



James Francis Dill Sr.

February 10, 1940 - November 19, 2016

James Francis Dill, Sr, age 76 of Dayton died Saturday morning, November 19, 2016. James was born in Franklin, NC on February 10, 1940 to the late Jasper Newton Dill and Opal (Flood) Dill. James has been a resident of Dayton since 1973.

James epitomized the American Dream. James lived and worked during his childhood with his parents and two siblings as tenant farmers in north Georgia and then grew up to be a very successful entrepreneur. He graduated from Warner Robbins High School in 1959 as a standout student athlete and he went on to play basketball in college. Shortly after beginning his professional career in finance, he became Vice President of Dayton Bank & Trust before founding his own company, Continental Car Club, in the mid 1970s.

James and his wife of 54 years, Phyllis, met in high school, eloped, had two children and grew their company together before selling it in 2010. James' dedication to providing for his family and supporting his community were reflected in his and his wife's tireless hard work to make their company a success.

James received many honors for business accomplishments and outstanding service to his community, state, and region. A few of his favorite included being commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, a Tennessee Colonel, and being appointed a Lieutenant Colonel on the Georgia Governor's staff. He also received recognition for devoted and distinguished service from the American Legion and was named Elk of the Year by the Grand Lodge Order of Elks for

his works focused on children's charities. James enjoyed going to horse races and casinos and was well known for winning many dollar bets around town on a handshake. He was a member of the Dayton First United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Patterson) Dill of Dayton, his son, James F. (Jennifer) Dill, Jr. of Dayton, his daughter, Deena (Dr. Rob) Kosciusko of Columbia, SC. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Elizabeth Dill, Abigail (fiancee' Wes Rae) Dill, James F. Dill, III, Matthew Dill, Wyatt Kosciusko and Mia Kosciusko.

Funeral services for James will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Kenneth Pierce officiating. He will be laid to rest next to his parents in Rhea Memory Gardens.

Please share your memories of James on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Tuesday after 3:00pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

NOV **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 29 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2023 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ I lived with James and his family and worked iin Warner Robbins Ga the summer after High School in 1958. Great Summer. It's sad he is gone.

Darryl Starnes

Darryl Starnes - September 11, 2019 at 12:19 PM

KD

“ Kathy David Dugger lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.



kathy David Dugger - November 22, 2016 at 09:48 PM

KD

James u will be missed by a lot of people that new u ..Sorry for y'all lost my heart goes out too his family ❤️❤️

kathy Davis Dugger - November 22, 2016 at 09:57 PM

SI

“ I met this good old Georgia Boy in 1974, I think He invited me to play golf somewhere in North Ga and that is what we did I liked his attitude and jokes and I w as elected Senator in Nov 1974 and we met a few times after that. He and Johnny Holden were in the financial business at that time and we all worked in the area. I proposed the Bridge at the Ferry from Dayton to Cleveland in 1976 and it was built sometimes before 1990 Jim was a fun guy and a Hard worker May he Rest In Peace Senator Robert T. Byrd III , now living back in Augusta, ga 11/22/16

Senator Robert T. Byrd III - November 22, 2016 at 08:45 PM

PB

“ Patti Foxall Bible lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.



Patti Foxall Bible - November 22, 2016 at 04:15 PM

LC

“ Long of Chattanooga purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..



Long of Chattanooga - November 22, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss.....very fond memories of many years of working with the 3 Jim's & Phyllis at Continental Car Club.....he will be missed by all! Sending my prayers for his family....

Mike Shake

Mike Shake - November 22, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..

November 22, 2016 at 09:49 AM



WT

“ With Love, Belterra Player Development Team! purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..

With Love, Belterra Player Development Team! - November 22, 2016 at 09:36 AM



BW

“Phyllis, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your life-partner. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Shared lots of memories with both of you which came flooding back. Many friends will be sharing your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Beverly Roach Whitfield

Beverly R. Whitfield - November 22, 2016 at 07:06 AM

JV

“Janice Varner lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.



Janice Varner - November 22, 2016 at 06:46 AM

TT

“James was one of the greatest men I have ever been blessed in knowing. My prayers are with the family. Love you all. Teresa & Pat Davis

teresa thurman - November 22, 2016 at 04:04 AM

MP

“I m so sorry for the loss of your Husband, Father and Grandfather. Forever in your heart.



