



James Kelly Bennett

September 8, 1936 - August 6, 2020

Funeral service for James Kelly Bennett, 83, of Gadsden will be Saturday, August 08, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Spivey officiating. Private burial will follow at Highland Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Mr. Bennett passed away Thursday, August 06, 2020 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Barbara Hicks Bennett of Gadsden; four children, Beth Bennett of Tampa, FL, Maury Jim Bennett Miller (David) of Alexander City, James Cory Bennett (Pam) of Chelsea, and Barry Marlin Bennett of Valdosta, GA; three grandchildren, Brooke Pontenberg, Alexis Lee Bennett and Lauren Kelly Bennett; one sister, Ann Marlyn Bennett Sawyer of Fort Payne; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be James Cory Bennett, Barry Marlin Bennett, Chuck Sawyer, Greg Hicks, David Miller, and Dorman Robinson. Mr. Bennett was a native and resident of Piedmont most of his life and most recently resided in Gadsden. He was a graduate of Piedmont High School and Alabama Polytechnic Institute now known as Auburn University. He was the former owner of Bennett - Knight Furniture Company. Mr. Bennett was a former member of Piedmont City School Board, where he served as chairman during construction of the new Piedmont High School. He was a member of Zamorah Shrine Temple and had served as president of the Hollow Stump Hawgers. He was a former member of the Piedmont Jaycees, a member of the Gadsden First United Methodist Church Choir, President of the church organization,

Retired and Ready, a member of the Gadsden Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Alabama Master Gardeners. Mr. Bennett enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a private pilot. He was preceded in death by his parents, J.M. and Eunice Bennett and Pearlie Cowser Smith. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Piedmont, 300 Main Street Piedmont, AL 36272, The First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, 115 South 5th Street, Gadsden, AL, or a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

TY

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Jim my prayers go out to his family in this time of sorrow!



Tammy Young - August 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM

TY

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. He was a fine gentleman and friend.



TONY G. YOUNG - August 10, 2020 at 01:34 AM

JO

“ Thankful for the good memories of the Bennett family as neighbors..Jim & I had a brief visit several years ago at a flower mart in Centre..he was the same genuine caring person that I grew up knowing..Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, Barbara and your family. Jim & Jan (Garner) O'Kelley

Jim & Jan (Garner) O'Kelley - August 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM

BB

I was reading comments,as I have done so many times. I can hardly believe this much time has passed. .I am thankful for the good memories of family and friends.

Barbara Bennett - April 19, 2025 at 09:02 AM

LJ

“ Love, Cindy & Janet purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



Love, Cindy & Janet - August 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 03:59 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry about Mr. Jim. I saw him a couple years ago in his dermatologist's office. He and I enjoyed a brief visit talking about his children. He was so proud of them.

Connie Kirk Whorton - August 07, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.*



August 07, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Scott, Rhonda & Connor Campbell Shirley Butler purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of James Kelly Bennett.*



Scott, Rhonda & Connor Campbell Shirley Butler - August 07, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *Stephen Dann, Rodney Dann and office staff purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of James Kelly Bennett.*



Stephen Dann, Rodney Dann and office staff - August 07, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.*



August 07, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ SMITH MARITIME, INC lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Bennett



SMITH MARITIME, INC - August 07, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Praying for the family. 🙏🙏🙏



Teresa Thacker - August 07, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DR

“ There will never be another Jim Bennett. I still have beautiful furniture accessory pieces that were purchased from Bennett-Knight in 1977. He was a true and dear friend to Eddie and me. Love and prayers to all, Debby Jones Rosser.

Debby Rosser - August 07, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



August 07, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LR

“ Love, Michael, Alyson, & Rian. purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of James Kelly Bennett.



Love, Michael, Alyson, & Rian. - August 07, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SM

“ Our sincere condolences to Barbara and the family during this sad time?
Sandra and Stokely Morgan

STOKELY MORGAN - August 07, 2020 at 09:10 AM

KL

“ Karen And Jo Ledbetter sent a virtual gift in memory of James Kelly Bennett



Karen and Jo Ledbetter - August 07, 2020 at 01:55 AM

KP

“ Ken Prater lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Bennett



Ken Prater - August 07, 2020 at 12:04 AM

JS

“ *Janna (Norton) Sutherland lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Bennett*



Janna (Norton) Sutherland - August 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM

CB

Barbara, sorry for your loss. Jim was one of a kind, a gentleman. He was always making the Silver Sneakers in the back corner of room laugh. When we heard the laughter we gave Jim credit. I will miss him. Thankful to have known him. Carolyn Beecham

Carolyn Beecham - August 09, 2020 at 11:11 PM