



James Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr.

September 30, 1935 - February 13, 2009

James Benjamin “Jimmy” Hutchinson, Jr., a lifelong resident of Senoia, died Friday, February 13, 2009 at Crawford Long Hospital. He was born September 30, 1935 in Griffin, Ga. to the late James B. & Kathleen Estes Hutchinson. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and doting grandfather. He was a graduate of Newnan High School and attended the University of Georgia where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. In 1956, after the sudden death of his father, he moved back to his hometown of Senoia and took over the family business, Hutchinson Hardware, where he worked for over 50 years. He was an active citizen of Senoia where he was a member of Senoia United Methodist Church and served as the chair of the church’s board of administration, was the mayor of Senoia and at the time was the youngest mayor in the State of Georgia. He was a founding member of the Senoia Downtown Development Authority, a member and past president of the Senoia Lions Club, a member of the Senoia Cemetery Committee, and was the first young man of the year in Coweta County.

The memorial service is Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 3:00 pm at Senoia United Methodist Church with Dr. Danny Barton officiating. Burial will follow at Senoia City Cemetery. The visitation is Saturday evening between 5:00 & 8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, Ga. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Senoia United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Senoia, Ga. 30276.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by his loving wife, Jane Wilkinson Hutchinson of Senoia; daughter, Beth (Woody) Tripp of Newnan; son, Jim (Melissa) Hutchinson, III of Newnan; grandchildren, Mary-Margaret "Maggie" Lewis Tripp, James Hutchinson "Hutch" Tripp, Andrew "Willis" Tripp, James Benjamin "Jay" Hutchinson, IV; sister, Eleanor (Orson) Smith of Tallahassee, Fl.; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Senoia City Cemetery

Stallings Road
Senoia, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

FEB 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Senoia United Methodist Church
229 Bridge Street
Senoia, GA 30276

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Dear Jane and Family, When I think about Mr. Jimmy many things pass through my mind. I believe that he was one of those rare individuals who had a gift for living well; by this I don't mean stylishly or extravagantly, but rather in a way that was loving, interesting, meaningful, and connected! And I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was a cherished, lifelong friend of my late dad – James. While over time, I have not been in touch, I do have many childhood memories of visiting the store with my dad, and of the incessant teasing of Mr. Jimmy. He loved people of all ages, and showed it by his actions. Nothing can take away the hurt and loss that you are feeling right now, but praise God of the promise that Mr. Jimmy is in a better place. (I like to imagine that he and dad are relaxing by a heavenly fishing hole right now!) The thoughts and prayers of our family are with you! With deepest sympathy, Pam and Leya Hindman

Pam Hindman - February 20, 2009 at 12:41 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Jimmy's passing. Some of my very best childhood memories are centered around him. Even after my own fathers passing, when I only got by the store on very rare occassion, Mr Jimmy would light up like a Christmas tree. I marveled that he was that way with everyone who walked in - everybody loved him; he was a true example to us all. Take comfort that he is in a better place. God Bless and please don't hesitate to call if you need anything. Rick Hindman & Family

Rick Hlndman - February 19, 2009 at 11:23 AM

JJ

“ Jane, Beth and Jim, My thoughts are with you all during this sad and difficult time in your lives. He will be missed by so many people because he touched so many lives. He will especially be missed by fthe "Wilkinson" family. I can hear his hearty laugh right now! We have all our wonderful memories to comfort us and know he and "Dukkas" are having a big ole time. I don't know many young men who would play miniature golf or "Malifacent's Dungeon" with their girlfriend's 5 year old niece. He was really a special special man. Know that much love is being sent your way as well as thoughts and prayers to comfort. Love to you all. Jann

Jann McClearen Jones - February 18, 2009 at 12:14 AM

LD

“ Jim and Melissa, I was sorry to hear of Mr. Hutchenson's death. I know this is a hard time for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. In Christ, Linda Denney Retired Secretary, Newnan Presbyterian Church

Linda Denney - February 17, 2009 at 03:29 PM

PC

“ Ms. Jane, My thoughts are truely with you after hearing of Jimmy's passing. I will never forget your sweet hospitality from the both of you when I had moved to Senoia and then later worshiped with you guys at the Methodist Church. I've since live in Moreland but pass through Senoia from time to time. You are the heart of Senoia. Know that I will never forget your loving arms and pray that time will bring you all peace. Pat Baker

Pat ConnellBaker - February 16, 2009 at 01:04 PM

RE

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I first met Mr. Hutchinson when we moved to Senoia in 2001. My brother-in-law and I went to his hardware store to buy a dead bolt lock for our house during the Florida and Georgia game. He asked us were we going to watch the game and who was our team. I, replied ,I was for Florida , Mr. Hutchinson told his son to charge us double!!!! But you can belived it, everytime I went to his hardware store I was a Georgia fan and there's a big Dawg in heaven.

