



## James Smoot Cartner

August 21, 1955 - February 13, 2020

James Smoot Cartner, 64, of Travelers Rest, passed away, Thursday, February 13, 2020, while bicycling, which is something he loved to do. James was a man of many talents and hobbies. He loved woodworking, painting, traveling, backpacking, sinking his toes in the sand, and eating ice cream cones with his grandkids, who they lovingly called Papa.

Born in Salisbury, NC , he was a son of the late James Smoot Cartner, Sr., and Beatrice Snider Cartner. Mr. Cartner retired as Senior Vice President at Fluor Corporation, and was a member and Deacon of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife: Gina Lefler Cartner, of forty-two years; one son: Jacob Cartner (Tricia); one daughter: Lauren Rowland (Chad); one brother: Terry Cartner; and six grandchildren: Dakota Cartner, Corban Cartner, Sage Cartner, Oliver Rowland, Stetson Rowland, and Georgia Grace Rowland.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by one sister: Margalene Burwell. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space of Taylors First Baptist Church. A Memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

The family will be at the home.

James was involved as a Missions Strategy Coordinator for Taylors First Baptist and would desire in lieu of flowers, that memorials be made to REACH Scholarships at Taylors First Baptist Church, 200 W. Main St., Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com)

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Taylors First Baptist Church  
200 W. Main St.  
Taylors, SC

## Service

FEB 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylors First Baptist Church  
200 W. Main St.  
Taylors, SC

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ *I just saw this/ jimmy was my first cousin/ haven't seen him  
Since service of his dad/ my uncle smoot/ I'm shocked n my prayers  
as a Christian are with all of you/ He was a dear person*

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**gaye cartner gravino** - July 01, 2021 at 05:59 PM

GE

“ *James Smoot cartner is my papa I miss him*

*Georgia*

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**Georgia** - April 28, 2021 at 11:32 AM

DC

“ *I am so sorry to learn today that James earned his wings. What a  
delight to be around and work with. My heart goes out to his family  
and friends. Rest in peace, friend.*

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**Didi Caldwell** - February 25, 2020 at 03:55 PM

BF

“ James and I go back decades ranging from Eastman Chemicals to the Government Group and Iraq reconstruction. He and I were fellow Hokies in the land of Tigers and Gamecocks..

*He was a compassionate individual and extremely competent professional. I admired his ability to organize/manage large program efforts while prioritising family and personal developmental hobbies & activities.*

*I know you are shocked at his sudden departure. But, I also know you and your family have a treasure chest of fond and love filled memories. You are in my prayers.*

*Bob Fletcher, retired Fluor, 2004.*

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**Bob Fletcher** - February 20, 2020 at 02:54 PM

CG

“ James was a caring individual. Selfless in his actions and always will to assist. I enjoyed working with James while I was at Fluor from 1988-2006.

*He will be missed.*

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**Chris Garman** - February 19, 2020 at 06:34 PM

LG

“ Dear Gina, Jacob, Lauren and Family,

*We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and we will continue to keep you in our prayers.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Jeff and Laura Gandy*



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**Laura Gandy** - February 18, 2020 at 02:56 PM

FT

“ *Fluor's Advanced Technologies & Life Sciences Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James Smoot Cartner.*



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**Fluor's Advanced Technologies & Life Sciences Team** -  
February 17, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Smoot Cartner.*



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February 17, 2020 at 09:35 AM

AS

“ *Anna Smith purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Smoot Cartner.*



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**Anna Smith** - February 17, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DD

“ I have no words for the sadness I feel for your loss of James. There was a season where we shared life together and I will forever treasure that time. Friday night Eastside football games watching our boys play was something I looked forward to every week and so enjoyed being with you and James. Our times at the lake were James’ display of servant hood was a wonderful example to us and our boys as he tirelessly and cheerfully gave himself to everyone. He loved to have fun and that was contagious to all around him. Thank you James for wonderful memories... we love your family❤️

Debbie Dather - February 17, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Smoot Cartner.



February 16, 2020 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ Smoot will be greatly missed! His legacy and passion for missions will carry on through the countless lives he has influenced. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him while he was at Lee Road. We will be praying for all of you.

Bryan Pittman - February 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM

BK

“ So sorry for this news. While I did not know him well I did know he was pssionate about lost souls and God's messsge of Salvation for the Nations. Praying for you all!

Bill Keesling - February 16, 2020 at 09:25 AM

AL

“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Alan - February 16, 2020 at 07:58 AM

RH

“ Many are the memories with this family. We were blessed by them while our families worshipped together at LRBC. Much time was spent together as families also—in our homes, going out to eat, etc. We affectionately called him Smoot and loved him dearly. While we rejoice that he is in the presence of our Lord and we will be reunited one day, we hurt for the void the family now feels. We too share in their grief. Love to the entire family.

Ralph & Anita Hefner - February 15, 2020 at 09:24 PM

JD

“ Such a sinking feeling of disbelief and deep sadness for this awesome family. James had a confidence and steadiness about him that I've always admired. Also the best middle name I've ever heard! He was a great example on so many levels. A memory-making man for sure- he had a great laugh.. such a fun storyteller.. taught me how to water ski so patiently! A model of closeness with his son and my friend Jacob. What an impactful legacy in so many ways. Thank you James. We'll see you there!!

Josh Dather - February 15, 2020 at 03:15 PM

LR

*I love these words, Josh! So many great memories. -Lauren*

lauren rowland - February 15, 2020 at 08:20 PM

DK

*Just seems like a little while ago your family moved from NC to Taylors. Many great memories at Lee Road Bapt with Smoot & family. I can't imagine the void you are feeling right now....but.... can you ONLY imagine what Smoot is doing. Seeing the ONE and only ONE he served. Al and I love you & yours. Al & Dell Kapp*

Dell Kapp - February 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM

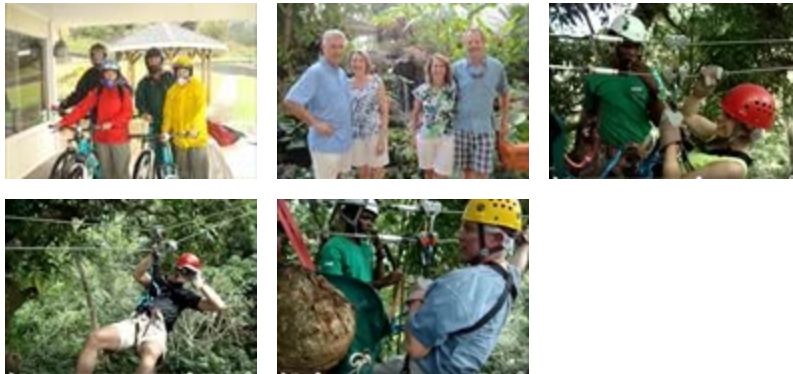
AC

“Gina and family, we are sadden at the news of Smoot’s death. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Anne and Larry Carver

Anne Carver - February 15, 2020 at 02:31 PM

AH

“6 files added to the tribute wall



Alan Hilliard - February 14, 2020 at 10:24 PM