



James Edmond Freeman

August 17, 1935 - October 6, 2023

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James Edmond Freeman (Jim) was born in Hackleburg, Alabama on August 17th, 1935. Later he moved to Hamilton, Alabama.

Jim graduated from the University of North Alabama which was then known as Florence State Teachers College, in 1957. He served as President of the Sophomore and Senior classes and was voted Most Outstanding R.O.T.C. Cadet. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army Artillery Division.

He worked at CNA Insurance Company for 38 years in nine different states and was known for his “can-do” attitude. He earned his C.P.C.U., C.L.U., and C.F.C. designations during his insurance career.

Jim and his wife, Mary Bosley Freeman, enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, all continents, and all oceans, during their traveling years.

A lifelong member of the Church of Christ, and a member of the Buford congregation since 1992, where he served as one of the three original elders, taught Bible classes, and used his abilities when and where needed.

Mr. Freeman is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Bosley Freeman, two daughters: Debbie Bonadies (Greg) and Kathy Simmons (Jack), 5 grandchildren: Nathan Simmons, Heather Simmons Rojas (Luis), Lauren Bonadies Pittman (Trip), Kelly Bonadies Wright (Aron) and Matt Bonadies (Meghan) and eight great-grandchildren: Joey Simmons (his mother Roseann Villegas), Tristan Rojas, Leo Rojas, Penny Pittman, Hilton Pittman IV and

Darcy Pittman, Chachi Wright and Rockefeller Wright.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Inagehi, Douglasville, GA or for scholarships to the Buford Church of Christ Sonflower Preschool.

Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Buford Church of Christ. The family will receive friends at the church from 4:15 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Buford Church of Christ
1135 Chatham Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Memorial Service

OCT 12. 5:00 PM (ET)

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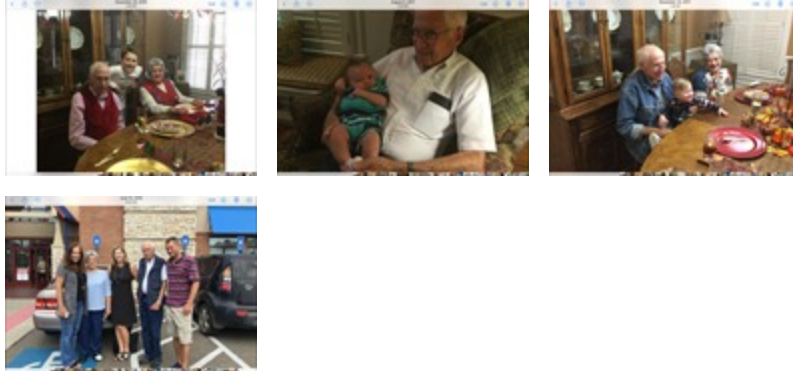
TP

“ My wife Tina and I (Tom Phillips) worshipped with your family at South Seminole Church of Christ. Jim invited me to lunch one day and asked me to teach the 5th graders on Wednesday night. That was about 49 years ago and I have been teaching classical every since. Jim was and will always be a great man.

Thomas Phillips - October 12, 2023 at 09:06 AM

KS

“ 4 files added to the album Family memories



kathy simmons - October 11, 2023 at 04:36 PM

KS

“ My father, my hero, my mentor. I'm so very thankful for the years and countless memories we shared. You not only taught us about integrity and honor, you walked the talk daily. I love you beyond what words can describe.

Kathy Simmons - October 10, 2023 at 03:43 PM

RE

“ *Mr. Jim was an amazing man. He and my dad ran many a race. He will be greatly missed. I worked at Kroger for many years and he and his wife would come in weekly. I will miss seeing him.*



Rainey E - October 08, 2023 at 01:55 PM

RE

“ *Mr. Jim was an amazing man. He and my dad met at many running races. We will really truly miss him. I worked at Kroger Hamilton mill. I saw him and on occasion his wife at Kroger Hamilton mill.*



Rainey E

Rainey E - October 07, 2023 at 08:53 PM

CM

“ *What a wonderful, faithful servant and real card.*

Years ago in a Vacation Bible School skit @ Buford coC, Jim and I were Pharisees sitting in front of Jesus (Chris Camorata [sp]) teaching when the paralytic was let down through the roof. When Jesus said "your sins are forgiven", Jim turned to me in disgust saying "He can't say that!" and then to Chris saying "You can't say that!" We forgot all our lines after that.

Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Charlie Morrow - October 07, 2023 at 07:10 PM

GS

Jim, was one the greatest examples of what Christ wants us to be. We (my precious Tom) myself & the Freeman's had many wonderful times in Florida. They (Freeman's) had wonderful parties. We we're together for many get togethers. But our worship together was our main glue that held us together. Our Faith & love for our Jesus was a shinning example for the world. You have received your crown, Jim Freeman. Much love!

Gwen Smith - October 11, 2023 at 08:22 AM

CW

What do you say about a man who had all of the wonderful characteristics of Christ and was the epitome of the business man every company needs and should look for. My husband, Claude Wills, had the honor and privilege of working under Jim's leadership at CNA for several years and learned so much about integrity and leadership in watching him and working with him. When I met Jim and his lovely wife Mary, I immediately felt that I had known them for years and that I was with family. What a delightful couple they were and the rest of their family certainly didn't fall far from the tree. What a strong Christian legacy Jim has left and one that will never be forgotten. To all of the family, hold on tight to all of your wonderful memories of this fine man, there isn't another man like Jim Freeman. Heaven has gained one of the best of the best. RIP Jim, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Carroll & Claude Wills - October 18, 2023

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