



Jimmie Andrew Trotter

September 17, 1937 - October 25, 2023

Jimmie A. Trotter was born on September 17, 1937 and passed away on October 25, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lecil K. and Kathleen Trotter and his brother Ray. Jimmie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joan Trotter, and daughters, Terri Nelson (Randy) and Carol Chatham (Kerry). Grandchildren: Rebecca Maniscalco (Brandon), Parker Nelson (Jordan), Morgan Jackson (Jarrod), and Payton Morgan (Jason). Great grandchildren: Mackenzie Maniscalco, Wade Morgan, Callie Jackson, Walt Morgan, Kailyn Nelson, and Chapel Jackson. Jimmie graduated from Warrior High School in 1955. He continued his education at Howard College/Samford University, graduating in 1959. In the fall of 1959, Jimmie began his career as an educator at Mortimer Jordan High School. He taught and coached at Mortimer Jordan for 38 years, with a short time away as assistant principal at EB Erwin High School under his mentor Bartow Hughes. Then, he was named principal at Hewitt Trussville for one year before answering the call to “come home” to Mortimer Jordan in the fall of 1968. Jimmie taught science, PE, and coached football, basketball, and baseball throughout his career. Teaching was his joy, coaching was his passion, mentoring and loving people was his calling. The values and ideals that he lived by were simple: love others, stand up to adversity, and at the end of the day always do the right thing. He knew some people didn’t understand, but he did. He knew that good and right will stand the test of time. Jimmie finished well, always leaning on God’s amazing grace, as he spent his final years surrounded by family, friends, and

communities that loved him dearly and will continue his legacy. Funeral services will be Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Church of the Highlands Fultondale Campus. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church. The family invites all who have a story to share to send them to jimmietrotterstories@gmail.com.

Cemetery Details

Warrior Cemetery

Warrior , AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Highlands Fultondale Campus
3250 Lowery Parkway
Fultondale, AL 35068

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you the comfort that only He can give. Yours in Christ; Doyle and Cyndi Creel

Cyndi Creel - October 30, 2023 at 11:49 AM

EB

“ I will forever be grateful and proud that I am a product of Mr. Trotter and Blue Devil Country. His legacy will live on in all of us. Prayers for his family and all that knew and loved him.

Erica (Hicks) Brewer
Class of 2001

Erica Brewer - October 29, 2023 at 01:51 PM

KI

“ SO VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF HIS LEGACY AT MORTIMER JORDAN...A GREAT MAN WHO WAS A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND..REST IN PEACE



Kevin Ingram - October 29, 2023 at 12:15 PM

RT

“ When we were boys we didn't fully understand him,when we became men we respected him , if only we had more educators and roll models like Mr trotter the world could be a better place ,

Ray Thomas - October 28, 2023 at 10:22 AM

J(

“ So many will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have known Mr. Jimmie Trotter, and for the impact he had on their life. Prayers for the family as they adjust to this loss.

Janice Drake Young ('75) - October 27, 2023 at 07:54 PM

WM

“ Our hearts are sad to hear of Jimmie’s passing, but we are assured by the word of God, we will see him again. We will always remember Jimmie and his Dad sitting on the bench in front of us at church singing from the old red back song books. Oh what a wonderful time Jimmie is having in Heaven now as he is greeted with “Well done my good and faithful servant, enter in”. Praying for you all during this difficult time and believing by faith the Lord will give you comfort in the days to come!! Love you all!!
Wanda & Bobby Meadows



Wanda and Bobby Meadows - October 27, 2023 at 07:25 PM

JR

“ A favorite coach back in the 60's. Used to love his temper and his strange and numerous quotes such as "Hindsight is 50/50". Made an excellent principal and will be tremendously missed. Gibson

James Gibson Rogers - October 27, 2023 at 07:06 PM

BS

“ I am a better person because of Mr. Trotter. He was just what Mortimer Jordan needed. Class of 1975

Bennie Stubbs Speigle - October 27, 2023 at 03:16 PM

LH

“ Lou Henson-Farmer lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Andrew Trotter



Lou Henson-Farmer - October 27, 2023 at 02:55 PM

LH

So sorry to hear about Uncle Jimmie. I had not seen him in many years, as I was always moving around. One of the two (2) last times I saw him, he was doing some work in the field across from the farm on Hwy160 in Hayden. I pulled over and went down to say hello. It was great to see him and we talked for a good while.

The second time, he and Aunt Joan came over to their neighbor's house at Stand Holton to "spread some holiday cheer". Uncle Jimmie presented me with a big old ham! (You lucky friends would know what I'm talking about! Ha!) I appreciated it so much, as my Mom and Dad had already passed, and there wouldn't be a Holiday feast at my house. (I can't cook like like Mama did!)

It was so great to see Uncle Jimmie and Aunt Joan again! They were always so sweet to me and my siblings when we were growing up! We had great times with them!

Uncle Jimmie will be missed by many, but his sweet Spirit will be felt by many, too, for years to come!

Sending Love and Wishing Good Blessings for Aunt Joan, Terri, Carol (the cutest and sweetest girls you could ever know!), and all their family. May God hold you Always in His Loving Arms.

