



James "Jim" Summerville

August 5, 2014

James "Jim" Summerville, age 51, of Flowery Branch, GA passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Don N. Summerville. He is survived by his wife of twenty-one years, Gayle Christensen Summerville; daughter, Samantha Summerville, Flowery Branch, GA; mother, Patricia Hunter Summerville, Lilburn, GA; brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Jackie Summerville, Lavonia, GA; mother-in-law, Alvera Christensen, Lawrenceville, GA; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Cheryl and John Kuntz, Tacoma, WA; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael and Maria Christensen, Renton, WA; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Summerville was born July 2, 1963 in Atlanta, GA. He was a 1981 graduate of Parkview High School and a 1999 graduate of Georgia State University with a bachelor's degree. He was employed with Speed South, LLC as an operations manager. He was a member of Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville, GA. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed road racing and helping with Habitat for Humanity. A memorial service is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville with Pastor Bob Mitchell officiating. Flowers accepted or donations may be made to Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, 1001 Duluth Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 in memory of Jim Summerville.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Summerville*

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“ *My deepest condolences to Jim's family and friends. Jim was a wonderful person and dear friend during our years in school and into college. May God lighten your pain during these painful times and give you all some peace in his memories.*

Ginger Mott Smith - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss and will remember to lift you and your family up in prayer as you deal with this great loss. Jim spent many, many hours in my vehicle as I drove my daughter, Kim Terrell Skaj, and her many friends hither and yon to concerts, movies, etc. during their middle and high school years until they all learned to drive. I loved Jim then because he was such a polite and mannerly young person and was always a joy to be around. It sounds as though he just got better and better at being a good friend to everyone he met. He will certainly be missed by all of us, even though I had not seen Jim in 30 years. God bless you and yours.*

Jeanne (Terrell) Dobbs - August 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ I met Jim at SpeedSouth in 2007 and have trusted him ever since with my Cobra. Anytime my car needed anything done I would drive it or if I didn't feel like driving i would have a wrecker make the roughly 120 mile trip to deliver it to Jim. Jim was a man of his word. I remember I drove my car down for Jim to look at and he advised me to leave it with him. Jim dropped me off at the local Sleep Inn hotel and paid for the room for a night until he could figured out what was wrong with it. I am Blessed to have known him. I'll miss you my buddy. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Eric Martin Huntsville, AI - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Gayle and Samantha,
My deepest condolences for your loss. I have never had the pleasure of meeting you but Jim spoke about you often. He was a great encourager and friend. We shared a passion for automobiles that eventually turned from a business relationship to a friendship. I take comfort in knowing that he was a believer and look forward to seeing him again on the other side. May the Spirit of God and your fellow believers comfort you in this difficult time. You are in our families prayers each day.

Mike Doban - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I am so sorry for your loss.....May God bless Jim's family and see them through this most difficult time.

Pat Pollinger - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I knew Jim for some time through Adult Sunday School, but got to know him that much better through youth confirmation as an adult volunteer.

I have never had the privilege of knowing a nicer guy who loved his family any more than he did; you could really see it in what he said as well as his actions. He will truly be missed.

Leigh Kneer & Family - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I walked into my homeroom class in 1978 as a new kid at Parkview. There was a guy sitting at a table and I sat down across from him. He said to me you're new here arnt you? I told him I was. He stuck out his hand and said "Hi I'm Jim". Little did I know that the first guy I met would become a lifelong best friend. I am very grateful for the time I had with Jim, I'm trying to remember that in this difficult time.

I am praying for the entire Summerville family for peace and healing. GOD Bless you all.

Dean

Dean Shepherd - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family.

Jennifer Lawrence - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Gayle, Samantha, Pat & Scott,

My heart is breaking with the sad news of your loss. Jim was a dear, dear friend to so many. Gayle, my thoughts & prayers are with you & Samantha. I know its hard to make sense of Jim's passing so I pray that God will help you both through today, tomorrow & the days to come. Pray for one another, embrace one another but above all love one another. Jim will always be watching over you & he will truly be missed.

Cindy Woodham - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *It was a great honor to have Mr. Summerville for my Confirmation teacher for three years. He helped me learn a lot about God, Jesus, And the Holy Spirit. My thoughts go out to Mrs. Summerville and Samantha at the loss of their husband and Father. My prayers are with them.*

Jonathan Lindeke - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I moved to Atlanta in the Spring of '82 with a small trailer and a '77 Trans Am about a year after graduating college. I rented a small room off Memorial Drive just inside 285. After I settled in, I looked for an auto parts store. Just inside 285 on Memorial Dr. was a store called Downeys Auto Parts. I went inside and behind the counter was a young man. His name was Jim. He introduced himself and the rest is history. We spent more than two decades as close friends and he introduced me to a number of his friends. Dean, Tommy, Doug and Brian, Gayles brother among many others. We spend countless weekends working on cars because that was his passion as well as mine. As the years past he never lost his love for cars, fast or slow. I don't remember if it was Jim or Don Summerville that told me once, that when a man comes to pass he can count the number of true friend on one hand. Well, I can tell you that James Allen Summerville is one of those five.

To the Summerville and Christensen family I give my deepest condolences. Jim was the son every parent hopes for. A husband any woman dreams of. A father every child wishes for and a fiend that stands above all others. God bless you all.

Always,

Dennis.

