



James R. Hightower

January 23, 1928 - October 7, 2016

James R. Hightower went home to be with the Lord on October 7, 2016. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Mr. Hightower worked for J.P. Stevens, Co. Slater Plant 47 years and was a member of Marietta First Baptist Church. He attended Mountain View and Greenwood High Schools. After his father's death, he and two brothers entered Connie Maxwell Children's Home where he made many lifelong friends. During World War II he enlisted in the Army then the Air Force. His mother had five sons which served their country at the same time during WWII and one son serving in the Korean War.

After retiring, Jimmy loved spending time with his brothers and grandchildren farming at their family home place. (Psalm 121 – "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help"). Also he and his wife enjoyed traveling with Cattleman's Association visiting different farms in the US and Canada.

Some of Mr. Hightower's greatest attributes were: He tried to be a peace-keeper between families and friends; never met anyone he did not like, did not have unkind words for anyone, a good provider for his family, and lived his life by example. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The last surviving member of his immediate family, he was born on January 23, 1928 in a log cabin at his family's home place in the mountains of Northern Greenville County.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia Ruth Hightower; a daughter,

Sandra Patricia Burnett (Toby) of Greenville, SC; two sons, Terry (Ann) Hightower of Marietta, SC and Jerry Hightower of Greenville, SC; 3 grandchildren, Leslie Mau (Ryan) of Farmville, VA, Kristen Hightower of Greenville and Lance Burnett of Charleston, SC, and 3 great grandchildren, Gracie & Gabriel Mau of Farmville, VA, and Cameron Cook of Greenville, SC. He was predeceased by his mother, Harriett Elizabeth Pittman Hightower and his father, John Franklin Hightower; two infant brothers and one infant sister along with brothers, Wilton, Carroll, Randy, Doug, Richard and a sister, Mary Hightower.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM Monday afternoon at Marietta First Baptist Church with burial to follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 until 2:30 PM on Monday at the church prior to the service.

The family will be at the home.

A special Thank You would like to be extended to the staff at Richard M. Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home, Marietta Hope, Health & Rehab of Marietta, SC, Patriot Hospice of Anderson, SC, many caregivers (especially Nancy & Lisa) for their loving care, as well as the prayers, cards and visits. Memorials may be made to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, 810 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646, Marietta First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, Marietta, SC 29661 or Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home, 4605 Belton Hwy. Anderson, SC 29621.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337
Marietta, SC

Church Service

OCT **10**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Terry, Jerry and Sandra We are so sorry for your loss- Your parents are such wonderful people - know that you are in our thoughts and prayers - Jewel and Butch Dockery

Jewel Dockery - October 17, 2016 at 07:31 AM

JP

“ James Pierce lit a candle in memory of James R. Hightower



James Pierce - October 16, 2016 at 10:02 AM

PB

“ Peachie Moody Buzbee lit a candle in memory of James R. Hightower



Peachie Moody Buzbee - October 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM

BF

“ Terry, Jerry, Sandra, & Pat we are so sorry for your lost. Your Dad & (Spouse) was one of the finest men I knew. Our hearts hurt for you. Benny & Susan Ford

Benny Ford - October 10, 2016 at 02:43 PM

BF

“ *Bondtex, Inc. family purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of James R. Hightower.*



Bondtex, Inc. family - October 10, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MP

“ *I have had the privilege to know Jimmy Hightower since 2007. The first time I met him, I saw the twinkle of life's joy in his eyes and how much he loved his family. He was always kind, considerate, honest and thoughtful, which are all qualities he bestowed on his children. He lived a full life with an admirable character. I am blessed to have had him as a part of my life. I know he is now with angels and our Lord. Maria B. Petrea*

Maria B. Petrea - October 09, 2016 at 05:32 PM

TM

“ *Tracey M. Tate & Susan M. Campbell purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James R. Hightower.*



Tracey M. Tate & Susan M. Campbell - October 09, 2016 at 03:59 PM

TT

“ *Tracey & Scott Tate lit a candle in memory of James R. Hightower*



Tracey & Scott Tate - October 09, 2016 at 02:34 PM

JB

“ *Jerry Mac Ballenger lit a candle in memory of James R. Hightower*



Jerry Mac Ballenger - October 09, 2016 at 01:38 PM

SA

“ *Pat and Family,
Over the many years of travel and friend gatherings that we have had the opportunity to share with you and Jimmy it was such a great joy and pleasure to become your friends and to be associated with the two of you. Age and time has separated us but you will never be forgotton. It greatly saddened our hearts to learn of Jimmy's death, but be so assured that he is in such a better place. His obituary said so much about him that was so truly him. May the faith you have in God comfort and see you through this sad and difficult time in your life. Keep in mind that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
We Love You and if there is any thing we can do, we are just a phone call away.
Sammy and Betty Anderson, Fair Play S.C.*



Sam and Betty Anderson - October 09, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



The Howze Mortuary - October 09, 2016 at 10:37 AM

JL

Patsy and family,

We were saddened to learn just today of Jimmy's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts during this time of adjustment and we will keep you in our prayers in the days ahead. Love from the Reynolds and Landreth family.

Jane Reynolds Landreth - October 11, 2016 at 12:41 PM