



Dr. James I. Stewart

July 13, 1931 - March 19, 2026

Dr. James Irby Stewart, a devoted servant of his Savior, was born on July 13, 1931, in Tifton, Georgia. He peacefully departed this life on March 19, 2026, at the age of 94, leaving behind a cherished legacy rooted in faith, family, and education.

Dr. Stewart dedicated 51 years of his life to Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary, where he served as President and passionately mentored countless ministers in their biblical education. His commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of others stood as a testament to his deep love for his faith and his unwavering dedication to God's work. Dr. Stewart was also a Southern Baptist Church planter in Tennessee and Ohio.

He is survived by five beloved daughters: Ruth (Dan) Porter, Sharon Howell, Rebekah (Gary) Garner, Sarah (Max) Mathis, and Martha (Dan) Gillette. He is also mourned by his son, Dr. Stephen Stewart, as well as his brother Bobby (Barbara) Stewart, brother Tommy (Lynn) Stewart, brother Albert (Judith) Stewart, and sisters Vivian Thomson and Laverne Nelms. Dr. Stewart leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of 47 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, each of whom was blessed by his love and guidance.

Friends and family are invited to honor his remarkable life and contributions during visitation at Line Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at

3:00 PM. A funeral service celebrating Dr. Stewart's life will follow at 4:00 PM. Rather than flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 2667, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

Dr. Stewart will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

In this time of mourning, we celebrate a man whose passion for his faith and family will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered in the hearts of those he touched.

James was preceded in death by: his wife of 64 years Dr. Clara Gaynell Stewart, Margaret Davis, Beverly Stewart, Irby Stewart, Hattie Stewart.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Line Creek Baptist Church
1488 Bob Smith Road/P.O. Box 757
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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1488 Bob Smith Road/P.O. Box 757
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James I. Stewart*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 24 at 10:59 AM

WP

So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr Stewart, my prayers are with the family

Wayne Parris - March 27 at 06:53 AM

MC

“ *I had the pleasure of delivering meals to Reverend Stewart for 5 years. He would tell me some of what he did in the mission field and other things. He can now be with his wife who he always missed. My condolences to the family.*

Mark Grizzaffi - Meals on Wheels Coweta - March 24 at 04:45 PM

MJ

“ *Pastor Steve, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Michele Johnson - March 23 at 06:25 AM

TH

“ Martha and Dan, All our thoughts and love are with you. Mark and Terri

Terri Hoskins - March 21 at 09:31 PM

MA

“ Mark A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James I. Stewart.

Mark A. - March 21 at 09:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



March 21 at 02:40 PM

BJ

“ Pastor Steve. Our prayers and condolences are with you. Bruce and Joanne Trammell

Bruce and Joanne - March 21 at 11:51 AM

JH

“ Jim and Melissa Hunt purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



Jim and Melissa Hunt - March 20 at 08:59 PM

JH

“ Jim and Melissa Hunt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James I. Stewart.

Jim and Melissa Hunt - March 20 at 08:59 PM

BE

“ Brian, Patti, Connor & Elizabeth purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



Brian, Patti, Connor & Elizabeth - March 20 at 05:29 PM

BE

“ Brian, Patti, Connor & Elizabeth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James I. Stewart.

Brian, Patti, Connor & Elizabeth - March 20 at 05:29 PM

MB

“ Mark and Carlee Bland purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



Mark and Carlee Bland - March 20 at 01:12 PM

BP

“ Bob & Donna Price purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



Bob & Donna Price - March 20 at 09:54 AM

BP

“ Bob & Donna Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James I. Stewart.

Bob & Donna Price - March 20 at 09:54 AM

JL

“ Joey and Ramona Loudermilk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. James I. Stewart.



Joey and Ramona Loudermilk - March 20 at 09:17 AM

JL

“ Joey and Ramona Loudermilk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James I. Stewart.

Joey and Ramona Loudermilk - March 20 at 09:17 AM

JL

“ *His smile, Biblical knowledge, and sweet spirit will be greatly missed by me. I know he is reveling in His glory and is exactly where he wants to be. The vacancy here will be great, but oh how we rejoice for him. Prayers for the family.*

John & Lisa Stewart LCBC - March 19 at 04:48 PM