



James C. Oliver, Jr.

June 28, 1932 - January 5, 2024

Mr. James C. Oliver, Jr of Gulf Breeze, FL (formerly Palmetto, GA) passed away January 5, 2024. He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn White Oliver and is survived by his daughter, Jeannie Zokan and her husband Chris of Gulf Breeze, FL; sons, Dan Oliver and his wife Michele of Stockbridge, GA; Dave Oliver and his partner Eduardo of Atlanta; John Oliver and his wife Karin of Durham, NC; grandchildren, Caleb, Joseph, Luke, Addison and Aria Oliver; Olivia Zokan; Natalie Zokan; David File; Cody Thomas and his wife Billie Jo; great grandchildren, Parker, Ireland and Lakyn Jo.

Jim and his wife Marilyn were Baptist missionaries in Colombia, South America for nearly 30 years. His legacy is one of empowering others to experience God's grace, love and adventure in their lives. His joy for life was infectious and his wit, humor and laugh were legendary.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 2 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Chaplain John Oliver officiating. Interment will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11 o'clock at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-48000.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
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Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
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Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Graveside Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James C. Oliver, Jr.



Parrott Funeral Home - January 10, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James C. Oliver, Jr.



Parrott Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 01:22 PM

BH

*Uncle Jim was such a blessing to our family. He is missed... I know that my dad and him will have some great rook games in heaven one day. Grace and peace to the family,
Brian Harper*

Brian Harper - January 09, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MW

Estimado Joel, Recibe mi mas sincera condolencia.

Maria Webb - January 09, 2024 at 04:45 PM

EI

I was blessed by both Marilyn and Jim. He was truly larger than life. He loved people and sharing Christ. What a wonderful couple. May God give the family wonderful memories of a truly abundant life.

Eileen - January 09, 2024 at 10:05 PM

RS

Dear Oliver family, we were saddened to learn of Jim's home going. We trust you have found God's grace sufficient in these difficult days. Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Randall and Dorothy Sledge (Missionary colleagues in Cali, Colombia)

Randall and Dorothy Sledge - January 11, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James C. Oliver, Jr..



March 01, 2024 at 04:51 PM

CA

“ Dear Oliver family and Uncle Dave,
I know you will miss Mr. Oliver and I pray you will be comforted in the knowledge that he is no longer in pain and that you will be able to again enjoy his company without any relationship to illness in heaven.
My condolences in this difficult time,
Carmen Adams

Carmen Adams - January 11, 2024 at 12:48 PM

EL

“ Dan, Dave, Jeannie, John, and all of your family,
We are very grateful to have known your parents for many years.
For me, it has been 55 years since I first met all of you in
Barranquilla. There are so very many wonderful memories of Jim
and Marilyn. What a privilege it has been for us to share life with
them in Colombia and elsewhere in later years.
We want to let you know of our sympathy and prayer support as you
are adjusting to not having your dad's captivating laugh and joyous
spirit.
Love,
Uncle Ellis and Judy Leagans

Ellis and Judy Leagans - January 10, 2024 at 03:40 PM

KM

“ Thinking of the Oliver family as they have services today for "Uncle
Jim". I was impacted so much by Jim and Marilyn when we all lived
in Cali, Colombia. I was "adopted" as an honorary MK (missionary
kid) by them and the other SBC missionary families that lived in Cali
at the time. So many great memories of Uncle Jim and Aunt Marilyn
and family in Cali and after! Will be thinking and praying for all of
you all today!

Kevin Maner - January 10, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ Jim and Marilyn were the first emeritus missionaries I met when I
came to work for Alabama WMU 25 years ago. Jim was always
dreaming and planning and I joined right in with him. They will
always hold a special place in my heart. Candace McIntosh,
Executive Director, Alabama WMU