Mary Pence - November 21, 2016 at 09:43 PM

PC

“ *There are so many memories I cant even count. Such a great guy. Always treated us like his own. He is with my dad now watching over us all. Never forgotten and always in our hearts. Pat Chavis and family.*

Pat Chavis - November 21, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 07:37 PM

SN

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Dill's passing. I didn't know him personally but he and my dad Richard Wilkey were close friend before my dad passed away. My dad thought the world of Mr. Dill. I will keep all of you in my prayers. May God hold you all close during time time. God bless. Susan Wilkey Nixon*



Susan Nixon - November 21, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ *Janice Ray lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.*



Janice Ray - November 21, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Pam Metcalf lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.*



Pam Metcalf - November 21, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep the family in our prayers.*



Pam Metcalf - November 21, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep the family in our prayers.*



Pam Metcalf - November 21, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Pam Metcalf lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.*



Pam Metcalf - November 21, 2016 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ *Jerry & Pam Metcalf lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.*



Jerry & Pam Metcalf - November 21, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ *Rebecca Arlene Maddux Meadows lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.*



Rebecca Arlene Maddux Meadows - November 21, 2016 at 05:24 PM

FT

“ I travelled the last few years and during the 3 years I was in Tennessee I rented from James. He was the best and whenever I was paying rent at the Print Shop and he saw me we had to go to the bar for one with James buying of course. He never counted my rent money just stuck it in his pocket. If I was in a bind and James could help he did. What a great loss to everyone including the town, all his friends and of course his great family and extraordinary wife Phyllis. I am a better person for knowing James and glad God had our paths cross.

Frank Trapp - November 21, 2016 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ Phyllis, I am so sorry to hear of James' passing. Goodness knows we all had such a great time growing up in Warner Robins, and James was so much a part of that. He was always so quiet but so powerful in all he did. I know he will be missed by all of us. God bless you and your family. May his memory be everlasting and his legacy eternal. Love and prayers to all of you. Jeanette Lazaros Savage



Jeanette Lazaros Savage - November 21, 2016 at 04:28 PM

DE

“ Danny Everett lit a candle in memory of James Francis Dill Sr.



Danny Everett - November 21, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the Dill family. I have fond memories of Mr. James as many others do. May Mr. James Rest In Peace.*

Jon B. Kliebert - November 21, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *I have a lot of great memories of the friendship between James and myself. He was a great friend. He was always ready to help anyone in need. I am one of the guys that lost several bets to James, but always enjoyed the fun of being with him.*



To Phyllis and Family, I'm sorry to hear about this and all of you are in my prayers. May God bless each of you and help you through the coming days.

Rodger Poteet.

Rodger Poteet - November 21, 2016 at 12:34 PM

RC

“ *Rutherford Credit purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



Rutherford Credit - November 21, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 11:26 AM

CP

“ *Phyllis I am sad to hear of your loss..James was a friend to many and will be missed by all..God bless, be well and know the Class of 1959 is thinking of you and your family..Carter Pittman & Family*

Carter Pittman - November 21, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 21, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ *David Dill and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



David Dill and Family - November 21, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *Phyllis, my prayers and condolences to you and the family. Ken Kyle*

Ken Kyle - November 21, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ *Much love, The Hulse's purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



Much love, The Hulse's - November 21, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ *Dear Phyllis, so sorry to hear this sad news. You two were always such a beautiful, sweet couple. My heart truly hurts for you. Giving up our spouse is very hard. love you, Connie Hammontree*

Connie Hammontree - November 21, 2016 at 06:43 AM

SD

“ *Phyllis and family.....We are saddened to hear of James' passing. Just know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers! Sue (Jackson) Davis and Glen Davis*

Sue Davis - November 21, 2016 at 12:45 AM

CW

“ *Phyllis, Hhubert and I send you prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*

cecilia west - November 20, 2016 at 11:02 PM

WJ

“Phyllis,
I think of what a handsome couple you and James made from the first, and your obvious devotion to each other over a long and fruitful marriage is an example to us all. As an exceptional athlete, James made many a mark, and his drive on the fields and courts carried over into business success. That he used that personal achievement for the betterment of those around him is a legacy of which you and the family can be proud.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Walter Jones

Walter Jones - November 20, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“*Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 20, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Francis Dill Sr..*



November 20, 2016 at 06:40 PM

TV

“ 27 files added to the album New Album Name



tom vanderwall - November 20, 2016 at 05:44 PM

KB

“ We are so very sorry to hear about James' passing. Hugs and prayers are sent to Phyllis, Jimmy and Deana and the rest of the family. So very sorry for your loss!
Charles, Kim and Jayden Benton

Kim Benton - November 20, 2016 at 03:56 PM

AD

Sorry to hear about James passing,prayers sent to the rest of the family

Allen/jane denton - November 21, 2016 at 04:36 PM

BH

Phyllis, Jimmy and Deana, I am so sorry to hear about James passing. He was always a joy to speak with, he enjoyed life. His stories were filled with life experiences of the many people he touch in a positive way. His generation helped make Dayton and Rhea County a great place to grow-up. His presence will be missed. My prayers are with your entire family. Billy Houston

Billy Houston - November 21, 2016 at 04:55 PM