ricky eggart - February 16, 2009 at 11:27 AM

JT

“ Jane & Jim, Just wanted ya'll to know that we are thinking and praying for you. Jimmy will be missed by many, many people including us at Tanner Grocery. I can't express what Jimmy really meant to me and my family. All the way back to UGA with my Dad, doing business with my grandfather, then my father and then me. He was a special man with incredible morals. Something that is lacking in today's society. It was always a blessing to talk with Jimmy. And every time we had a conversation, I always felt I had gained a little more knowledge about life. He reminded me in a lot of ways of my own father. Jim, I'm glad you and your dad were so close to each other and I'm glad that he got to see your kids. He did live a great life and will greatly be missed. He was truly of "The Greatest Generation" !! Please call us if you need anything, anytime
Your friend, Johnny

Johnny Tanner - February 16, 2009 at 08:27 AM

MM

“ To Jimmy My prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow. Keep your hand in Gods hand. Mrs. Mccauley

Mrs. McCauley - February 15, 2009 at 11:32 PM

SM

“ Jane: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Jimmy. I always loved visiting him at the store and marveled at his and his father's ability to go immediately and recover an item for sale (without computer technology I might add) amongst the thousand of items for sale. Jimmy had Grit. I remember Norman Harrison taking him home after football practice. I remember the 1952 or 1953 football season against Athens in Athens. We were getting slaughtered. I told Jimmy if that half back got in my face again without him getting in the way we were going to fight. I loved that guy. Shelby Mapp

Shelby Mapp - February 15, 2009 at 07:20 PM

GR

“ Dear Jane & family, So sorry to hear about your loss. I will be thinking about you during these difficult times. May God be with you. Love, Gail

Gail Royal - February 15, 2009 at 02:24 PM

JJ

“ This is one of those times where words escape the capacity to express the loss of Mr. Hutchinson's touch on the world. I remember as a young kid going in the hardware store with my dad and how they would interact with one another - it was always worth a laugh or smile on my face. It was truly an honor to have have known Mr. Hutchinson and the memories of him over the years. He was truly one of the Greatest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. My wife and I are keeping you in our prayers and may peace be with you. Jack and Juanita Threlkeld

Jack Threlkeld Jr. - February 15, 2009 at 02:18 PM

PT

“ Dear Jane and entire Hutchingson Family: I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of the Hutchinson family. I will always remember how kind and friendly Jimmy was to me when I first moved to Senoia back in 1978. He always made me feel welcome and put a smile on my face each time I came into the store. I felt like I was on an adventure into time each time I went shopping. Hayward would always tell me that Jimmy that "if you ever needed a true friend that was Jimmy" May God Bless and keep you in this time of sorrow. Remember the good times and the blessings he gave us all. Pat Bishop Touchston

Pat (Bishop) Touchston - February 15, 2009 at 01:00 PM

LR

“ Dear 'Aunt Jane' We all were so fond of Uncle Jimmy and looked forward to seeing him AND your bright smile at the Heart Failure Center at Crawford. Even though I moved on to be closer to home, I never forgot this darling man who I just adored. It was an honor to work with Andy and be one of Uncle Jimmy's nurses. All of us will miss him greatly, none more than you I know. Please know that you and your family and in my thoughts and prayers. Most sincerely and with great love, Lynn and Jim Roland

Lynn and Jim Roland - February 15, 2009 at 09:06 AM

AV

“ Miss Jane and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the death of a wonderful part of the History of Senoia. Jimmy was a cornerstone, literally, of the community. The time I lived and raised my girls in Senoia and lived just down the street from y'all was very special to me indeed. I remember with very fond memories all the times we shared at the Senoia Methodist Church. I can remember that when you needed anything in the hardware line you could just go to "Hutchinson's Hardware" and Mr. Jimmy could put his hands on it right away, he always knew just where everything was residing. Be assured that he will be remembered by every one who's life he touched with very fond memories. I have missed the people of Senoia and remember those wonderful times many times. Please know that I will be remembering you and your family in the difficult days ahead. Anne Knowles Vaillancourt

Anne Knowles Vaillancourt - February 15, 2009 at 08:44 AM

DH

“ To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.... We will miss you dear Friend..... Debby, Justin and Jarrod Hogan

Debby Hogan-Volk - February 14, 2009 at 09:00 PM

BT

“ To The Hutchinson Family We were sorry to hear of Jimmy's death. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. In sympathy. Barbara & Tommy Thompson

Barbara & Tommy Thompson - February 14, 2009 at 08:18 PM

LW

“ Jane, I just talked with Lowell and he was saddened to hear about Jimmy's death. He is sorry he will not be able to be there for the funeral but sends his love to each of you.

