



James E. Travis, Jr.

September 17, 1939 - January 27, 2023

North Augusta, SC --Memorial Services for Mr. James E. Travis, Jr., 83, who entered into rest January 27, 2023, will be conducted Wednesday, February 8th, at 11 o'clock from Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, Rev. Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr, and Rev. Dr. John Newell officiating. Inurnment to follow in the church Columbarium. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening, February 7th, from 4 to 6.

Mr. Travis was born September 17, 1939 in McMinnville, Tennessee to the late James Edward and Grace Dean Robertson Travis. He attended Vanderbilt University and graduated in 1961 with a BA in Business Administration. Following graduation, he served two years in the US Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis having obtained the rank of Lt (JG). Upon completion of his Naval service, he entered business with his father for five years, then moved to North Augusta as the Division Manager of ARA Food Services. Mr. Travis joined Castleberry Food Company as Sales and Marketing Director in 1971. In 1991, he purchased the Petland Store at Augusta Mall which operated for 15 years. During this time, he opened a new Petland business in North Augusta which was sold in 2000. He won multiple Store of the Year Awards from Petland.

Mr. Travis was active in the Dixie Youth Organization, coaching multiple

seasons, serving as Secretary -Treasurer, and serving as South Carolina District Two Director for six years. He also coached recreational league soccer and basketball, and coached all three sons and one grandson in the various sports. He was one of the founders of the North Augusta Kicks Soccer Club where he served as the first President and was then elected to a term as Mid-Region Commissioner of the South Carolina Soccer Association. Mr. Travis was a faithful and active member of Grace United Methodist Church where he served as elementary Sunday School teacher, as a member of the Finance Committee, as manager of the Wesley Center kitchen, as a member and past President of the Stillwell Sunday School Class, and as Church Treasurer for 14 years. As Church Treasurer he was involved in many church projects, setting the annual budget each year, and following monthly receipts. Mr. Travis volunteered at University Hospital in the Emergency Department for 12 years, and was Treasurer and Past President of the University Hospital Volunteer Board.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Sandra L. Travis; three sons, James (Jay) E. Travis, III (Lisa), Graniteville, John R. Travis (Tammy), Aiken and Dr. Jeffrey A. Travis (Sheila), Lexington; seven grandchildren, Annie Marshall, Justin Travis, Danielle Folsom, Matthew Travis, Gracie Travis, Allen Travis, and Sara Jane Travis; a brother, Bob Travis (Vicki), Dallas, Texas; sister-in-law, Joy S. Lee, Kingston, TN; several beloved nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Stillwell Sunday School Class and the John Wesley Study Group.

Memorials may be made to Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205, Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841 or Piedmont Augusta Foundation, 2260 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

The family would like to thank longtime friend and physician, Dr. Billy Thurmond, and also Dr. Peter Bigham, Dr. Jeremy Wells, and Dr. Mark Cain for their compassionate care.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181).

Cemetery Details

Grace United Methodist Church Columbarium

639 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 279-7525

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. Travis, Jr.*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 02, 2023 at 04:08 PM

DB

*Dear John and Tammy,
Mourn not too long that your dad has passed, but rejoice forever that he was.
Diane Bethmann*

Diane Bethmann - February 05, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *James E. Travis, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

CH

“ *I worked for Jim at Petland for several years. We became friends along with several other employees. I'm so glad I got to know him and Sandra. Really enjoyed the friendship in our little group. Even after the job was over Sandra and Jim meant so much to me. He did so much to benefit others. He made such good use of his time after he retired. He will be remembered by so many as he touched lives and did good in this world. I will never forget him. My condolences to Sandra and the family. You are in my prayers. Colleen*

Colleen Hilton - February 11, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 08, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Joye Brotherton - February 07, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 07, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *James E. Travis, Jr.*



February 06, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Travis, Jr..*



February 06, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Great neighbor on Courtney Dr. You will be missed. Jan*

