



Mr. Jimmy F. "Jim" Champion

April 12, 1932 - February 9, 2014

Mr. Jimmy F. "Jim" Champion, 81, of Albany died Sunday February 9, 2014 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Salem Baptist Church with interment to follow in the church cemetery. Rev. Jackie Cabaniss and Rev. Ralph Simmons will officiate.

Mr. Champion was born April 12, 1932 in Crisp County, GA to Eliza David and Camilla Ingram Champion. Mr. Champion was reared by his grandparents, Jim and Ella Champion in Warwick, GA and was a 1949 graduate of Warwick High School. He was a retired farmer and retired from the Dougherty County Board of Education as a bus driver. He enjoyed quail hunting. Mr. Champion was a member and deacon of Salem Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School, was a Silver Saint and served on the building committee. Mr. & Mrs. Champion celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on December 25, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Elma Lee Harris Champion, of Albany, a son Dennis Champion (Penny) of Sylvester, a daughter Beverly C. Hendrix (Billy) of Sylvester, grandchildren; Jim Champion, Allison Sumner (Taylor), Jennifer McDougald (Kelly) and Whitney Hendrix, great-grandchildren; Jackson Sumner, Ben and Kolton McDougald.

The family would like to especially thank Mr. Champion's caregivers; Patty Span, Mary Anderson, Martha Milledge, Lawanda Davis and Juanita Peavy. For those desiring memorials may be made to Salem Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Ray McCrary, 1015 Woodcrest Rd. Sylvester, GA 31791.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 10, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jimmy F. "Jim" Champion*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Billy and Eudora Tyson - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.*

Judy and Harry Martin - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Our entire family would like to send our prayers and love to the family of Mr. Jim. Our family appreciate the friendship with this family for many years. We also have shared a business relationship with the Champions. Through God's unconditional love and the strong family character, the memory and testimony of Big Jim will live on forever.*

In our Prayers Doug, Paula, Ryan, Jenn and Wesley Wishum

DOUG AND PAULA WISHUM - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Dennis and family, Tracy and I are so sorry to here of your loss. Know that when God takes our loved ones, He leaves a lifetime of memories."For of His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:16Your friends in Christ Ricky & Tracy Harrell*

Ricky & Tracy Harrell - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM

CS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of Jimmy. Although we had not seen your family much in recent years, I have lots of fond memories of the times when we were all much younger. God Bless to Ms. Elma Lee and Family.

*Carl and Wynnette Stone, Kennesaw, GA
Mike, Kathy, Samantha, Claire, and Tome Stone, Santa Clara, CA
Brian, Valerie and Eli Stone, Athens, GA*

Carl E Stone - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM

KM

“ Bro Jim was a true friend to me. I looked up to him and he baptized me in 1993. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, whom I love dearly. My deepest sympathy to you all.

kim moree - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM

DL

“ Beverly and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the loss of your dad.

*May God bless you.
Thomas Latimer*

Dr. Thomas G. Latimer - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM

PS

“ Prayers of peace and comfort to all of you during this time of loss. What a wonderful example of a life well lived.

Paul Sewell - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM

KS

“ I am VERY sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good man, and a fantastic Sunday School teacher! I really enjoyed his teaching when I was a member of Salem Baptist Church. Will keep all of the family in my prayers. Karen Webb Stokes

karen stokes - May 14, 2018 at 03:58 PM