



James Hardy (Jim) Fields

February 27, 1925 - March 31, 2020

James H. Fields, (Jim), died peacefully in his home on March 31, 2020 from congestive heart failure at 95 years old. His beloved wife of 73 years, Carolyn was at his side, along with family and friends including his two best friends, Aubrey Burnette and Frank Jones, and his pastor Ron Capes. Jim was born on February 27, 1925 in Newnan, Georgia. He was the youngest of 10 children born to Eliza Long Fields and Robert Lee Fields. He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his brothers and sisters, and by his treasured son Andrew Lee Fields. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Hale Fields, sons Stephan Alan Fields, (Cookie) and Kenneth Hale Fields, (Liz), daughter Mary-Catherine Fields; grandchildren Brian Andrew Fields, Jenny Maddox, (Brandon), Melissa Latil, (Nathan), and Stephanie Rittenhouse, (Trey); great grandchildren Oliver, Ian, Noah, Elle, Jake, Harper, Dalton, Ritt, and Wyatt; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

After graduating from Newnan High School and earning an Associate Degree from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, he entered the Army Air Corps and began pilot training. During WWII he was a B-24 and a B-29 instructor pilot at Maxwell Air Force in Montgomery, Alabama. He met his wife Carolyn Hale at a Capitol Heights Methodist Church picnic in Montgomery and they were married five years later. After the birth of their first son Andy, he began active duty to support the Berlin Air Lift, which he flew for 2 years. After finishing his tour of duty in Germany, he retired from active duty and entered the Air Force Reserves. He began flying for Delta Airlines in 1950 starting on

the DC-6. After 35 years, flying various airplanes he retired in 1985 as a Captain on the Lockheed L-1011. The last 12 years of his career he flew weekly to Frankfurt, Germany and London, England. He was a dedicated member of the Palmetto First United Methodist Church in Palmetto, GA for 65 years. During that time he served in a number of different positions, including member of the Administrative Board, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Church Treasurer for 25 years, and he was instrumental in building the church parsonage.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on July 24, 2021 at Palmetto First United Methodist Church, at 504 Church Street, Palmetto, Georgia. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, with the service beginning at 2 pm. Those who wish to honor Jim in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Palmetto First United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ While I was employed in the Sam’s Club photo department, I helped Ms. Carolyn edit a picture for her family tree. An anonymous customer, who mistook me as the subject in the picture, later commended me on my actions, stating “I saw what you did for your mother.” I shared that comment with Mr. Jim and asked him not to tell Ms. Carolyn, because as an elder myself, I didn’t want to offend with any insinuation of age. Well, he did anyway, and we all had a great laugh, which drew us together as ‘family’. I always looked forward to their visits to the store, especially the day that I was able to take their picture with the Olympic torch which I was honored to carry in 2002. My condolences to the family, as I am blessed to join many in saluting a life well lived.

Rich Davidson - April 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

RD

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Rich Davidson - April 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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Ms. Carolyn and Mr. Jim Fields with 2002 Olympic Torch, taken 2/17/14

Rich Davidson - April 10, 2020 at 01:17 PM

SB

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of this great man. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. He has a special place in my heart. May his memory be for a blessing. Sending love to all of you.*

Susan Kelly Biedinger

Susan Kelly Biedinger - April 03, 2020 at 11:47 PM

JB

“ *Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of James Hardy (Jim) Fields*



Jayne Bennett - April 03, 2020 at 09:48 PM

DM

“ *Carolyn, my prayers are with you and the family . I pray God gives comfort as only He can. Jim was a wonderful neighbor, have known you all for a long, long time. I have never heard anything but good about Jim. He will be missed in the community. May God richly bless you all. ---Dr. Gene Minix*

Dr. Gene Minix - April 03, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CP

Wish we could be with you but pray it won't be long before this dark cloud goes away. Love and sympathy to all of you,

carol pearce - April 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM



Carolyn, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We will be praying for you, Steve, Ken and Mary Catherine.

Annette and Marvin Franklin

Annette Franklin - April 03, 2020 at 04:35 PM

RH

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Fields. It is do hard to lose a love one. I'm sure that you will have good memories to comfort you. May God be with you during this difficult time. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Rachel Orr Hood*

RACHEL O HOOD - April 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

TB

“ *I was a Delta pilot, but never had the privilege of flying with Jim. However, I flew with Ken in the reserves and wish to express my condolences to Jim's family. The acorn doesn't fall far from the tree, Ken is a great person, so i'm sure his father was too. RIP Jim.*

Tim Bellury

Timothy Bellury - April 02, 2020 at 07:22 PM

CB

“ *I remember my father, retired Delta Captain Bill Burgess always speaking fondly of Jim. I remember flying as a Delta Flight Attendant with his son Ken. Rest in peace Jim. My prayers are with the family.*

Cindy Burgess

Cynthia Burgess - April 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM

DZ

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was one of the best Captains I flew with. We flew many trips on the 1011. He will be missed.

Denny Zollweg
Marietta GA

Denny Zollweg - April 02, 2020 at 02:10 PM

FT

“ Mr. Jim and Miss Carolyn have been part of my life since I was a young girl. He and his family attended the Palmetto Methodist Church as did we. I can remember youth group and Sunday School with Andy, Ken, and Mary Katherine. Bruce and I are so glad Mr. Jim was part of our lives. We truly appreciated him and his love of and service for the Lord. Miss Carolyn, we love you. Bruce and Faye Thompson

Faye H Thompson - April 02, 2020 at 01:47 PM

MJ

“ Carolyn and family, all the Murray Bradley, Jr. family send their warm embrace to you all. Mr Jim was a rock solid man, whom we have known all our lives. Yes, we not only attended the same Methodist church in Palmetto with you all, but, loved and admired Jim, you, and, your entire family. You meant so much in our lives.

Heaven received a great captain of a Man!

Murray

Murray D. Bradley, Jr. - April 02, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim passing. Carolyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Mark and Sylvia Shugart

Sylvia Shugart - April 02, 2020 at 10:40 AM

CV

“ So very, very sorry for your loss. Mr. Fields was a very special, sweet man. He will be missed. George and Cindy (Baker) Voegtlin

Cynthia Voegtlin - April 02, 2020 at 07:14 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. Franklin Hall Family and Mary Jo Hopkins

Jan Hall - April 01, 2020 at 09:00 PM