Lowell Wynn - February 14, 2009 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ Jane, Beth and Jim, Ben and I were so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I remember so well when you were dating and how happy we were to welcome him to the family . Jimmy was always so sweet through the years when we would get together when we would be in Georgia either with the family and friends or in Senoia. I remember how pleased we were for y'all to come to Honolulu and how much he seemed to enjoy the trip and talk about it through the years. It is wonderful to see how Jimmy was regarded by the people of Senoia and what values he shared with the young people. This was a new and wonderful side of him and we are proud for you. Our prayers are with you. Love, Sissy and Ben

Dolores (Sissy Wynn) Briskey - February 14, 2009 at 07:46 PM

KF

“ Jimmy was always a gentleman with a kind word for all.A truly good, Godly man. We are blessed to have known him .We will miss him. Go Dawgs God Bless, Kyle & Sandra

Kyle & Sandra Frank - February 14, 2009 at 06:31 PM

DC

“ Dear Jane and Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Jimmy. He will be sorely missed. We appreciated his interest in and support of our ECHS football teams and our family. We appreciated his interest in many of our players and their well being. I really enjoyed just being in the store and talking to him. If he didn't have it at the store, you just didn't need it. You will be in our thoughts and prayers, Danny and Anne Cronic

Danny and Anne Cronic - February 14, 2009 at 05:54 PM

PE

“ I am saddened in learning of the passing of Jimmy. We were classmates at NHS for four years . He was always a regular guy, always friendly and someone you knew would be a friend to everyone. Although I've been away from Newnan for many years, it was always a pleasure to meet he and Jane at the Class of '54 reunions . Peace be with Jean , children and grandchildren and know that one day, we'll all be together again. Love to all, Paul (Wendell) ELkins

Paul Elkins - February 14, 2009 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ Dear Jane, Beth and Jim, We were so sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was a very honorable man and strong in his christian faith. I think of all of the fun times we had growing up. Whether is was ya'll coming to visit us in Washington or my family visiting in Senoia. We cherish some wonderful memories! We Love You! Lynn, Lee, Blake and Emily

Lynn Connell - February 14, 2009 at 04:25 PM

ST

“ Susie and I are saddened by Jimmy's death. He really had to struggle to get peace. What a footprint he left in the community he loved and was loved. He will be missed and not forgotten.

Susie and Jimmy Thomasson - February 14, 2009 at 01:46 PM

“ Dear Family, Today and for days to come, you grieve. But know that we grieve with you. We love you and have you in our prayers. The tears fall, but, oh such sweet memories of all our years together. You know the love we share with Jimmy and with each of you. That will never change for it is who we are, Our Special Family of Friends in Senoia. Jimmy will be remembered as a most adored husband and loving father. He was the proudest grandfather, always sharing the latest photos and stories of those little ones. "Mister" is a term we were taught to use as a sign of respect. Only 12 years my senior, he was "Mr. Jimmy" to me, for he deserved such respect. Growing up in our small town with examples like Jimmy, we were taught to be accountable for our actions, respectful of our elders and grateful for our unique heritage. He, midway between my father's age and mine, always seemed like an older brother or a younger uncle. He was among my father's best friends. They often hunted and fished together. Needless to say, he was "Mr. Jimmy" to me. Jerry and I left Senoia for about six years after our marriage. We returned to raise our family in a town where the people were a real Community, caring for each other. I remind you all of this because your family was one of those that cared. I was in "the store" one day. (Jerry always said, "Could you run up to "the store" for me?" as if it was the only store in town and for his needs, it was.)... Anyway, I was on a mission for him and with the help of the proprietor I found exactly what I needed. I stated, "Thank you, Mr Jimmy. Just put it on our ticket." "No problem", he said. "But when are you going to get big enough to stop calling me "Mr.?" "Probably never" was my reply. Now I'm 62 and he's still "Mr. Jimmy" to me, for he deserves such respect. For those who may read this, I especially share the rest of the letter: Jimmy was one of my husband's closest friends. He served as a pallbearer at Jerry's funeral. That's what best friends do. After that he continued to help me, by example and even donating many hours of good advice, to raise my children. This was especially the case with my son, then 16 years old. Geoff was just one among many that loved and adored "Mr. Jimmy". It takes a community to raise a child and that's how folks in "SEE-Noy" do things. Scripture says to raise a child in

the Way and he will never part from it. With examples like Jimmy, they may wonder off the path, but they will most certainly step back on. Jimmy was just the man to help. After all, we see evidence of that in you, Beth and Jim. In 1997, shortly after moving to Charleston, SC, my daughter, Lee, became pregnant with our first grandchild. Not limiting his concerns to his grandchildren, "Mr. Jimmy" picked up the phone to call his cousin, an OBGYN in Charleston. "One of my own is expecting. I'm sending her to you. Take good care of her." Dr. Sandy Estese did just that. Now 11, Jeffrey knows all about "Mr. Jimmy" and Hutchinson's Hardware. Miss Jane, family, today we rejoice for having the privilege of knowing you and your precious family. We rejoice among our tears for having shared in the life of "Mr. Jimmy", for all he taught us, for the example he set for our children and grandchildren and for yours. "Thank you, "Mr. Jimmy". We owe you so much! Just put it on our ticket and we'll try to repay you somehow." We love you all so much, Karen Lee, Geoff and Family

