



James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey

December 19, 1946 - March 2, 2021

James (Jimmy) Raiford Storey

James Raiford Storey of Newnan, Ga. passed away on March 2, 2021, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital from complications from back surgery.

He is the son of William Raiford Storey and Mary Frances Banks Storey, born December 19, 1946. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Charlene Grizzard Storey.

Jimmy was a 1964 graduate of Newnan High School. He was a graduate of Middle Georgia College with an Associate Degree in Science in 1966, The Georgia Institute of Technology earning a Bachelor Degree in 1970 and a Master of Science Degree in 1976, both in Ceramic Engineering. He was employed by D.M. Steward, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Refractory Division, American Float Glass and Bibb Co. where he worked as an Engineer for many years. In 1982 Jimmy and Charlene moved back home to Newnan where Jimmy pursued a career in teaching. Jimmy began teaching mathematics and chemistry at East Coweta High School in 1984 and remained there until his retirement in 2011. He earned his Specialist in Education Degree from West Georgia College in 1991. Jimmy taught all levels of mathematics including AP Statistics and teaching as part-time instructor for The University of West Georgia. He also received the honor of being chosen as Star Teacher at East Coweta High School. He had a love for his students. He made the classroom fun and kept them laughing. His sarcastic personality and "joking around" made most students enjoy him as a teacher.

Jimmy enjoyed life, always finding the positive in things. He was always a pleasure to be around, a kidder and kept everyone laughing. He enjoyed using his tractors and gardening. He had a “green thumb”.

Jimmy was most passionate about foreign missions. He made more than twenty trips to Honduras, traveled to Romania, assisted with installing Solar Power with Sonlight Power, and supported Pure Water of the World and Living Hope for Honduras. His latest adventure was with Mission Mbale. With failing health he was unable to travel but assisted from home with these ministries.

Jimmy was an active member of First Baptist Church in Newnan until declining health. He was a member of the CPR Sunday School Class.

Jimmy is survived by, in addition to his wife, his mother-in-law Betty Whittle Grizzard of Newnan, Ga., brother-in law Timothy Charles Grizzard of Franklin. His nieces and nephews he loved like grandchildren are: Julia Carstensen (Paul) of Loveland Co, Charles Grizzard of Charlottesville, Va, Cora Wilson (Ryan), Chamblee, Ga, John Grizzard (Kristen), Carrollton, Ga., Victoria Grizzard, Pensacola, Fl., Catherine Grizzard, Richard Grizzard, Samuel Grizzard, Franklin, Ga., great niece Amelia Grizzard and great nephew Jude Wilson. He is also survived by uncle and aunt Leroy and Louise Storey of Loganville, Ga. and aunts Syble Storey of Newnan, Ga. and Barbara Banks of Hampton, Ga. He loved his cousins like brothers and sisters. He leaves behind many on the Storey side as well as the Banks side.

Pallbearers are John Grizzard, Samuel Grizzard, Ryan Wilson, Randy Storey, Mike Pettigrew.

Honorary Pallbearers are Paul Carstensen, Tommy Storey, Charles Grizzard, and Gary Storey

Visitation will be Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Ga. The funeral will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the graveside at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, Ga. officiating Pastor Winston Skinner.

Flowers are welcome or if you wish make contributions to Mission Mbale at missionmbale.org or mail to Mission Mbale P.O. Box 73975 Newnan, Ga.

30271.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

TJ

“*Charlene and everyone, the GA Tech Alumni magazine just released contained the notice that Jim had passed away, so I only recently found out. I was saddened by his passing, and you and everyone who knew Jim are in my thoughts and prayers. I was in the Ceramic Engineering department contemporary with Jim as I worked on my BS in '70 and MS in '72.*

We spend many hours together, along with a number of others in our small department, particularly in graduate school. Jim was a load of laughs and kept our spirits up. He was a great friend and I have tons of memories of the times we spent together: camping in N; Georgia woods. lunches at the Student Center and Lum's, enjoying our new 35mm cameras, and so many jokes and stories.

I have posted 3 photos of Jim that I took at GA Tech. One time Jim and I went catching bugs around campus with a butterfly net. We wore our lab coats and I think Jim had the Geiger counter you see in the photo. An underclassman asked us what was up. Jim never batted an eye, just told him that we were collecting bugs for the Nuclear Reactor to see if any had become radioactive. The guy was so excited when he heard that!. He probably told people what he had seen for years.

Nearly 50 years has gone by, and those days with Jim are some of my best memories. Jim, you brightened every one who knew you. Thanks for the memories.

Tom Johnson - July 27, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CS

*Tom, I just saw this. What a wonderful tribute to Jimmy. I would love to talk to you. Please email me at storey4001@bellsouth.net
Charlene*

Charlene G. Storey - September 29, 2021 at 02:41 PM

TJ

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Tom Johnson - July 27, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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Tom Johnson - July 27, 2021 at 01:05 PM

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Tom Johnson - July 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM

PS

“ *Charlene, I only just found out about Jim. I am so very sorry for your loss. Love and condolences to you and the entire family. Sincerely,
Peter & Jean*

Peter Skrmetti - March 10, 2021 at 09:56 AM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Mr. Storey’s passing. He was an outstanding teacher. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - March 06, 2021 at 06:55 AM

CH

“ Mrs. Storey, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Storey. I'm thinking of you and your family during this sad time.

Christy Hindsman - March 05, 2021 at 09:18 PM

KM

Mrs. Storey, i'm so sorry about Mr Storey.. He was such a great professor with the University of west Georgia..Both of you influenced me a great deal .. If you need me i'm here for you Mrs Storey.. I love you and your mom.. This is so sad to hear..hugs to you..

Karen Reese McDowell - March 08, 2021 at 12:40 PM

JG

“ Charlene, I was shocked and saddened to read of Jimmy's passing. He was my math instructor at UWG in Newnan all those years ago and was the only teacher I ever had who made algebra make sense! He was funny and biting and a great instructor. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Jennie Pursley Gillihan - March 05, 2021 at 01:10 PM

SK

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Storey. I am a former student of his, who had a love/hate relationship with Math. Mr Storey taught me a way to like Math enough to where I didn't have that "hate" relationship with it anymore, even though sometimes the hate still creeps back for it lol. I learned a lot from him, and I am forever grateful to him. He will be truly missed by all.

Sonia Kettering - March 05, 2021 at 12:34 PM

ST

“ I am so saddened by this news, Charlene, and am sending prayers your way. The kids at EC really loved your husband. May that thought comfort you in the days and weeks ahead.

Sherry Taylor

Sherry Leigh Taylor - March 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM

HH

“ He was an amazing teacher- so funny and sarcastic!! I loved it. I am so sad to hear of his passing. Much love to you Mrs Storey. You guys were the best.

Holly Powell Holmes - March 04, 2021 at 07:25 AM



“ Mr. Storey was an awesome teacher, but he also gave great advice on how to be a better person and to live a meaningful and purposeful life. He tried his best to teach me Chemistry and mathematics.



Nicole Daniel - March 04, 2021 at 05:31 AM

JM

“ Jimmy Millians lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey



Jimmy Millians - March 03, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey.



March 03, 2021 at 11:10 PM

JA

“ Charlene, I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. I was just thinking about him yesterday. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if you need anything.

Judy Anderson - March 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

ME

“ It was a complete honor to have been his student. He touched many lives including mine. My kids even know how great of a guy he was. My condolences to the family. Everyone is in my prayers.

Megan - March 03, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey.*



March 03, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *BARBARA BANKS lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey*



BARBARA BANKS - March 03, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Charlene,
I am so shocked and sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was a great fellow. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

FRANK FARMER - March 03, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Judy Rudbeck lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Raiford Storey*



Judy Rudbeck - March 03, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JR

Charlene,

I am so sorry to hear of James passing. He was one of my math teacher's at ECHS and he had so much patience and sense of humor. "The love your spouse had for you is something that can never be taken away. Hold on to that and know that they are there with you always."

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Rudbeck

Judy Rudbeck - March 03, 2021 at 11:07 AM

LH

I was privileged to know and work with Jim and Charlene at ECHS. Jim was always pleasant and committed to helping others. Charlene, I am sending prayers for your comfort and prayers of thanksgiving for a life that impacted so many.

Lynette Harper - March 04, 2021 at 11:19 AM