



James (Jim) Branum

February 2, 1953 - January 27, 2022

James (Jim) Lee Branum, 68, of Gardendale, AL went home to be with the Lord on January 27, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Nell Carter Branum; two sons, Timothy James Branum (Amanda) of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Daniel Thomas Branum (Stephanie) of Morris, Alabama; and a daughter Sarah Elizabeth Branum Law (Jordan) of Morris, Alabama. He was beloved “Pop” to nine grandchildren: Maddie Branum, Emma Kate Branum, Lottie Branum, Parker Branum, Conner Branum, Gwenie Branum, Ellie Law, David Law, and Joshua Law.

Jim was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on February 2, 1953, to Ralph Edward and Coleen Shannon Branum. He graduated from Samford University with a major in Music Education, and also received the Master of Divinity and Master of Music degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. He was in his 50th year of serving Southern Baptist churches, spanning from Florida to Alabama to Texas to California. During his ministry, he pastored two churches and served other churches in the areas of music, youth, education, church planting, and community ministries. He especially loved leading congregational worship and choirs for all ages, including handbell choirs.

Jim served for the past twelve years as Minister of Music at Mulga Baptist Church in the Birmingham area. He previously served for twelve years as Minister of Music and Education at Fultondale (AL) First Baptist Church. He

also served on the staff of what was then called the Birmingham Baptist Association, working with the Center at Central Park and other ministries. He was the founder and Executive Director of the non-profit ministry called CareNet Connection, working with Christian Women's Job Corps and other initiatives, and he started the Remedy medical equipment loan ministry with the Birmingham Metro Baptist Association. For the past several years, he worked bivocationally, both as a minister and as a truck driver for Dunn Construction.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2 at Fultondale First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made out to "Samford University Division of Music in memory of Jim Branum," to be included in a scholarship fund being established in Jim's name. Please use that wording, and send to Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

8600 Stouts Road
Morris, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Church Service

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fultondale First Baptist Sbc
409 Main St
Fultondale, AL 35068
(205) 849-0184

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family! I know years have passed but I want to share this memory.
I believe this is the same Jim that use to come to WSNeal High School Brewton Alabama, gym to sing and pray before class. He was such a blessing to me. As a freshman and up I would attend this every morning. He made a powerful impact on my life. I taught my children all the songs he sung to us. I became a prayer warrior, evangelist, chaplain and am now a Pastor. I thank God for using him and for His obedience to be led by Christ!
I graduated 1976 and I'm not sure what years he was there.
Peace to the family!
Saundra Baxter
Saundra.baxter@yahoo.com
Website- searchmyheartministries.com

Pastor Saundra Baxter - September 08, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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“ We hope to see you and Wayne at the service.

Sue & Floyd Brown - January 31, 2022 at 11:16 PM

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“ Nell and family, I remember well our times in Birmingham and you parents coming. The shower for Timothy. We enjoyed you two being in Fort Worth so much and having your parents coming to visit, made us feel like we were home. We hated to see about Jim's passing but knowing where he is is so important.

Know that we are praying for you and all the family and will keep you in our prayers.

When you have a free time if you do call us sometime and lets meet for lunch and go over "old" times. You two were special to us in Fort Worth.

We love you very much. It is a good picture of Jim. I remember Jim saying he was going to be singing "happiness is looking back at TX in the review mirror." as he was leaving TX.

God bless all of you is our prayer.

Floyd & Sue Brown

Sud Brown - January 31, 2022 at 11:13 PM