Dennis Mogwitz - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Jim and I, went to school together, from 7th to 12th grade. What I remember most, was his love of cars and music, not necessarily in that order. And his infectious smile, coupled with a very kind heart! You and yours, are in our prayers.

PHS Grad - 1981

Kim Terrell Skaj - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My deepest condolences to the Summerville family. May God embrace you all with peace and comfort during this difficult time.

David and DaWana Atkins - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ The news was heartbreaking. I am so very sorry for the loss of a great person. My heart hurts for you all. I know what a great person he was, so involved in our church. His actions said it all. I loved to watch him when he did the Bells. I was so impressed. What a man. I am so sorry sweet Alvera. You have all had so much over these last few years. Know we care at Christ the Lord. My love to Gayle and your sweet daughter, Samantha, you could tell how very proud he was of Samantha.

Sandy Vanags - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ All my thoughts and prayers are with your family. I know your friendship means so much to my sister and her husband and my niece. I know you can also count on her to be by your side as you and your daughter find your new path forward. My deepest sympathies.

Mary Hinton Byrne (aka Nancy's sister)

Mary Byrne - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ If you are fortunate, someone like Jim Summerville will cross your path during your life's journey. And if you are very fortunate, he will be your friend.

We were fortunate and grateful to have both. We met Jim, Gayle and Samantha several years ago. We attended the same service at church and were in Sunday school with Jim and Gayle.

Jim was someone you automatically felt close to. He was a teaser but exhibited the warmth and love that made everyone comfortable. It didn't matter what you needed, he was there to help. Jim made the mornings at Christ the Lord joyous and fun; there was always a hug for the ladies and a sincere handshake for the men.

His love for Gayle and Samantha was unsurpassed. He called Gayle his rock and it was obvious he admired her in so many ways. While they sometimes traded barbs, you knew they were joking and their life together was full and fun. Gayle was on a pedestal and had his greatest devotion and respect.

I have never witnessed a relationship between a parent and child more loving and fun than Jim and Samantha. You could tell she was his everything and he was hers. He was proud of her in every way. We have lost a friend and a leader way too soon. Gayle, Alvera, Samantha and Jim's mother and family have lost the love of their lives. We don't understand why and can only accept, as difficult as that is.

Thank you, Jim for crossing our paths, for making our lives brighter and giving of yourself totally.

Jim is with God now who is enjoying a special relationship as we did. We ask for strength for Gayle, Samantha, Alvera, Jim's mother and family and all of us who will miss him.

Dick and Connie Hinson

Dick and Connie Hinson - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *This is so sad. I am deeply sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mickey Eves - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Gayle & Samantha,
Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of your loved one.
We'll always remember Jim fondly, and we feel lucky that we had
the pleasure of knowing him.*

*Warmest Sympathy
Charlie, Gladys, MacKenzie & Brandyn Peterson*

Gladys Peterson - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I went to middle school and high school with Jim. He was a good friend. Your family will be in my prayers.*

*Lisa Mitchell
PHS Class of '81*

Lisa Mitchell - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My utmost condolences and sympathy for the Summerville family. Jim is one of the rare individuals that turned business relationships into true friendships. He always exemplified class and integrity and will be sorely missed.*

Mitchell McCord - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“*Sorry for your loss of whom I know had to be a great husband and Father. The family will be in our prayers*

Lyle and Suzann Piper - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*All of you are in my thoughts and Prayers.*

Sandi (Simonton) Morris - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“*From my family to your family, you have our deepest sympathy. I worked with Jim during the early 2000s, it was a pleasure to work with him. Yall will be in our prayers. God bless.*

Cliff Jones - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ As I posted on FB, Jim was one of the good guys and my heart is in pieces. I'm going to miss him. Gayle and Samantha...Pat, Alvera, and Scott... you are in my thoughts and prayers and my heart is so very very heavy.

One of my early memories of Jim is from back in 2006 when he just showed up with Sam at Mag's b-day party. Mind you the other parents did not hang around, but Jim did b/c I know he cherished every moment he could spend with his daughter. I had these two extra t-shirts that I made...and he was more than generous to put on the "Best Boy Grip" and play the part at the Hollywood themed affair. He was such a great sport about the whole thing. Over the years my little family went on to share many many good times with Jim, Gayle, and Samantha(and the Millers and other CtL friends).

I will always cherish the memories. The trip to his brother's lake home and to his parent's place in St. Augustine that Jim made happen. Thanks Summervilles! The New Years Eves and other holidays and dinner club get togethers. Fond, fond, fond memories.

He and Gayle were some of the first, if not the first, to show up at the hospital after Mark's surgery for cancer and actually Gayle sat with me during the surgery...anyway the point is I could count on Jim and Gayle.

Husband, Father, Son, Friend. A man who was responsible, loyal, honest, trustworthy, and so much more. And oh how he made me laugh.

My heart is breaking right now along with all whose lives he touched and there are lots because of his very generous and good nature.

John 11:25-26 -- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Jim believed and he lived like he meant it. You will be dearly missed on this earth my friend, but always remembered. Thanks for being such a great example for us.

Mark, JD, and Maggie Langheim - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Summerville family. May God embrace you all with peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Brad Moore PHS '81*

Brad Moore - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Jim was A great guy, and will be missed for sure, sincerly Keith Szabo and family*

Keith Szabo - August 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM