



James Durwood "J.D." Vincent

February 23, 1944 - September 5, 2023

James Durwood "J.D." Vincent, 79, of Sharpsburg, Georgia passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023. He was born February 23, 1944 in Talladega, Alabama to the late John Hayden and Frances Moore Vincent. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Florence Crainie.

Better known as "Durwood" when he was growing up, he was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in Pleiku, Vietnam as a switchboard operator for the US Army from 1965 to 1967. J.D. was retired from Delta Airlines, working first in Montgomery, Alabama before moving to the Atlanta area in 1996. He loved Atlanta Braves baseball and University of Alabama football. In his younger years he sang in a barbershop quarter and acted as an ASL instructor for the Alabama Baptist Convention. He was a passionate car guy and personally restored several classic cars over the years.

J.D. is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Margit Vincent; daughters Elizabeth Gillenwater (William) of Birmingham, AL and Lucy Gwynn (Rob) of Oklahoma City, OK; step-daughters Pamela Cathey (Charles) of Bainbridge, WA and Jackie Hoover (George) of Tarpon Springs, FL; sisters Carolyn Anderson (Andy) of Fremont, CA and Olivia Faye Vincent of Pell City, AL; five grandchildren and a host of extended family members.

The memorial service celebrating J.D.'s life is Friday, September 15, 2023, at

11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, with Pastor Jon Schroeder officiating. Rather than flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at www.vfw.org or to your local VFW post. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
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Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of James Durwood "J.D." Vincent*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - September 15, 2023 at 09:23 AM

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“ *I met James for the first time when I was a few months old. Margit was my grandmas best friend. They had come to Germany to visit Margits mom and us I immediately loved both of them. James thought me my first words of english and a few years later he was so proud when I was speaking fluently. We started facetiming regularly during the pandemic and also when my grandma passed away. We stayed in contact after but it sadly became less and less. I had always planned to visit once I had the money. I will always miss James dearly and I hope he is in a better place now.*

Kira - January 16, 2025 at 09:19 AM

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“ J.D. was one of my dearest, closest friends. We first met in 2003 when we moved from St. Louis to Sharpsburg, GA and became neighbors. We spent many times together doing a number of different things, and those times were always special times. He would always greet me with “well hello neighbor, good to see ya.” J.D. was a good Christian man who loved the Lord. I and my wife Shirley had the privilege of being invited to their home often. Margit would always have a delicious meal or snack prepared and we would sit and talk for hours. We would all go out to dinner together most Friday nights, and J.D. and I loved to go out together for a Saturday morning breakfast. Just the two of us. We also had a friendly rivalry with our competing sports teams, Alabama and Mizzou & the Braves and Cards. As J.D.s health began to decline, I had the privilege of coming over and helping him do the things around the house and yard he was unable to do. He was always very appreciative, but It just gave me more time to be around him. He was a joy to be with.

Since we moved back to St. Louis in 2018, we have continued to keep in touch with J.D. and Margit through the years. I will miss J.D. dearly. His memory will always put a smile on my face. He is with the Lord Jesus now, his pains and illnesses are over, and I will see him again one day. What a glad reunion that will be.

Marc McDermott

Marc McDermott - September 11, 2023 at 09:34 PM

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“ Carolyn V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Durwood "J.D." Vincent.

Carolyn V. - September 11, 2023 at 03:04 PM

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“ Carolyn V. purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of James Durwood "J.D." Vincent.



Carolyn V. - September 11, 2023 at 03:04 PM