



Dr. James A. Pittman

July 17, 1936 - July 16, 2021

James Altus “Jim” Pittman, age 84 of Laurel, MS passed away July 16, 2021 peacefully from natural causes. He was a native of Tylertown, MS and moved to Jones County in 1972.

Born July 17, 1936 in Walthall County, he graduated from Mississippi College and received his medical degree from Tulane University. Dr. Pittman completed his medical internship and training at Southern Pacific General Hospital in San Francisco, CA. It is here where he met his wife, Cindy, of 54 years. This was followed by one year in Viet Nam at the 12th U. S. Air Force Hospital in Cam Rahn Bay. Upon returning to the States, he served two years at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida where he helped with medical support of the Apollo Space Missions. Dr. Pittman went on to continue practicing medicine in Meridian and Laurel over his 30+ year career.

Jim loved his career in general surgery, but could also be found during leisure time teeing it up on golf courses from MS to CA and abroad. He cherished his canine friends, the great food and wines of New Orleans, the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and spending precious moments with close family at the dinner table. Those who knew him well, knew of his love for his 1966 Jaguar “Lazarus” and the music by Elvis Presley and the Eagles. Never failing to lend a helping hand, Dr. Pittman was first in line to help those in need. He was a gentle and kind man who loved his family dearly.

He is survived by wife of 54 years, Lucinda “Cindy” Dehan Pittman; daughters, Jennifer Perrone and Melissa Stidham; grandsons, Colin Stidham, Aaron Perrone and Jackson Perrone; and was preceded in death by sister, Jewel Claire Merritt. He loved and was loved by family including nephews, Jim Merritt of Jackson, MS and Dr. Greg Merritt of Fairhope, AL; special friends including Rose Avary, his RN, and all the staff at Surgery Clinic in Laurel.

Visitation will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Services will begin at 11 a.m. Private interment with family will be at Lake Park Hills Cemetery on Emmy Drive in Laurel.

Serving as pallbearers are Colin Stidham, Aaron Perrone, Jackson Perrone, Tommy Rogers, Billy Sumrall, Dr. Kevin Ivey, Jim Merritt, Dr. Greg Merritt, Matthew Stidham and Brian Perrone.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Laurel Animal Rescue League.

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

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
833 W Sixth Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Dr. Pittman's skills as a surgeon literally saved my life in 1984. May the Lord give his family comfort and grace in the days to come.*

Tim Weems - July 27, 2021 at 01:02 AM



“ *I worked with Dr. Pittman at JCCH in the 60s, a good doctor & a good man . To me being remembered as a "good man" is on of the greatest compliments one can be receive . RIP God's good & faithful servant*

Dwight Sanders - July 26, 2021 at 05:54 PM

RL

“ *Doc was one of my residents at MSVH . I always said he was my favorite doctor. His words of wisdom for the day was always "Don't eat the yellow snow". I loved him dearly. Deepest sympathy for family. Doc you have earned your gold star.*



Rachel White, Lpn - July 25, 2021 at 07:43 PM

JE

“ *Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman*



Jan Ellzey - July 20, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CT

“ *Cecelia, Jerry, Michelle, and Tom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. James A. Pittman.*



Cecelia, Jerry, Michelle, and Tom - July 20, 2021 at 05:27 PM

BD

“ *Dr. Pittman was my Dear Friend as well as patient at the State Veterans Home. He always had a smile and brought Sunshine to me. He will be missed. My condolences to his wife and family . A candle will be lit in Dr. Pittman’s memory. God bless.*
Beverly Dye

Beverly Dye - July 20, 2021 at 01:39 PM

BD

I was thinking about Doctor Pittman’s War stories, and I would tell him about my Dad’s WWII stories. We talked a lot. Doc loved his family so much. I miss him. I know you have earned a Gem in Heaven Doctor Pittman.

Beverly Dye - August 02, 2021 at 11:47 PM

MD

“ *Marsha DeReamer lit a candle in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman*



Marsha DeReamer - July 19, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CM

“ I was thinking about Dr. Pittman just the other day, and how they don't make them like him anymore. He was always so kind and compassionate to not just his patients but to all of us who worked with him. All of us in surgery loved him and was always told of his appreciation for us all. We all loved his war stories and his love of Star Wars Movies. He will be sorely missed and always loved. Enjoy your new home in Heaven, Dr. Pittman. Prayers for you, his family, until you see him again.

Carrie (Butts) Mozingo - July 19, 2021 at 06:28 PM

CW

“ Cindy W. lit a candle in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman



Cindy W. - July 19, 2021 at 04:36 PM

CW

“ One of the very best! A genuine Sweet, sweet person. Fly high up there, Dr. Pittman, where you don't have to get up early and 'Lazarus' is never in the shop!

Cindy W. - July 19, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ Dr. Pittman was such a nice man. He came in Office Products to buy the little fruit & veggie teapots. We would gift wrap for him. Good memories of him.

Debra Blackledge - July 19, 2021 at 03:43 PM

LD

“ Dr. Pittman was a great and passionate Doctor and man. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. I am Praying for his family at this sad time.

Linda Donald - July 19, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman



Wanda Harrison - July 19, 2021 at 09:30 AM

MT

“ Dr Pittman was my favorite Dr of all time. I only let him operate on me until he retired. I even got to treat him as a patient. I loved him, he was a great doctor with a great bedside manner. He will be greatly missed by everybody that knew him.

Martha Tew - July 19, 2021 at 09:06 AM

JL

“ Juanita Langley sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman



Juanita Langley - July 18, 2021 at 11:48 PM

TM

“ *Melissa and Jennifer, I'm so sorry for y'all loss. Your dad was a great man! Rest In Peace, Doc.*

tessa manning - July 18, 2021 at 07:51 PM

JE

“ *Jan Ellzey sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. James A. Pittman*



Jan Ellzey - July 18, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JE

Fly high, Dr. Pittman. Rest in peace--your earthly work is done.

Jan Ellzey - July 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

EM

A compassionate man with much understanding a great boss to all employees of clinic. Great love for his family friends and all creatures. Emma

Emma McFarland - July 19, 2021 at 03:23 PM

GF

I enjoyed working around Dr. Pittman. He was a good man and a good Doctor.

Greg Foster - July 19, 2021 at 11:06 PM

JE

“ *Always kind, considerate and caring for his patients, staff, and everyone in general! He would still have a smile for all regardless of his long hours at work. He will be sorely missed! My sincere condolences to the family!*

Jan Ellzey - July 18, 2021 at 07:11 PM

JE

“ *Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Dr.
James A. Pittman*



Jan Ellzey - July 18, 2021 at 07:03 PM