Karen - February 14, 2009 at 12:55 PM

JT

“ *We are offering our sincerest sympathy. We have wonderful memories of Jimmie. We will be keeping you in our prayers. Jack and Ruthann Threlkeld*

Jack & Ruthann Threlkeld - February 14, 2009 at 11:57 AM

RL

“ *Dear Jane, Ray and I were so sorry to hear about Jimmy. June called us and told us about his death. We are sorry we cannot be there but you and your family are in our prayers. Jimmy was such a lovable guy. I always kidded him about being related. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Love to you and your family. Willene and Ray*

Ray & Willene Lucas - February 14, 2009 at 10:59 AM

CE

“ Dear Jane and Family, We were saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was truly a wonderful man. We understand this is a great loss to you, and to our extended family. As Mother has likely told you, we are out of town. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Love, Charles and Kathryn

Charles Echols - February 14, 2009 at 09:59 AM

LW

“ Jane, Sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was a wonderful person and showed his love to all who knew him. Miss Kathleen raised him well. I had the pleasure of inviting Jimmy and James Barnett to one of the Georgia football games several years ago and we all had a good time including a tailgate with fried chicken. May God Bless You and Your Family

Linda Harris Wilmoth - February 14, 2009 at 09:33 AM

BT

“ We have loved & respected Jimmy for decades. Our hearts are saddened by his death, but we realize that he is in the arms of our loving Saviour and we will see him again one day. Love & prayers to Jane et al. Bill & Glo Tinsley

Bill & Glo Tinsley - February 14, 2009 at 08:45 AM

BA

“ Jane, Esther and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your children and their families. Even though we have been gone from Senoia since 1979 we always fondly remembered Jimmy, you and the children as well as Mrs. Kathleen. You all were special people to us for the eight years Bob worked at East Coweta High. We loved going to church there at Senoia Methodist Church and I remember the times we would go by your store for things. You all have truly blessed Senoia in so many ways. We will pray for you now at the loss of a great man and ask that God comfort you at this time. With love, Bob and Esther Attkisson.

Bob Attkisson - February 13, 2009 at 11:07 PM

BA

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Bob Attkisson - February 13, 2009 at 11:05 PM

AS

“ Jane, We are so sorry to hear this news. Please know that we are praying for you and your family. Look to God and HE will give you strength. Love your sister in Premier, Angela & Jeff

Angela Searcy - February 13, 2009 at 10:00 PM

CS

“ Dear Hutchinson Family, Tonight my heart is heavy and my prayers are with you. I know your loss is great and how well I know the heaviness in your soul. I simply want you to know that you are not alone. This man you called Husband, Dad and Grand Dad was a rare breed. The world is full of Moms, Dads and children. Then there are Dads that parents send their children too when they can't communicate. Your Daddy was one of those people and I was one of those kids. At 14 he “let” me work at the store and the things I learned are too numerous to mention in one letter. However, as I've grown older and my mortality looms closer I realize from the eternal perspective, I learned some serious spiritual lessons working for Mr. Hutchinson. They go like this. It doesn't matter how “tidy” your store is. What matters to people is the proprietor always knows your name and always asks about your family. It doesn't matter what your skin color is or if you signed your name on a credit slip with an X. Your employees WILL always call you by your first name; “Mister”. If you were young and didn't understand what Hence Pollard meant when he wanted a female part of a piece of plumbing, a really good man can give a lesson in the birds and bees and you would never know it happened. A N D if you got fussed at while you worked, when your parents picked you up, they really believed you were the best kid in the world, because your boss convinced them, you were the best! My lessons there, in that pulpit called Hutchinson Hardware, sent me off into the world, really believing I was and could be the best. I can only hope when I join him again, he will tell me “well done”. Thank you for sharing him with me and so many others. We are all truly blessed. I love you. Chromer

Chromer Smith - February 13, 2009 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ Jane, Eleanor and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's death. I talked to him about 3 weeks ago at Crawford Long, so he knew how I loved him. He will be missed by so many. Jeanette

Jeanete Williams Storey - February 13, 2009 at 06:41 PM