



## James Michael Pope

June 23, 1941 - September 11, 2023

North Augusta, SC – Funeral Services for James Michael Pope, 82, who entered into rest September 11, 2023, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel, Dr. Randy Cooper and Dr. John Newell officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Graveside Services will be held for family Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Pine Level Methodist Church Cemetery, Fitzgerald, GA.

Mr. Pope was born June 23, 1941, in Fitzgerald, GA to the late John Ralph and Lucy Christine Pope. At the age of 16, he was asked to run for Ben Hill County Surveyor and became the youngest surveyor in the state of Georgia. Mr. Pope graduated from Fitzgerald High School in 1959 and Georgia Tech University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He came to Augusta in 1965 and worked for the City of Augusta Engineering Department before going to work for Jones and Fellows Engineering. In 1968, Mr. Pope partnered with Brian Besson and together they started Besson and Pope Engineering. They founded CSRA Testing and Engineering in 1976 and Mr. Pope served as the company president until his death. The company remains family operated and owned. He served on the Aiken County Planning Commission and as Acting Aiken County Engineer. He also served as Bush Field Airport Engineer for over 20 years and designed many airports across the state of Georgia. Away from his life as an engineer and business owner, he enjoyed golf, playing piano, reading, puzzles, playing cards and spending

time at the farm, but most of all spending time with his family. Mr. Pope was a member of Grace United Methodist Church where he was a member of The Cokesbury Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Washington Pope; daughter, Christina Pope Markwalter; sons, Michael W. Pope (Pamela) and Jeffery S. Pope (Ginger); six grandchildren, Katie Stewart (Chip), Heather Pope, Evan Pope (McKay), Ashley McKinney (Bradshaw), Amnor Markwalter and Makay Markwalter; two great-grandchildren, Oliver Pope Stewart and Weston James McKinney, and brother-in-law, Randall G. Washington.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Cokesbury Sunday School Class along with long time CSRA Testing & Engineering work family, Dana Furmage, Jimmy Bauserman, and Jon Pruett.

Memorials may be made to the Women of Grace Scholarship Fund, Grace Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC; Piedmont Augusta Foundation, 2260 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA (Miracle Mile); or American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Level Methodist Church Cemetery

643 Pine Level Church Road  
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of James Michael Pope*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - September 17, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James Michael Pope*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - September 13, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *James Michael Pope*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Never met a finer fellow than Jim Pope, I remember playing golf with him and he let me fish in his pond. They don't come any better than Jim my prayers to your family.*

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**Chris D. Connell** - September 21, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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“ James and I, along with my cousin Kyle Fuller had many experiences together around our Pine Level farms, he was a good friend and my memories of James are treasured..rip, pal.

Ed Ashurst - September 20, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JK

“ Liz and family, our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Jim. He was a good man. Know you will miss him very much. Thoughts and prayers, Ronnie and Joyce Koss

Joyce Koss - September 17, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - September 16, 2023 at 07:03 PM

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“ He was always so nice to me. He came into my place of employment and I would rattle on about how Christi and the kids were doing. Asked about Mrs.Pope he would at she is in the car. I have known Christi for along time and I know he was wondering who is this lady talking my head off. But he was always so nice to me. As he always walked into our office as soon as I seen him I would say HEY Mr Pope just have a seat I have got you. He raised up a great family a close family tonight then the importance of being together doing things together. I know he always sucked up all the love from his family as much as he could for as long as he lived on this earth. His life truly is to be celebrated on what he accomplished and who he became. How he was so strong to build up businesses and build a strong family all at the same time. I know this is a tough time for all of you and you all are in my prayers. For peace and strength knowing he knows how much he was loved by others and especially his children his grandchildren and his great grandchildren! God Bless you all.

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**Patricia Taylor** - September 14, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Pope.



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September 14, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James Michael Pope.*



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September 14, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Michael Pope.

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September 14, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Penny Jones Lanham lit a candle in memory of James Michael Pope*



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**Penny Jones Lanham** - September 14, 2023 at 08:19 AM



*Liz: You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Penny Jones Lanham** - September 14, 2023 at 08:20 AM



*We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for your family. Durward, Lori and Daniel Dees*

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**Lori Dees** - September 17, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Amnor...I am so sorry to hear about the death of your grandfather.*



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**Carolyn Williams** - September 13, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Liz, I am so sorry for your family's loss. Know so much you loved him and we heard you talk about him many times. I know that he will be missed by the family and I pray that you can find some peace and then God will comfort you and give you the strength that you're going to need during this time. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. We love you and will be praying for you.*

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**Erma Ellis** - September 13, 2023 at 08:07 PM

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“ *Kevin And Dianne Smiley lit a candle in memory of James Michael Pope*



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**Kevin and Dianne Smiley** - September 13, 2023 at 02:19 PM