Jan Lamke - February 03, 2023 at 04:24 PM

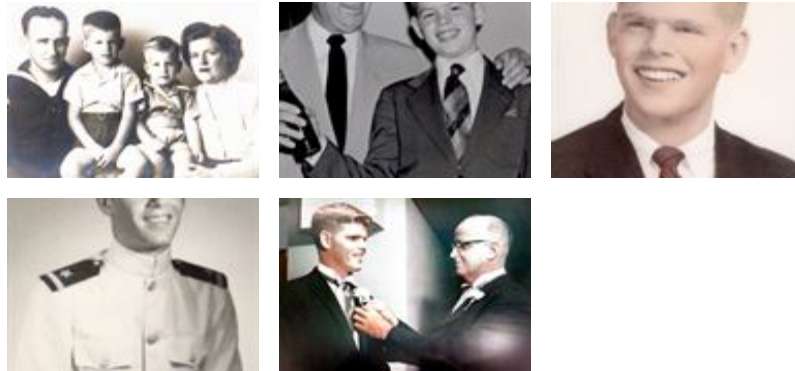


“ *I am so sorry for your loss, and our loss, of such a wonderful man. He was an absolute pleasure to have in the ER and the definition of a volunteer! Godspeed Mr. Jim!*

Cindy McNeill - February 02, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *59 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 02, 2023 at 04:08 PM

MD

“ *Mr. Jim as we called him in the emergency department will be greatly missed. I was so sad to read of his passing. Mr. Jim was a rare treasure and good friend. He was always available to chat about life and marriage and always checked in on my children. Praying for your family in this time of loss.*

Meredith Deas - February 01, 2023 at 06:18 AM

FD

Yes, I am glad to have volunteered with Jim a short time in Day Surgery! I appreciated him accommodating and helping me. Franklin Dyck

Franklin Dyck - February 08, 2023 at 11:29 AM

JH

“ *I am thankful for Mr. Travis' service to our nation in the U.S. Navy. May he rest in peace.*

Jeff Hoefs - January 31, 2023 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ *I was so saddened to read of Jim's passing. I remember the happy memories of volunteering with him at University Hospital. He was always so upbeat, cheerful, and loved giving of himself to others. He will certainly be missed in the community. My sincerest condolences to you Sandra and your family.*
Joanne

Joanne Berg - January 31, 2023 at 04:23 PM

EH

“ Sandra and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a fantastic guy and I would see him at Brookdale with his mom Mary and thought how nice it was that he was there with her many days. I know that we volunteered together at the hospital and he was a great person to be around and he really helped us when he was president and I will always remember how happy he always seemed to be at work. I pray that God will give you the conference, give you the peace, and give you the strength that you and your family need at this time in your life.

Erma Hiott-Ellis - January 31, 2023 at 11:33 AM

SG

“ Jim was a remarkable individual with a zest for life, his family, church, and friends. All who had the privilege of knowing him were truly blessed. He led an exemplary Christian life, and was a pillar at Grace church. Though his range of accomplishments and interests were wide and varied, he always took time for for others. We will cherish his memory and miss our beloved friend.
Sandra & Garry Guest

Sandra Guest - January 31, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James E. Travis, Jr..



January 30, 2023 at 07:37 PM

TW

“ Jim was a very special person and my mentor with the Volunteer Board at University/Piedmont. He will be forever missed.

Terri Walker - January 30, 2023 at 04:21 PM

TW

“ Terri Walker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James E. Travis, Jr..



Terri Walker - January 30, 2023 at 04:14 PM

KS

“ So grateful to have served with Jim on the Volunteer Board at University/Piedmont! He always asked about my boys and cheered them on with their med school ambitions. My husband was fortunate to have been on one of his basketball teams. He's a wonderful man and has left a beautiful legacy for his family.

Kathi Smoker - January 30, 2023 at 03:44 PM

FJ

Sandra and Jim sat behind me in the Stilwell Sunday School class . I loved to hear him singing. He will be forever missed.He was the example of a fine Christian man.

Faye Jowers - February 04, 2023 at 03:42 PM

RD

“ *Renee Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James E. Travis, Jr..*



Renee Davis - January 30, 2023 at 03:27 PM

PH

“ *This wonderful man lived his faith and reflected it in his relationships and in his devotion to his church and community. He supported and encouraged those who worked with him. He leaves a great legacy and a huge void.*

Pollt Hargrove - January 30, 2023 at 02:00 PM