



## James Melton (Jim) Williams

February 14, 1944 - March 5, 2012

James Melton "Jim" Williams, Sr. flew away to heaven to be with his adored wife on Monday, March 5, 2012. He was born on February 14, 1944 on a small farm in Louisville, GA to Harry and Gertrude Williams. "Jimmy" later moved to Lake Sinclair and attended Baldwin High where he spent his youth skiing and swimming in the sun. A standout football center, all American and Beta Club member he earned a full scholarship to Furman University. During the summer of 1964 he met and later married Carole Nation. They began a family and settled in a neighborhood in College Park on Deerfield Lane. Jim coached many little league teams and helped begin ONAA, and later was president of McIntosh High Booster Club. He was known as a Renaissance man. Jim built some 200 houses. With an eye for quality Jim made very little profit, yet created many a home or addition, which exist to this day as monuments to his internal sense of optimism and utility. He went on to be a top sales manager for Duron Paint.

In 1992 he became a Big Paw and hence forth was enamored by his 3 grandsons and nephew, and all children that his lap large hands and heart could hold. He built a home for his family and later his sister-in-law, Pat, on 10 acres in Tyrone. Many schemes and dreams were created on Crestwood Rd, including a pea farm, and a 20 foot deep swimming pool made by Jim.

Surrounded mostly by bird- or mutt-dogs and his yellow cats, he could often be found on his covered porch with his red solo cup. One could chew the fat with Big Paw, whether you agreed or abided philosophy of life and advice you always felt the unconditional love and confidence he bestowed on all. He dedicated the last two years of his life caring for his wife after open heart surgery and cancer. He is survived by his mother Gertrude, sisters, Ruth and Betty, brother, Dennis, daughter, Shannon, son, Bubba, daughter-in-law, Susannah, grandsons, Will, Zach and Joseph. All family and friends will recall and miss the joy and fun he always spun yet we know he has gone on to prepare us a beautiful place in the sun.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 9, 2012 at 4 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Minister Bob Tyler and Dr. Jim Ellison officiating. Those wishing may send an online condolence at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, Fairburn. 770-964-4800.