



# Mr. James D. Spann

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**F**uneral Service for Mr. James Darwin "Jim" Spann, 78, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 11:30 am at the First Baptist Church Alexander City. Dr. Steve King will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at First Baptist Church Alexander City.

James Darwin "Jim" Spann, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed peacefully and was called home by our Gracious Father and into the arms of Jesus on June 6, 2024. Born on August 15, 1945, in Cape Girardeau, MO to Otto Forrest Spann, Jr. and Sarah Louise Spann, Jim lived his life anchored in faith, with love and service to others.

Jim grew up in Alexander City, AL with his parents and younger brother Johnny. He was graduate of Benjamin Russell High School and graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a minor in Textile Engineering. Upon graduation, Jim worked for NASA as a project engineer on the Saturn V rocket program, followed by a tenure at Burlington Industries in North Carolina before returning home to Alexander City with Russell Corporation in the early 1970's. This was followed by two decades with Russell in various management roles overseeing knitting and weaving operations. Upon leaving Russell in the mid-1990's, Jim was involved in multiple business ventures independently and with business partners, with Town & Country Cleaners still ongoing at the time of his passing.

Jim was regularly involved in many community and civic endeavors throughout his lifetime with a committed devotion to Alexander City. Among the organizations and roles under which he was a member or officer include the following: Alexander City Beautification Council, Alexander City Lions Club, Pop Warner, City/County Heart Fund, Tri-County Auburn Club, Little League Baseball Coach, Auburn University



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Legislative Committee, Sportsplex Steering Committee, Alexander City School Board President/Member for 10 years, Chamber of Commerce President/Member, local United Way Board Member, First Baptist Alexander City Sunday School teacher, multiple Central Alabama Community College committees/advisory boards, Alexander City Outlook Outstanding Leader-1989, Alexander City Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year-1993, and two-term Alexander City- City Council Member/President. He was a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church Alexander City where he loved God, his church, gospel music and the friendship/fellowship with his Sunday School class.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Otto Forrest Spann, Jr., mother Sarah Louise Spann, brother John Michael Spann, father-in-law Virgil Glendon Price, mother-in-law Vera Frances Price and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his cherished wife and best friend of 57 years Janet Carol (Price) Spann, son Forrest Todd Spann, daughter-in-law Pipier Spann, son Brian Hamilton Spann, daughter-in-law Ronda Spann, granddaughters Sydney Spann Aultman (husband Brady), Libby Spann Simmons (husband Drew), grandsons Connor Hamilton Spann, Caleb Brice Spann, granddaughters Abbey Strickland, Hannah Holdridge, sister-in-law Ginger Spann, and many loved nieces, nephews and friends, including the remaining members of a Supper Club group spanning over 40 years. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.



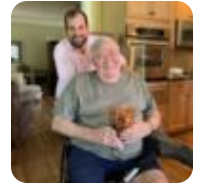
# Tribute Wall

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**Radney Funeral Home** shared a photo to the **Obituary Wall** album.



August 29 at 12:09 PM



**Sylvia Anthony Harris** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.

My thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

June 11 at 7:00 PM



**Kristy Joiner** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.

June 10 at 7:00 PM



**Donnie Lumpkin** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.

June 8 at 7:00 PM



**Jimmy Sanford** posted:

Jim was a good man that will be missed . Thoughts and prayers for the family. RIP Jim.

June 7 at 7:00 PM



**Sheila Stinson** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.

I hadn't known Jim a long time, what a happy friendly man. He welcomed me into his home with such kindness and I new he truly ment "welcome" your part of us now. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.Sheila Stinson

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**Prissy Semplinski** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.



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SM

**Sybil Mcalistee** posted:

Janet, I am sad to hear about Jim. He was always so kind and gracious to me when he was School board President. I am still out of town. Have been with my children and sister since Avery died. I am sorry I missed Jim memorial.

June 7 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Todd Spann** posted:

Dad, Thank you for being the wonderful dad you were. Thank you for being a man of faith, a man of character, a loving father, and a faithful husband. You taught me work ethic, how to treat others, and set the foundation to be a good father and husband. I am honored to be your son and so grateful for the 52 years I had you as my dad on earth. This is not goodbye but a see you again someday. I love you now and will always until we see each other again in Heaven. Your blessed and grateful son, Todd

June 6 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Sherra Shockley Claunch** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.

Jim was the perfect example of a true gentleman, caring, nice, and always helpful. When Ronald died during the War, Jim contacted me and told me if there was anything at all he and Janet could do for me to let them know. When Jim arrived in heaven, I picture Ronald meeting him with that wonderful happy greeting I so often saw them have for each other throughout the years. Their friendship was long time and sincere. To Janet and all of your loved ones, I want you to know I am praying for all of you, and I care. God bless you!



June 6 at 7:00 PM

KS

**Karen Stubblefield** posted:

As a classmate of Jim from elementary school - high school, I have such fond memories of Jim. He was kind, compassionate, fun and wonderful friend to all of us. He will be missed~Karen Stubblefield

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**Rodney Huett** lit a candle in honor of Mr. James.



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BM

**Brandi Morgan** posted:

I have cleaned the Spann's house for many years. They became like family to me. Jim always asked me about my family and wanted to know how Charlie was doing in baseball. He would purchase a baseball sign every year for Charlie. He was always asking me if I was o reworking myself and I'd better slow down.I love this family dearly and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Jim you can slow down now and rest easy. ❤️

June 6 at 7:00 PM

WC

**Wf Cabinetry** posted:

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your WF Cabinetry family!

June 6 at 7:00 PM

PF

**Paul W. Fanning** posted:

We send our condolences to the Spann family along with our appreciation for your support of his expansive civic work that helped many individuals and families.Paul, Dee, Ben, and Mary Rachel Fanning

June 6 at 7:00 PM

GH

**Gerald Hallmark** posted:

God bless all the Spann family. Jim was a friend and was always kind to this old preacher. He was a good man and will be missed by his companion, his church and his community.

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**Gil Cash** posted:

Jimmy was a great friend Through high school. He will be greatly missed, The goal is notto live forever, but to leave a memory that will, and Jimmy has definitely done that.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mr. James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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