



JAMES "JIM" BEATTY

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PERRY –

James Barnett “Jim” Beatty passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. He was 84 years old. The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Jim was born on October 29, 1939, in Dublin, Georgia, to the late Hugh and Chloebel Bleckley Beatty. A 1957 graduate of Perry High School, he was the very first quarterback for the Perry Panthers when the football program started there. Jim was an outstanding athlete and a natural leader on the team, and he was proud to be one of Fessor’s Boys on the basketball court. He was called “Jimmy” by his teammates, friends, and family. After high school, he studied Finance at the University of Georgia. It was when he was in his thirties that he met and married the love of his life, Christine Locke. The couple lived in Marietta where Jim was in Mobile Home sales and finance for over forty years. For twenty of those years, he was the business owner. After retirement, Jim and his wife returned to Houston County where he had lived for the past twenty years. He attended Cross Point Church of Perry. Jim was a lifelong, avid fan of the Georgia Bulldogs and enjoyed watching the games, often attending when he could.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Brook Beatty; his brother, Hugh Beatty, Jr.; and his granddaughter, Brianna Land.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Jim are his loving and devoted wife of fifty years, Christine Locke Beatty of Perry; his children, Brian Beatty of Sandy Springs, GA, Lara Robinson (Mark) of Vero Beach, FL, and Brian Land (Donna) of Dawsonville, GA; his grandchildren, Justin Robinson, Tyler Beatty, Julianne Adams (Matt), Ashley McGurkin, Tara O’Connor (Ian), and Lexie Tinsley (Cody); his great-



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grandchildren, Lydia Rose, Ace, Van, Jane, Jaelyn, Rose, and Lily; his sister, Nancy Hilderbrand (David) of Perry; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews; and his beloved dog, Majik.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Events


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Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 14, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069





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Linda Rodgers Goodman posted:

Dearest Nancy, Condolences to you and your family in such a precious loss. What sweet memories. Love, Linda Rodgers Goodman

December 8 at 11:27 PM



Debbie Beatty lit a candle in honor of JAMES.

I loved it when Brook Beatty and I would visit Jim. He loved my bundts - one in particular was my Irish Cream cake. We drove done one weekend & I made two cakes, Brook got them out of car, I told him to make sure cake carrier was closed good - next thing I know Jim's cake was on the driveway - Jim said wait it fell straight so top hasn't touched driveway - the scrap a small piece off top for Jim. He was in Brook all weekend for that. I loved visiting with him sitting in garage and talking. He will be missed - he was more than a father-in-law, he was a good friend.



September 14 at 7:42 AM



William Harrison posted:

Jimmy, as I knew him, was a special neighbor & friend from our youthful days in Andrew Heights. He was a stellar athlete, often beating some of us older boys in a game of H-O-R-S-E or one on one. We honed our football skills at the sandlot circle long before PHS had a program. I regret I cannot attend his visitation, but will be present in spirit. Memories of our time together will continue to be cherished.

September 9 at 3:02 PM

NH **Nancy B Hilderbrand** September 10 at 11:04 AM
Thank you!



Dicky Erwin posted:

To the Beatty family, I got to know Jim after he moved back to Perry. In doing the Perry High football research I realized he was one of the stars on Perry's first 3 football teams. He answered several questions to help me in my research of Perry football. I always enjoyed talking with him about Perry football. My condolences to all of the family.

September 9 at 2:51 PM



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Billy Powell posted:

Jimmy was a vital player on Perry's 1956 basketball team as the '56 team won the state championship. Jimmy was truly a great player and a great person. I appreciated him very much and enjoyed his company.

September 9 at 10:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JAMES by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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