farms for 33 years, retiring in 2012 as Secretary of Corporations and

Corporate Controller. The bonds with co-workers and friendships formed while at Sanderson Farms did not end with his retirement, but continued and remained a significant part of his life.

Jimmy was affectionately known as "Pop" to his son, James Hunter (Catfish) Grimes of Gulfport; and his 2 daughters, Laura Grimes Singley of Hattiesburg and Memory Grimes Graham of Hattiesburg. In addition to his children, he is survived by a sister, Lynda Grimes Ferris (Doug) of Oxford, MS; 6 grandchildren, Dr. Rachael Gandy Hudson (Kel), Alan Singley, Rayne Graham, Kade Grimes, Autumn Graham and Rylee Grimes; 1 great granddaughter, Frances Hudson; and his canine companion "Lizzie Belle".

Jimmy was a member of First United Methodist Church for 30 years, serving on the Stewardship Committee from 1993-1995. Prior to First United Methodist Church, he was a member of Kingston United Methodist Church.

He was a dutiful husband, son and brother, a constant guiding presence in the lives of his children, and a loving grandfather. He never forgot a birthday, cherished times spent with friends, loved hunting, loved the Ole Miss Rebels, and was always looking forward to planning that next great trip.

Per Jimmy's request, in lieu of a formal memorial service, family and friends are invited to a visitation and gathering at First United Methodist Church in Laurel, MS, on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Delta Psi Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity or the American Liver Foundation.

To sign the online guest book, visit; www.memorychapellaurel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

BR

“ I am so sorry to learn of the death of Jimmy. Jimmy lived next door to me at the ATO house We shared many good times together whether studying, playing cards with house mother Mrs Gerard , singing off key at singsong competitions, endless football weekends, and dancing at each other’s weddings Jimmy was the kindest southern gentleman I ever knew, in the best since of the term. God bless you my friend Thoughts and prayers are with your children and grands Ben Royce

Ben Royce - May 05, 2024 at 03:58 PM

KK

“ I first met Jimmy when we sat together in biology class in the ninth grade at Mary L Michele junior high in Biloxi. He was always a delight to be with in the past 10 years or so. Jimmy traveled with myself and other classmates on some wonderful trips. also enjoyed seeing him at our 66 luncheons once a month at Mary Mahony’s I was so sad to hear of his passing. He will be missed prayers for his family.

karen Bell Kuhn - February 16, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DM

“ Jimmy and I became friends when his family moved to Biloxi. We were in the same fourth grade class at West End elementary. Also both of us were in Sunday school together at First Methodist Church Biloxi. Some of us were a little wild at times, but Jimmy was the level headed one. As I just said to one of friends in common “Jimmy was the best of us”. Will miss you ole friend, yet I know your with our Lord and I’ll see you again.

Doug Mitchell - February 13, 2024 at 07:42 PM

DH

“ I'm saddened to see that Jimmy has left us. I never saw him when he wasn't wearing that devil may care smile! I pray that all those great memories of Jimmy sustain each one of the family in the days to come. May HIS hand be upon each of you.



Dennis Henley - February 11, 2024 at 04:56 PM

TF

“ To All the Grimes Children
My family is praying for ya'll in the days ahead and I am so sorry for your loss and praying for peace and comfort that only God can give



The Braswell Family - February 10, 2024 at 10:42 PM

DH

Really enjoyed getting to know my cousin, Jimmy Grimes. Most recent visit was a delicious lunch provided by him and his late wife, Gail. Catfish was there for that meal, as well.

David Herring - February 12, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MT

“ Was so sorry to hear of Jimmys passing! Prayers go to his family and friends! I was in his class at BHS and share a lot of great memories with Jimmy! We walked to and from school together as he lived right behind me! May he rest in peace he will surely be missed ❤️🙏

Mary Turner Trone - February 10, 2024 at 07:41 PM

DL

“ Wonderful memories traveling with Jimmy and school reunions and our class of 66 lunches at Mary Mahoney’s. He will be missed by so many. My prayers for his family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Donna Langlinais - February 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM

GJ

“ Jimmy also know by some brothers as grimal was a great and loyal fraternity brother back in the ole ATO days with house mother ms Gerard from Cleveland ms. I’ll always have great memories of jimmy at the ATO house. God bless jimmy and his beloved Family. He has run a great race and finished well.
George Johnston oxford Ms

George johnston - February 10, 2024 at 05:58 PM