



Jimmy Leroy Stewart

April 15, 1951 - Sept. 13, 2024

Jimmy Leroy Stewart, 73, one of God's greats, lost his short battle with esophageal cancer and is now in the hands of his Lord and Savior on Friday, September 13, 2024. He was born on April 15, 1951 in Burke County to the late Raleigh Stewart and Annie Moore Stewart. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church and a 1969 graduate of Salem High School. He was also a member of The Gideons International-Burke West Camp. Jimmy was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and role model who made a huge impact on the Burke County community. Following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, he led the family-owned construction company where he fulfilled many Burke County residents' dreams by building hundreds of custom homes, churches and community buildings including Sossoman Funeral Home. He was also a classic car enthusiast who knew more about cars than Mecum.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Johnson Stewart; his children, Melisa Wellman (Jeff), Natasha Stewart, Jeremy Stewart, and Jessie Stewart (fiancé, Michael Shook); grandchildren, Blake Wellman, Alec Wellman, Madilee Wellman, Juli Stewart, Grant Stewart, Clara Stewart, Caroline Stewart and Jameson Crowder; sisters, Doris Smith (Perry), Margaret Coffin (David) and Linda Miller. Also surviving is his business partner of 35 years, Kenneth L. Burnette and also his canine companion, Georgia.

The family will receive friends from 5pm-7pm on Friday, September 20, 2024 at

The family will receive friends from 7pm on Friday, September 20, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2pm, Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Hopewell Baptist Church with Rev. Braden Martin and Dr. Danny Emory officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church, 1112 Hopewell Rd, Morganton, NC 28655, The Gideons International-Burke West Camp, PO Box 678, Morganton, NC 28655, or to Touch the World Ministries, PO Box 218, Todd, NC 28684.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Martha, We received the magazine "The Gideon". We saw Jimmy's name listed under Gideons that had gone to be with the Lord. Our hearts go out to you the family of Jimmy Stewart and to Martha, Jesse and Jeremy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. It was an honor to serve with Jimmy at Hopewell Baptist Church and with the Burke West Gideon Camp.

–Paul and Patricia Braynard

A Builder with honesty and integrity who never hesitated to help/guide. Rest in Peace.

–Mohiuddins



Jim was a good and honest man. He remodeled my house and built two new houses for my daughters. Never a problem. He will be missed. RIP my friend.

–Sidney Simmoy



We just wanted to let you know your family is in our thoughts and prayers . Love yall.



–Emma,Tammy,Tommy Smith



Dear Stewart Family, We offer our condolences to you in the passing of Jim. He was a good man and an excellent builder. We know your heart is broken, but we know that he is healed now. May God walk with you through the days ahead. Tom and Ann Robinson

–Tom and Ann Robinson

Margaret and Family, so sorry for your loss. Treasure your memories. Praying that God will comfort you at this sad time.

–Debra Fleming (Mathies)



Great Person I was privileged to know and work with Jimmy!

–Bill Scott



Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

–Jacqueline Conley Kanipe

May Gods loving arms give each of you comfort during this time and the long days ahead . Jim was loved by so many .. and made his family proud .. he was always ready to help anyone anytime .. we love the Stewart's ... and know he will leave a empty spot but he will always be looking after each one of you . Many Prayers and Big Hugs Steve Diane Rhodes

–Steve Diane Rhides



Martha, My heart and prayers go out to you. Jimmy was and always will be a treasure to everyone who knew him. I know the pain of losing a husband too soon. Pray, eat, rest, lean on your wonderful family, put one foot in front of the other taking one day at a time, and breathe. God will give you the strength and peace to continue your journey. All my love.....

–Trilby S Pendergrass



God bless and comfort your families during the loss of Jimmy. He was a great man. He is in his savior's loving arms now! We attended Calvin Heights Baptist Church back in the late 80s and 90s with Jimmy and Martha. With loving memories always, Love you Martha.

–Mike and Danita Belas

Jim Stewart was the best man/contractor that I ever worked for. He was a gentle man and a loving man. He loved his wife and children greatly. He was good to me and I'm sure he was just as good to the other sub contractors that worked for him. He never said a bad word about anyone and he was first in line to help his fellow man. I will miss Jim greatly in work and everyday life. Jim was the very best of anyone I know, and I loved him like a brother....

–Doug Brittain



I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's death. He was such an awesome guy! I have not seen him since 11th grade in '67 as my family and I moved to Cali and I graduated from high school and was married 4 yrs later and lived from Ohio to



Florida and now live in Charlotte. I am sure he was a Godly man and did so much for others. Prayers for his wife and children and grands as well as Doris, Margaret, & Linda for peace and comfort during this difficult time. We know he is in the Arm of Jesus now and that is a great comfort.

–Sharon Carswell Curtis

To Martha, Jeremy, family and friends, My thoughts and prayers are with and for you. I am so sorry for your loss...wishing you peace and courage in the days ahead. Bill Wilson

–Bill Wilson

Our prayers for Jimmy's healing have been answered, just not as we desired but better by all measures. Our prayers now shift to you, Martha, and your family for strength and comfort in the grieving process. We love you.

–Troy and Frances Houser

One of the FINEST MEN I GOT TO KNOW ! It makes my heart proud to have known him. Love to all his family, God bless

–Bobby Brittain



Sending healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time. I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you're feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort. With love,
Lori

–Lori Collins

We will miss you brother. Praying for Martha and family.

Vance BLACKBURN



—Peggy Wilson

I am sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. Jimmy was a great guy and I sincerely enjoyed his friendship. I always looked forward to seeing him at Hopewell when I came home to visit. My deepest condolences to all of his family. May God bless and comfort each one of you during this difficult time.

—Steve Franklin



Martha, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know Jim was as wonderful as you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Donna and James Dave

—Donna Chapman daye



We are so sorry for your loss. Jimmy filled so many roles within his family as well as in the community. Each of you will have numerous memories of him to keep him alive in your hearts. May God give you comfort and strength for now and the days to come. Rama Jean and Bruce Franklin

—Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin



A truly wonderful man has been called home. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

—Barry & Marla McRary



What a Great loss our world has in the death of Jimmy. He was a Great Godly man who served his Lord in many ways. He was a great husband to Martha you could see their for each other in both I knew Jimmy well and I know he was a Great Dad to his Children. My daughter's Spent many Sunday afternoons at their house. They treated my Girls as they were his own. Jimmy will be Greatly missed by all. We Love you All. We will keep you in our prayers. Love Tom,Terry Moses and family

–Terry Moses

Doris and Perry, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, Jimmy. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him but he sounds like a wonderful and much loved person. Loving thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Elaine Orders

–Elaine Orders