I'm not able to be there, as I am not in Alabama now, but Loving Thoughts and Prayers are sent for you all. ❤️

Love,

Lou

Lou Henson-Farmer - October 27, 2023 at 03:30 PM

LD

*The Trotter family has my deepest condolences.
Sincerely,
Susan Doss*

L. Susan Doss - October 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM

AB

“ *He was the best Principal he will be missed by all who knew him or had him as a teacher/Principal. He was my principal from 68 till 73 ..so sad to here he passed away*



April Tillery Bevis - October 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

BL

“ *I will cherish spending time sitting with Coach Trotter at games this year, and reminiscing with him about old times, My 11 year old grandson and his friends were excited to meet Coach Trotter in person and shake his hand. He will be missed.*
Barry Lyle



Barry Lyle - October 27, 2023 at 09:55 AM

MA

“ *A wonderful man! May he R. I. P.*

Marta - October 27, 2023 at 03:00 AM

DB

“ All 3 of us Jimmy Mike and Danny have all benefited from Mr Trotters wisdom prayers for Teri and Carol and Mrs Trotter he will be missed

Daniel Bookmiller - October 26, 2023 at 11:02 PM

PH

“ Mr. Trotter was my principal when I went to Mortimer Jordan high school and he was the most kindest principal. I remember one time I was at my locker crying and he said Patricia what is wrong and I told him my granddaddy passed away last night and he said, Come to my office and I went and he asked which side of the family was my granddaddy and I said my Daddy's and he said Call your Daddy and let me talk to him and I did and he got through with the call and told me Go home and I am so sorry for your loss of your granddaddy and when you feel like coming back to school come on and I said Thank you so much Mr. Trotter and he said You are so welcome!
He was always helping other students too and he was not so bad as a principal.
He will be missed by all. I will be praying for the family! Patricia Hammond



Patricia Hammond - October 26, 2023 at 10:42 PM

SP

“ Dear Mr. Trotter, may you rest in peace and fly high with our angels before you. You were an amazing role model and I grew up at Mortimer Jordan with you as my principal. I always thought of you as another dad. I looked up to you and will always cherish the things I learned from you. You were also my moms and dads principal when they were in school. Thank you sir for all you done. Love always your student Stacey Jackson class of 1991.



Stacey powers - October 26, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jimmie Andrew Trotter.

October 26, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jimmie Andrew Trotter.



October 26, 2023 at 08:23 PM

WT

“ We love you, Michael & Leah Taylor purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Jimmie Andrew Trotter.



We love you, Michael & Leah Taylor - October 26, 2023 at 04:50 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Trotter, my friend and quite possibly the finest Human being I've ever known. Jimmy Cosby class of 63.*

Jimmy Cosby - October 26, 2023 at 04:39 PM

TH

“ *Mrs. Joan, Terri, Carol and all - we are so deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. Trotter. We truly love and adore him. He will always be in our hearts. We pray for healing hearts for you all.*
- Frank and Tracey Horton, Frankie and Nick

Tracey Horton - October 26, 2023 at 04:33 PM

DS

Mr. Jimmie Trotter was certainly a one of a kind human being. Underneath that stern disciplinarian, he was a true honest and compassionate MAN. He ran a tight ship at MJHS and all that recognized this grew to appreciate it more and more. He was a GREAT FRIEND to myself and others. His legacy will never fade and I'm honored to have known him and loved him. Ms Joan, Terri, Carol and other family members, prayers for all. You have been truly blessed!

Dwight Sloan - October 26, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmie Andrew Trotter.*



October 26, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Mrs . Trotter , Terri , Carol and families*

Our condolences to you all on the passing of Mr. Trotter he was truly a great man and an influence to all who knew him. I personally thought the world of him. We will be out of town this weekend for our Granddaughter's softball tournament or would be there for his celebration of life. Know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Travis Mann and family

Travis Mann - October 26, 2023 at 04:06 PM

MB

He will always be Coach Trotter to me he gave me my first teaching coaching and bus driving job at MJ in 1969. I could write a book on my experiences with him as a player for him and as an employee his mom was my elementary school lunch room manager his father drove a bus with me and I coached his nephew Scott at Gardendale. A great family!! saw and talked to him at bootys visitation last week and he seemed fine. What a shock to get this notice. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family from his Lord and Savior.

mike Burkett - October 27, 2023 at 02:22 PM

DH

Rest in peace my lifelong friend and neighbor. The Hardiman family grew up across the street from the Trotters, Jimmie's dad Lecil, mom Kathleen, and Brother Ray. Salt of the earth people and so well respected. Good friends for over 70 years . Good remembrances from growing up knowing Jimmie and wife Joan. Played basketball at Warrior against his MJordan team and then talk about it on Saturday morning at Gordon's service station. Shined many of his dad's shoes and ate many of his mom's pecan pies at Warrior School cafeteria growing up. Love you man. Dennis & Gail Hardiman ,Atlanta,Ga.

Dennis & Gail Hardiman - October 29, 2023 at 07:24 AM

CS

Never saw Mr. Trotter that he didn't remember who I was and what family I belonged to. He always asked about my brother who graduated after me. Truly a wonderful man, a great teacher and true friend. Even though his discipline at Jordan was hard, we all came to appreciate his leadership as we got older and understood that he only had our best interests at heart. He will be missed.

Cynthia Lynn Staton - October 30, 2023 at 04:06 PM

BG

Mr. Jimmie Trotter School motto is now used at NJMS "This is blue devil country love it or leave it" I'm in the 7th grade but this man when he died it hit both the middle school and high school hard both MJHS and NJMS will remember him and his motto

Baylee Glossop - November 15, 2023 at 06:26 PM