



Mr. James William Lowery

September 8, 1933 - July 16, 2020

James William Lowery, Sr., age 86, of Arab, Alabama passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at home after a brief illness.

Mr. Lowery was born September 8, 1933, in Birmingham, AL to James Willson and Inez Mitchell Lowery. On March 27, 1955, he married the love of his life, the former JoAnn McCormack, to whom he remained faithfully married to for 65 years. James spent part of his youth in Stillwater, MN before joining the United States Navy in 1953, where he spent four years serving his country. He moved his young family to the Scant City area of Arab in January, 1964, where he and his wife still reside. He joined Red Diamond Coffee Co., retiring in 1995 after 33 years. After retiring he worked part-time for several years at Stoney Mountain Golf Course. He loved his family and playing all sports with his children and the neighborhood children, and later with his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He never stopped loving and playing with children.

His hobbies all revolved around sports, spending many years officiating baseball and football games all over north Alabama. Post retirement, he devoted all of his free time to playing golf with dear friends Buddy Kelsey, Doug Tanner, and the late Alex Oliver along with a host of others. He never missed watching his children participate in various sports and later took great pride in watching his grandchildren. Anyone who knew him knows he loved Alabama football. He and his wife were blessed to travel through five different

continents. He was a member of New Friendship Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years, only recently retiring from his teaching duties. He loved serving his church family in this capacity.

Mr. Lowery will be forever remembered by his wife: JoAnn Lowery; Daughters: Linda Buchanan (James), Arab, and Dr. Lisa Lowery-Smith (Morgan), Chattanooga, Tn.; Son: James (Jim) William, Jr. (Denise), Hoover, AL; Grandchildren: Dr. Hannah Hightower (Brad), Zac Buchanan (Caroline), April Brasfield (Logan), Will Lowery (Marlo), and Elizabeth Reynolds (Bryce); Seven great-grandchildren: Maggie and George Hightower; Arthur Buchanan; Leo, Miller and Taylor Brasfield; Parker Lowery; Sister: Geraldine Howell, Clanton, Al ; Brother: Thomas Lowery, Ledbetter, TX.

The family will receive guests on Sunday, July 19, 2020, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at New Friendship Baptist Church (2150 New Friendship Road Union Grove, AL 35175), followed immediately by a funeral service beginning at 3:00 pm with the Reverend John Tuck officiating. Eulogies will be given by Jim Lowery Jr., Zac Buchanan and Will Lowery.

Pallbearers escorting Mr. Lowery to his final resting place include: Zac Buchanan, Will Lowery, Brad Hightower, Logan Brasfield, Bryce Reynolds, and Mike McCormack.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to A-Team Ministries 1809 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, AL 35209 or Big Oak Ranch P.O. Box 507 Springville, AL 35146.

Cemetery Details

New Friendship Cemetery

2150 New Friendship Road
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Friendship Baptist Church
2150 New Friendship Road
Union Grove, AL 35175

Service

JUL 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LN

“ Jim was like a second father to many. He treated me like family and took me in when I lived in Alabama as an exchange student from Brazil. He would spend hours patiently teaching me about sports and religion. Living with him and his wife helped me grow as a person. His sense of friendship, family and honor was simply and clear: always love and help others. Even after 20 years, he would show love and respect for me and my family. I send my love from the Novais Family in Brazil to the entire family.
Love, Luis Novais.

instagram: @luis.novais_

Luis Novais - July 20, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JW

“ Judy Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Lowery



Judy Walker - July 19, 2020 at 07:18 PM

SH

“ Lisa, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I knew as soon as I met him that he was a great man and wonderful role model and influence in your life. I am think of you and your family.



Sheila Haynes - July 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Lowery.*



July 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Amanda And Randall Key lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Lowery*



Amanda and Randall Key - July 18, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Alana & Johnny Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Lowery*



Alana & Johnny Burks - July 18, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *EUGENE H BERRY lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Lowery*



EUGENE H BERRY - July 18, 2020 at 10:56 AM

RD

“ I offer this tribute in honor of a faithful servant of God whose memory is that of a life well-spent and invested wisely in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

His was and is a Christian example lived out in front of us, a legacy of faith left as a roadmap for us to follow.

He ever lives in the sweet presence of our Lord and his testimony now stands immortalized in God's Great Hall of Fame.

Jim Lowery was a Contender of Faith who has won "The Crown of Glory"! I Peter 5:1-4

It was an honor to know him.

Renee Dover

Renee Dover - July 18, 2020 at 10:50 AM