



Samuel James "Jim" Showalter III

January 14, 1938 - June 13, 2021

Samuel James (Jim) Showalter III passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 13, 2021, surrounded by his children, after suffering a stroke.

Jim was born on January 14, 1938 in Harrisonburg, Va. He was the son of the late Samuel James Showalter, II and Muriel Newbern Showalter. A 1957 graduate of Lane High School in Charlottesville, Va., Jim attended Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N.C. He also served in the Virginia National Guard.

Jim was a long-time member of Green Valley Country Club in Greenville, S.C. where he and his late wife loved to play golf. He was an avid gardener and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church where he truly enjoyed his affiliation with the choir. He was also a proud member of the Masons.

Jim was a well-respected career agent with New York Life, retiring in 2001 after 40 years of dedicated service to his clients. He achieved Chairman's Council status and belonged to the Million Dollar Round Table.

Jim is survived by 2 brothers, Jerry Newbern Showalter of Ivy, Va., Michael Ray Showalter (Cindy) of Martinsville, Va., his children, Todd Alan Showalter (Robin) of Sanford, N.C., Tamara Lynn Showalter of Charlottesville, Va., Joan Showalter Evans (Aaron) of Charlottesville, Va., Edward Blakemore (Robin) of Travelers Rest, S.C., Chad Blakemore (Elizabeth) of Simpsonville, S.C., 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 2 nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Muriel Showalter, a son David Showalter, and his wife of 43 years, Harriet Menefee Showalter.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest. The family will greet friends after the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made to Trinity Presbyterian

Church Building Fund in Jim's memory.

Events

JUL Memorial Service 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

405 Trailblazer Drive, Travelers Rest, SC, US

Comments



“ Jim Showalter will always have a fond place in my heart and I truly believe he was a "Virginian Gentleman"! I was blessed to know Jim as a young teenager and he always made time to try and be a "fan" of whatever goals or dreams one would be trying to accomplish. A true lover of his beloved "Hoos" he was a very competitive gentleman that we loved to challenge on the tennis court or in a game of HORSE. Blake surely remembers the fun we had with him at dinner time and some of the dishes he brought before us from his beloved garden. He surely made us check to make sure that he hadn't slipped in a turnip in the potatoes! I am sure the whole family has stories of Jim's gardens.

As noted, once Jim was a "fan" of someone, he always wanted to have them near him and Harriett. When I graduated from College, Jim had me interview with the folks at New York Life in Norfolk, Va. The interview went well but being a Public Administration/Political Science major I didn't think I was cut out to be an insurance salesman. He then graciously found me a job interview with a waste management company in Greenville, SC to sell dumpsters and port-a-johns. The interview again went well but it evidently went to son of a Furman University Administrator. Word was that this fellow got the contract for the Furman and Clemson football games and evidently the dude was rolling in \$.

Now that I think back on my own career of working with politicians in Richmond and Washington, I believe that it may have been better if I got the job selling port-a-johns then dealing with the politicians!

Through the years, Jim would always tell me that we should move to Greenville that this was the place to be and that he looked forward to playing some golf with us. He was boasting at Lauren's wedding that Greenville is one of the top places in south to live. Again, if Jim was a "fan" of yours.... he was with you forever!

Finally, I know that Jim was a Christian who loved his Lord and his family! I know that he is now in heaven with his loved ones and Harriett. I know that he made many "fans" thru his wonderful life and we all were blessed to know this true "Virginian Gentleman"!

Love,
Dean McClain

Dean McClain - July 30 at 05:25 PM



“ I just have to say that with the passing of my two great friends, it seems very quiet across the street. For many years, we laughed together, made many memories and shared our happy and sad times. Blessings to the family as they take care of the things needed now. To his family, I ask for comfort and strength. God Bless!
Esther

Esther King - July 02 at 08:10 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's sudden passing. Emily Claire will miss his friendship and sitting with Jim at church. He was always so kind and supportive to her. May the Lord comfort his children and loved ones during this time.

Alan & Crystal Simonton
Emily Claire Farmer

Alan - June 19 at 08:30 PM



“ Alan & Crystal Simonton lit a candle in memory of Samuel James "Jim" Showalter III



Alan & Crystal Simonton - June 19 at 08:24 PM



“ Shocked and devastated are the only two words that come to my mind! I was in an aerobics class with Him at the Y! We were all a close group and had such a good time! He would go with us to have coffee at McDonalds after exercise! He would never stay long as he would have to go home to take care of Harriet and get anything she needed! He was a wonderful husband! He will be missed greatly!! Much love to all his wonderful family!

Glenda Kavanagh - June 16 at 06:21 PM



“ Deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of my dear friend, Jim Showalter. Like me, he was a Virginia boy (he from the Charlottesville area) who moved to Upstate SC decades ago, but we just met when I moved to Travelers Rest in 2014. He "took me in" immediately, and our frequent "coffee meet-ups" became a staple of my adjustment to a new place and a new way of living. There is no good time to lose a good friend. RIP, Cuz ... I'll think fondly of you with every future cup.

JOHN SHOWALTER - June 16 at 06:00 PM



“ Jim was a dear friend, and a kind man. We enjoyed his company, and his quiet sense of humor, in our exercise group at the ymca. I have flowers (Mexican petunias) growing in my garden, routings shared from Jim's garden, that make me think of him often. He will be missed.

Valerie Vaillancourt - June 16 at 04:09 PM