



James Theodore Melton

July 28, 1930 - December 7, 2023

James Theodore Melton, 93, of Hanceville, AL passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. He was born July 28, 1930 in Chester, MS.

James was a faithful servant of the Lord and went into the Music Ministry after getting his Master's degree in Music from Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Over a 25 year span, he served in churches in South Boston, VA, West Point, GA, Centerpoint, AL, Montgomery, AL, Huntsville, AL and Guntersville, AL. He also used his musical talents by singing with the CenturyMen choir and playing trumpet in the 313th Army Band during the Korean War. After retiring from the Music Ministry, James worked as a Financial Advisor with IDS/American Express for another 25 years until age 75.

James, "PawPaw", loved his family deeply and was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid tennis and ping pong player as well as a fisherman. While he enjoyed these pastimes greatly, he more so enjoyed sharing them enthusiastically with his children, grandchildren and friends. He also enjoyed travelling with his wife Jean, making many trips within the US and abroad to see the wonders of God's creation.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jean Bice Melton; children, James T. (Betsy) Melton of Daphne, AL, Scott (Melinda) Melton of Albertville, AL, Tim (Wendy) Melton of Hanceville, AL, and Amy (Lee) Russell of Helena, AL; grandchildren, Trey, Alex, Carson, Robert, Jamie, Christopher, David,

Anthony, Tyler, Trent and Trevor; as well as numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren; and brother Larry (Sylvia) Melton of Columbus, MS. James was preceded in death by his parents, Dewitt Arnold Melton and Margaret Pearl Weatherall Melton; sisters, Jeannette Wilson and Brenda Mehlferber.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 11, 2023 at 11 am at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home, Brother Jimmy Sawyer officiating; burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 10 am to 11 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 11 (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery
Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35211

Tribute Wall



“ 125 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - December 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Theodore Melton.



December 09, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *Dan and Carol Melton* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Theodore Melton.

Dan and Carol Melton - December 09, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Theodore Melton.



December 09, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ James and Kristy Wright & Jeanne Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Theodore Melton.

James and Kristy Wright & Jeanne Wright - December 09, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Theodore Melton.



December 09, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James Theodore Melton.



December 09, 2023 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Martha r V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Theodore Melton.*

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