

James "Jimmy" Dobbins

October 28, 1941 - May 21, 2018

James "Jimmy" Buchanan Dobbins, 76, went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 21, 2018 at Greenville Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family and close friends.

Born in Union Mills, NC, he was the son of the late William A. and Esther Buchanan Dobbins. Jimmy proudly served his country in the US Army and retired from Duke Power in 1998 after 20+ years of service. He was a Mason, member of the Sam Poe Lodge #284 and Monaghan Baptist Church.

At the age of 22, he married Brenda Arrowood, whom he has loved and adored for the past 53 years. From this loving union came a daughter, Natalie Dobbins-Belt, who is definitely a "Daddy's Girl". He has a granddaughter, Catherine Ashley Belt, who loved spending every minute she could with her Papa and also twin grandsons, Brad and Blake Belt, who looked up to their Papa. Also surviving are a sister, Doris Dobbins Glance and a brother, Frank Dobbins and wife Frances.

Because of this wonderful man, his wife, daughter and grandchildren have been blessed beyond measure. Jimmy was extremely loved, respected, and appreciated by all whose lives he touched. He generously helped anyone in need even a stranger, because he never met a stranger.

Along with his parents, Jimmy was predeceased by sisters: Elouise Dobbins Hill and Evelyn Dobbins Stairs; brothers: William B. Dobbins and an infant brother who passed at birth.

Visitation will be Thursday afternoon, May 24, 2018 from 1:30 until 2:45 p.m. at the Howze Mortuary. A service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m. in The Howze Mortuary Chapel.

Burial will be at Mountain View Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908. As many of you know, Jimmy had a special place in his heart for children.

The family will be at the home of his daughter, Natalie Dobbins-Belt.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

MAY **24.** 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
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Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Brenda and family I'm am so sorry to hear of Jimmy passing. He was a very kind man. Neccie and I would always see Jimmy and you in Walmart. He was one of a kind. I know he is so missed . May God bless you and your family. Jan & Neccie



Jan finley - September 29, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ Jimmy was one in a million and always put others before himself! What a selfless giving man who we will all miss dearly! I will miss seeing his smile every time he came into Walmart! Prayers for peace and comfort to his sweet wife and family. Heaven is rejoicing to have him home!

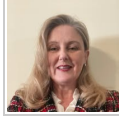


Jennifer Hedger - June 11, 2018 at 08:08 AM

BC

“ It was so sad to hear of the passing of Jimmy. I've read so many post and they all say what we all feel, that he was a wonderful person and would do anything for anybody. If someone was having a crisis in their life he and Brenda were there to help you through it. The matter where you went with Jimmy he always seem to know somebody whether it was in Gatlinburg or Greenville. If you were in line somewhere he would make two or three friends while you were waiting to get into something. Very sorry for your loss Brenda and Natalie he will be missed and loved forever. I'm sorry I missed the opportunity to come to the visitation and funeral but it wasn't post to tell today, day after the services. Love to all.

Bob Callison - May 25, 2018 at 09:34 AM



Please send me your contact information. Momma and I would love to talk to you.

Natalie Belt - July 03, 2018 at 08:52 PM

MK

“ *He was such a staple walkin and shopping at Wal-Mart TR all the time. Never met a stranger. Such a gem to all the kids givin them change for the machines to play. Such a sweet man. May he be at peace. Ill miss sayin hello to him. Godbless the family. Melonie k- travelers rest sc*



Melonie k - May 25, 2018 at 07:38 AM

GC

“ *Brenda and Natalie,
I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. I am sorry I could not come to the services today, but you were and will be in my thoughts and prayers. As many have noted, he was one of a kind. The last time I saw him at the Carolina cruise in he gave JonPaul a dollar like he did so many others all the time. I am truly blessed to have known him. May God give you His peace and comfort in the days ahead.
Love, Gayle Cantrell*

Gayle Cantrell - May 24, 2018 at 10:46 PM

SH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family! I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Jimmy. Jimmy was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. He was always smiling and was always so pleasant to be around. He will for sure be missed by us all. Keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Sherrie

