



Mr. James Kerry Helms

March 3, 1959 - July 26, 2019

Mr. James Kerry Helms, 60, of Sylvester died Friday July 26, 2019 at his residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday July 29, 2019 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Donnie Duncan and Rev. Mike Davis officiating. The interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery with full Masonic Rites

Mr. Helms was born on March 3, 1959 in Worth County to the late James Shelby and Clarice Carmichael Helms. He had lived in Sylvester all his life and was retired from Helms Welding after 40 years. Mr. Helms was a member of First Baptist Church in Sylvester and the past Master of the Worth Lodge #194 F&AM. Mr. Helms was a member of the Albany Shrine Club and the Royal Order Jesters Court #159. He enjoyed leather working, collecting guns, fishing and was an avid Georgia Bulldog Fan.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Horne Helms of Sylvester; children, Beau Helms (Lisa) of Fitzgerald, Katie Helms Blanton (Carly) of Tifton, Brady Hart (Caroline) of Newnan and Garrett Hart of Sandy Springs; granddaughter, Kara Helms; brother, Richard Helms (Kim) of Sylvester, nephew, Rick Helms (Jana) of Putney; mother-in-law, Laura Jane Horne of Dawson; canine children, Cabo and Julie.

Those desiring please make donations to the Albany Community Hospice, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at

Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL **29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Kerry Helms*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear...I know he fought so hard to overcome his cancer. Condolences to his family, especially Richard. He is at God's right hand now. With much love, Tami Tanner*



Tami Tanner - August 31, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *Tony Dato lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



tony dato - August 03, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort 🙏*



Debbie - July 29, 2019 at 06:37 PM

JS

“ *Jeanie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



Jeanie Smith - July 29, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RR

“ *Robin Raney lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



Robin Raney - July 29, 2019 at 09:21 AM

SH

“ *Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



Shannon - July 29, 2019 at 09:08 AM

SH

Margaret & Family - This poem is one of my all time favorite things I've ever read:

*As I sit in Heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me.*

Shannon - July 29, 2019 at 09:17 AM

TL

“ Margaret, Richard & family,

We're so sorry for your loss. Praying for Gods comfort in the days ahead for you all. Kerry was a good friend and we connected due to his disease after many years of not talking after graduation. For that I am thankful! The only good thing that comes from cancer is the love you receive from others and the mercy from God. So thankful he is in the arms of Jesus and not sick any more!!

Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - July 28, 2019 at 06:09 PM

CM

“ *Brother Kerry Helms was a true friend. Someone you could call on anytime and if possible he would be there on the phone or in person. He was always on the level with you and he was always and I mean always square with you no matter what he did or said. Rest in Peace my Brother till we meet again in that house no made by hands*

*Brother Cliff McDowell
Dougherty lodge 591*



clifton ray mcdowell - July 28, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *I didn't know Kerry well but he did do some great leatherwork for me. He was a good man, fair and honest with his dealings and fought very hard against his disease. I never heard him complain. Rest in Peace Mr. Helms with a healthy spirit in the arms of the Lord.*

John McPhaul - July 28, 2019 at 01:45 PM

LB

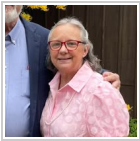
“ *You will definitely be missed Kerry! Such a great person and friend to all who knew you! Rest In Peace now Kerry, and know you were loved by many!!!*

Lee Ola Bartlett - July 27, 2019 at 09:21 PM

JS

“ Will miss you Kerry. Many memories of our days at Lake Mary and family get together. You were very talented and enjoyed your work. God called you home because he knew you were ready. No more pain to endure on earth only peace and endless time with your parents and loved ones in heaven. Rest In Peace Kerry, we'll meet again at the Golden gates.

Jerry Sumner - July 27, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ I am so very blessed to have had Kerry as my life long friend. So many sweet memories over many, many years. Rest easy now sweet friend and know we will always hold you so very close in our hearts. I find great comfort in knowing the last words we had to say to one another were "I love you".

Go Dawgs! Let's win one for Kerry!

Kathy Jones - July 27, 2019 at 05:43 PM

DO

I have so many fond memories of Kerry ! He was my student at WCHS, my neighbor on Miles/Frances Street, my brothers (Johnny and Mark Dykes) good friend, and friends of the Moore/Dykes families etc. You fought your battles on this earth like a champions! Those who knew you well will miss your smiling face ! Now we shall cherish all that you taught us 🙏 ! I have no doubt Jesus said Welcome Home as you entered the gates of Heaven ❤️🙏❤️🙏

donnamking2@gmail - July 28, 2019 at 11:16 AM

GF

“ *Deepest condolences to cousin Kerry Helms' family and loved ones.* ”



Gail Godfrey Stocky and Family - July 27, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Angel Lavender lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms* ”



Angel Lavender - July 27, 2019 at 04:49 PM

ST

“ *Steve And Joann Tedder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms* ”



Steve and Joann Tedder - July 27, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sarah Rentz lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms* ”



Sarah Rentz - July 27, 2019 at 01:32 PM

 Terrie Burney

“ *Terrie Burney lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



Terrie Burney - July 27, 2019 at 01:31 PM

RC

So Sorry 🥺💔💔💔

Richard Cox - July 27, 2019 at 07:45 PM

LP

“ *God bless.*

Lamar Potts - July 27, 2019 at 09:15 AM

LP

“ *Lamar Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kerry Helms*



Lamar Potts - July 27, 2019 at 09:12 AM