



Mr. James Lee Humphrey

January 29, 1938 - May 10, 2023

James Lee Humphrey, 85, went to be with his savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday May 10, 2023. Jim passed away at home with his loving family at his side after a courageous battle with dementia.

He was born in Evansville, Indiana on January 29, 1938 to John William Humphrey and Armenta Helen Barr Humphrey. His family later moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Jim graduated from Wilber Wright High School. He enlisted in the US Navy and played basketball for the Goshawks . He received an athletic scholarship from the University of Southern Mississippi and played basketball for the Golden Eagles. He met his bride, Patricia Altmeyer at Southern Miss and they married December 22, 1962 in Mobile, Alabama.

Jim continued his education in Detroit, Michigan and received his Bachelors from Wayne State University in Police Administration and Masters from the University of Detroit in Public Administration.

Jim had a successful career in the Detroit Police Department and proudly served 23 years retiring as Commander. His early days of police work included; walking a beat downtown, the 1967 riots, student safety patrol program, local news traffic updates. Later in his career, he developed the Crime Prevention Program which initiated Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the city of Detroit. The program received much recognition in the States and abroad. Jim was invited to Scotland Yard to introduce Crime Prevention. After retiring he went on to work for Michigan Bell Corporate

Security and AT&T Director of Security Chicago.

Beginning in fourth grade, Jim spent most of his time at the Boys and Girls Club. As an adult, Jim was a supporter, community leader and advocate of the Detroit Boys and Girls Club. Jim was also a key member Downtown Business Chamber of Commerce Detroit.

Jim was an avid athlete and played in many softball leagues over the years and later in life took up golf and was proud to have two hole in ones.

Jim was a Christian man of great faith. As an ordained lay minister, he preached many Sunday sermons, officiated weddings and funerals. He led Bible studies and often prayed with his co-workers, family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, John William Humphrey. His mother, Armenta Barr Humphrey, and his son, Michael Holten.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Humphrey, his children, Deborah Shuff (Chris), James William Humphrey, Stacy Humphrey, Michelle Moran (Brent). Grandchildren, Corinne (Jake), Devon (Sydney), Estelle, Harrison, Sophia, Tyler and James Joseph. Great grandchildren Reece, Cassie, Josie and Theodore. And his Sister, Shirley Jean Schank. Memorial service will be held at the Gulf Shores Methodist Church on May 19, 2023 at 11 am.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gulf Shores United Methodist Church
1900 Gulf Shores Pkwy
Gulf Shores, AL
<http://www.gulfshoresumc.org/>

Tribute Wall



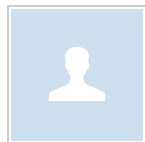
“ *I miss you Jim. We had great times in Crime Prevention Activities..*

Milt Brown - March 15, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ *Mr. James Lee Humphrey*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.*



May 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *The Shuff Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.*



The Shuff Family - May 16, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.*



May 16, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.*



May 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.*



May 15, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mr Humphrey was such an amazing role model and father figure to all the kids lives he touched. And he was my personal bee sting remover 🐝. I know his love and energy will always be in those he loved. My deepest condolences to the family; you are all in my prayers.*



Tricia Swift - May 12, 2023 at 08:59 PM

DS

Thank you Tricia! We have such good memories between our two families!

Deborah Shuff - May 13, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MM

Thank you Tricia! We had a lot of bee stings, didn't we?! So many memories.

Michelle Moran - May 13, 2023 at 08:10 PM

LH

Rest in Peace Jim

Laurie A Holton - May 20, 2023 at 08:39 AM

BB

“ Brian Tina and Brock Barthel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.



Brian Tina and Brock Barthel - May 11, 2023 at 03:41 PM

MA

“ Mr Humphrey was like a father to me, or so he said because I was at the house so much. He was a role model, teaching me how to be confident in myself and my abilities because he many times told me how proud he was of me. Always teaching the right path and doing the right thing, he often served as my measuring stick when I had a challenge in front of me. A wonderful and honorable man that made a difference in my life. Rest in the arms of the angels.

Maria - May 10, 2023 at 10:33 PM

DS

Maria, my dad loved you like a daughter and was so proud of you and your family. He enjoyed your beautiful fun personality and singing abilities 😊. Us Detroit girls turned out okay thanks to our police dads!

Deborah Shuff - May 11, 2023 at 10:13 AM

TL

“ Although I did not know you, I am friends with your beautiful daughter Deb. You truly raised an amazing young woman. Praying for the comfort of the Lord Jesus for all of the family!

Teresa Laing - May 10, 2023 at 10:01 PM

DS

Thank you Teresa, I appreciate and treasure our friendship and know you are a prayer warrior.

Deborah Shuff - May 11, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.



May 10, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lee Humphrey.



May 10, 2023 at 07:39 PM