Sherrie Harshbarger - May 24, 2018 at 04:11 PM

PR

“ Priscilla lit a candle in memory of James
"Jimmy" Dobbins



Priscilla - May 24, 2018 at 11:34 AM

PR

Did not know him, but I have seen him out in public and every time he would stop and say a few words to me are just say hi. I'm sure he will be very missed by family and friends

Priscilla - May 24, 2018 at 11:36 AM

GW

*Edna and I were so sorry to hear about Jimmy. As the obituary said he did love children and assisted with many needs at Gateway. We would like to be there for the service but we are out of town visiting Kelly.
Glenn Wright*

Glenn & Edna Wright - May 24, 2018 at 05:48 PM

SS

I did not know him. However, I felt like I knew him. He would always strike up a conversation with me when I would see him out somewhere. He was always smiling and had such a sweet disposition. There is no doubt in my mind that this man loved Jesus and will be spending eternity with Him.

Shonda Smith - May 25, 2018 at 09:27 AM

DA

“ Brenda and Natalie, We are so sorry to hear about James, our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. As many of the others have stated below, James always had a smile and a silly story or joke. I remember when we moved in to the neighborhood, I don't think we had the back of the moving van open 5 min. before James pulled up and introduced himself. He let us know a lot about our house and it's history and that he was one of the guys that helped build some of the houses in the neighborhood. When he found out that we were going to do some landscaping, he took us up to his tree/shrub lot and we purchased some wonderful flowering shrubs and a beautiful maple tree in our yard from his lot. I can't tell you how many times he shared his breakfast coupons with us or small toy for our grand daughter. He would often stop to let us know about sales or when a car show was going to be around. Not to mention how he always made his connections with the electric company to get the power restored to Hampshire Hills after an outage. He always wanted to help or simply to chat awhile. He will be missed in the community!



The Andrews

Diane/Chuck Andrews - May 24, 2018 at 10:30 AM

JK

“ Brenda and Natalie I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was always laughing and happy he made the people around him happy. He loved his family and always had a picture to share. God bless.

Janet LaGore Kay - May 24, 2018 at 09:57 AM

AJ

“ Prayers for the Dobbins family!
Allan & Kim Johnson

Allan Johnson - May 24, 2018 at 09:27 AM

RC

“ Sorry we are so far away that we cant be with you. Best neighbor for 43 years you could ask for. Jimmy was one of a kind. We will miss him in Hapshire Hills.

Love
Roger and Linda

Roger and Linda Cox - May 24, 2018 at 09:13 AM

 Shelley Johnson

“ Shelley Johnson purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of James "Jimmy" Dobbins.



Shelley Johnson - May 24, 2018 at 08:49 AM

NL

“ Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins



Nancy Lance - May 24, 2018 at 07:21 AM

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The Andrews

Diane & Chuck Andrews - May 23, 2018 at 09:43 PM

TM

“ Dear Natalie, Catherine, Blake,Brad, Brenda, Bella, and Sophie. I'm so saddened to hear the loss of your father, James. I had never got to meet him but I knew him very well through our conversations we had, while doing the babies. Everyone will miss him and I send my thoughts and prayers for strength to get you all through this sad time in your life's. May god Bless all of you. Toni Maddox@ Pick of the Litter Pet Parlor

Toni Maddox - May 23, 2018 at 09:20 PM

KA

“ This breaks my heart, i met him in Walmart one day and he came up to my girls and gave them both a dollar. And it seemed like everytime i was in there after that he would be too and he would always talk to me and my girls and give them a dollar. He always had a smile on his face and was seriously one of the sweetest kind hearted people i have even known. The last time i saw him he told me about his wife and kids and his love for them. I know he is going to be greatly missed by everyone, he definitely made an impact on everyone he ever met. My prayers are with the family, may God give you peace and comfort during this time. ❤️



Kayla - May 23, 2018 at 07:44 PM

RW

“ Rick & Frances Whitaker lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins



Rick & Frances Whitaker - May 23, 2018 at 06:14 PM

 Lisa N
Mike
Wallace

“ Thoughts and Prayers .Jimmy was a Great Man .Loved to hear All his stories and about His Family and His Cars . His Smiling Face will Be Missed .



