



James Joseph Dorsey

July 30, 1939 - September 27, 2020

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James J. Dorsey, 81, of Atlanta, GA passed away Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, after a 3-year battle with chronic lung disease.

He was born on July 30, 1939, in Findlay, OH to the late Tom and Betty (Daymon) Dorsey. Jim was a member of the Findlay High School Class of 1957, and a graduate of Findlay College (now the University of Findlay), Class of 1961. He was a former member of College First Church of God, Findlay, OH.

Jim had a lifelong interest in photography and cameras, was a great lover of dogs, and enjoyed being a part of his grandchildren's activities. He began his career with Eastman Kodak in Findlay and later transferred to Atlanta in 1969. Following his retirement, he became a part-time employee of Wings Camera Shop, Atlanta, GA.

Jim's day was not complete until he read the Atlanta Journal-Constitution from front to back, and was known for sharing clippings that resonated with him.

On May 9, 1958, he married Kay Henning. Jim is survived by his three children: Thomas E. (Emma) Dorsey of Commerce, GA; Beth Anne Farr of Dacula, GA; and Amy Jo (Kirby) Lavender of Jefferson, GA, and his former wife, Kay (née Henning) Gokey.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Brianne Farr, Makenzie Greene, Bobbi Hammond, Johnna Rucker, Matt Dorsey, Joshua Dorsey, and Kelly

Hight, plus several great-grandchildren and a great-niece. He is survived by his sister Sally (Doug) Guilford of Findlay, OH, and nephews Steve (Melanie) Dorsey of Texas and Scott (Alicia) Dorsey of Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Steve, and son-in-law, Jeff Farr.

Visitation will be at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, GA Wednesday (9/30) 6:30-7:30 p.m. Memorial service will be held the following Wednesday (10/7) 6-7:30 p.m. at Rabbit Hill Park in Dacula, GA outdoors under the large pavilion, by the dog park and sand volleyball area. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. For the memorial, please bring your own chair.

At Jim's request, he will be cremated and his ashes interred at Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, OH at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (www.flaniganfuneralhome.com): online condolences may be shared there.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jim's name to Ahimsa House — Georgia's first and only organization dedicated to helping the human and animal victims of domestic violence reach safety together — at ahimsahouse.org or your local animal shelter.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT **7**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.

Rabbit Hill Park, Dacula, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *James Joseph Dorsey*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Kent Booker lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Dorsey*



Kent Booker - September 30, 2020 at 06:32 PM

KB

“ To the family of Jim Dorsey, I am thinking about y'all, on this day of remembrance. Jim was a good man who I had the honor of knowing, and calling friend. The grief we feel now, will be replaced with great memories of Jim, as he is now free from pain and suffering. We cannot be so naive as to believe this existence on earth is all there is...

I met Jim in 1974, through his son, Tom, as we quickly became friends. I was 17 years old at the time. From Cumberland Ct. to Frontier Ct. we shared many good times together. Jim was more than just Tom, Beth, and Amy's father. He was a friend to all their friends too. When Tom and all us friends would hang out together, Jim would often times be right there with us, chatting, listening to music, going to concerts or races at Road Atlanta, and having a good time!

I learned a lot from Jim about photography, and about working in your life's passion. For Jim, that was definitely photography and working at Eastman Kodak. Jim encouraged me when I was in college, but I must say, after 37 years since having left Atlanta, and working as a mechanical engineer, I am still trying to find my life's passion! But that's how life is, and who are we to question it? Everything does, in fact, work out for a reason, though.

Well, Jim, this isn't "good-bye" as much as "later on." Every one of us will eventually be in that place, so I would like to think that you're just kicking back with a cold one until we get there. You've got a lot of good folks welcoming you home...there's PK & Jeff, Kim, Dale the Whale, Tiny, and of course your parents and kin. And you've got the best bands! Music just hasn't been the same since Skynyrd's plane left Greenville...

*Ride free my brother!
Kent Booker*

Kent Booker - September 30, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Photos & Videos



Kent Booker - September 30, 2020 at 05:42 PM

BF

*Thank you SO much, Kent! I LOVE these pics!! I don't think I have them in my archives. Maybe you can send them to me. Much love!
Beth*

Beth Farr - October 01, 2020 at 09:37 AM

DD

“ *Denny Deppen here. The Deppens, Dorseys, Moores, McCoys, Shades and Stultzs all grew up together. We were family born of the greatest generation. We were part of something beautiful. We carry on.*



Denny Deppen - September 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

BF

*Thank you, Denny! I wish I knew more of dad's cousins. After we moved to Georgia, I didn't get to see the extended family much. Dad used to tell us a lot of stories, though. He was a kind and generous man, and is greatly missed already.
Beth (his daughter)*

Beth Farr - October 01, 2020 at 09:45 AM