Lisa N Mike Wallace - May 23, 2018 at 05:25 PM

AM

“ *Brenda you and your family are in my prayers*
Angie Hill McCarson

Angie Hill McCarson - May 23, 2018 at 04:47 PM

HJ

“ *Breda & Natalie, our prayers and thoughts are with you . Jimmy was a happy wonderful person always smiling. I worked with him and a very caring person and loved children. Can see him giving kids a dollar at Walmart or grocery store all the time . He will be missed by many . Huetta Duncan Jackson .*

Huetta Duncan Jackson - May 23, 2018 at 03:37 PM

LE

“ *Larry E Epps lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins*



Larry E Epps - May 23, 2018 at 03:20 PM

RC

“ *Roger Cox lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins*



roger cox - May 23, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JD

“ Jimmy was absolutely "ONE OF A KIND"! He was ALWAYS kind, never a harsh word, always willing to help and go beyond the call of duty, an extremely hard worker, wonderful neighbor, always had a joke from his "steel trap" memory, could raise anyone's spirits, had a special place in his heart for children, spent his time spreading good cheer, loved his family and was so proud of them, and oh, so much more! If everyone could be like Jimmy, what a happier world this would be. To say there will be a void is putting it mildly. I think the best way to honor Jimmy is to try and be more like him! You just can't say that about many folks!

Jean DeMars - May 23, 2018 at 09:53 AM

AS

“ April Williams Styles lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins



April Williams Styles - May 23, 2018 at 08:51 AM

LB

“ So sad to hear of his passing.... I can't count the times he has gave my kids stuffed animals, money, or cookies! Such a great person who had a heart of gold. I know he is smiling as he worships God! I will be praying for y'all! God bless!!!!

Larry Bailey - May 23, 2018 at 06:19 AM

TC

“ Jimmy will be greatly missed! His dear family will be in my prayers.



Teena Cole - May 22, 2018 at 09:43 PM

RG

“ Ruby Goldsmith lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins



Ruby Goldsmith - May 22, 2018 at 08:41 PM

PC

“ We are so sad to hear that our friend James (Mr.Dobbins to the children) will not be stopping by My Sister's Store. He was ALWAYS smiling and pleasant to everyone!! He never missed an opportunity to help in any way. We were blessed by his presence!!! To his family....James spoke of you all fondly and lovingly.

Pam Campbell - May 22, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Dobbins.



May 22, 2018 at 07:09 PM

CB

“ *Carla Buchanan lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins*



Carla Buchanan - May 22, 2018 at 07:05 PM

SC

“ *Jimmy helped to raise a neighborhood of children over the years and Hampshire Hills will not be the same without his smiling face and kind heart. Our prayers are with your family. Susan Cox-Clark and family.*



Susan Clark - May 22, 2018 at 06:06 PM



Shelley Johnson

Susan is right. Jimmy was the Mayor of Hampshire Hills. Great man.

Shelley Johnson - May 23, 2018 at 10:35 AM

CP

“ *Jimmy was a good man and he will be deeply missed. Will be keeping the family in our prayers. Rick & Claudia Plowden*

Claudia Plowden - May 22, 2018 at 01:45 PM

PG

“ *Brenda and Natalie,*

We were so sorry to hear of Jimmy passing. If he saw you when he was coming through the neighborhood, he would blow the horn AND/OR stop to chat, always had a SMILE and LAUGH. He will be Truly Missed.

Preston and Ann

Preston and Ann Golightly - May 22, 2018 at 01:30 PM



TC

“ *So sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. We just visited with him a few weeks ago. I remember when our family first moved into the neighborhood. The "mayor" was there with food and offered his help. Few would be so kind. He was known for his giving to people, especially children. From toys and pork skins, to harbor freight items Jimmy was so thoughtful of many people. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. He will certainly will be missed by his friends and neighbors.*

The Carrells - May 22, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ *Diana Stroud lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Dobbins*



Diana Stroud - May 22, 2018 at 09:02 AM