Candace McIntosh - January 10, 2024 at 08:40 AM

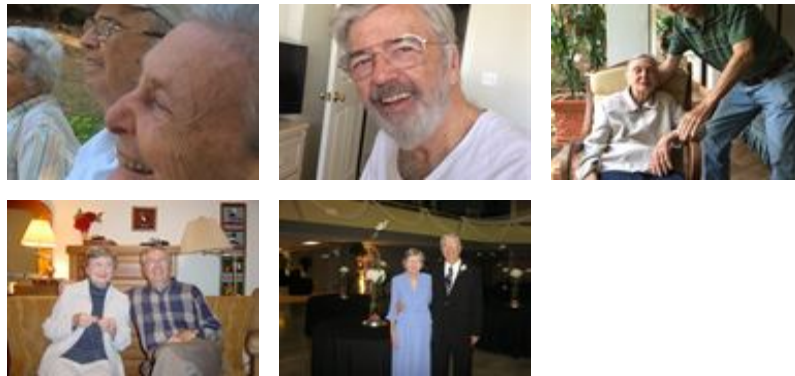
DR

“ I would like to offer condolences to the family. I knew Jim when he was at Eastern Hills in Montgomery. He was a great man and anytime he was in town, he made it a point to come see me and my family. I will miss him, but know that he is with the Lord and I look forward to seeing my friend in the future.
Derek Robertson and family.

Derek Robertson - January 10, 2024 at 12:51 AM



“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Parrott Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DI

“ I met Mr. James at Ramah. He immediately greeted me with warmth and kindness. He was full of joy and always had a big smile. My condolences to his loved ones.

Dixie - January 09, 2024 at 02:14 AM

BM

“Dolores and I send our most sincere condolences to the Olivers. We lost a good friend. Some of our happiest times in Colombia were spent with Jim and Marilyn. Jim and I enjoyed playing pranks on each other. One of my favorites: when we lived in Bogotá, Jim stayed at our house for a few days (Bogotá is cold, Cali is warm). In our guest bathroom, the control to the hot water in the shower was in an adjacent closet. I enjoyed turning the hot water on and off while Jim was in the shower. I could hear him “shiver” as he tried to adjust the hot water! I was in the closet laughing! That was “pay back” to Jim who was a natural born jokester.
I thank our LORD for Jim and Marilyn, their family, and for their investment in so many lives during their tenure in Colombia.

Bob Magee - January 08, 2024 at 04:20 PM

JW

“Dear Oliver Family,
Sending my love as you walk through this journey. God has called him home, he was greeted by our Lord saying, "Well Done my Child, well done." Isaiah 41:10 "For I am with you"
Much Love during this time,
Joy Wallace-Vertein
Delta GSS

joy wallace-vertein - January 08, 2024 at 03:56 PM

DH

Dear Oliver family, Our condolences are with you at this time. To know the Oliver family is to know laughter together. We thank you so much for this gift that was given to all by Jim and Marilyn and hope that it will continue on for generations. Grace and blessings to all. Harry and Donna Harper

Donna Harper - January 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM

DH

Thank you for your help.

Donna Harper - January 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM

MF

“ *Joel, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of deep sadness and grief. Blessings to you for peace and comfort.*

Meri Falciglia - January 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DH

“ *I served in Colombia in the 1980's. I remember Jim as a colleague and friend whose wit and wisdom were an invaluable resource for this young man finding his way in a strange language and culture.*

Dennis Herman - January 08, 2024 at 01:31 PM

CO

“ *Fue un hermano muy especial para mí, su amistad y su hermandad.
Mucha fortaleza para toda su familia y amigos.*

Cesar Augusto Coronell Olivares - January 08, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James C. Oliver, Jr..*



January 08, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ Jim and I traveled many roads together, hopefully to the Lord's glory, during these past 80+ years. He was my first cousin - His Mom and my Dad were Brother and Sister. I could talk all day about the things my wife, Pat and I, shared with Jim and his wonderful wife, Marilyn, during our lives! He was as close and dearly loved by me as a relative can possibly be. Since I am now only a few weeks away from my 84th birthday myself, I am not sure I can handle the almost 400 mile trip from my home in Richland, MS to the funeral home there. I will try and see if I can find someone to help drive me there but if not, Jim and I will share together again in the not too distant future around our Lord's throne in glory!!

Thank God for Jim's life and for his invaluable influence upon my own! My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful children whom I have known since their individual births. My wife and I love you all very much and will be thinking of you during this time in your life.

Arthur R. Burnett - January 08, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ I went to church with Jim and Marilyn at Eastern Hills Baptist in Montgomery. I enjoyed hearing about their Missionary years in Colombia. He signed the book he wrote about Colombia which will always be special. Our daughter and son in law adopted a little girl in 2019 from Colombia. I had to call Jim with the news. In the future I will give this book to Lucy to read about her country through their eyes. Now Jim and Marilyn are together again for eternity. God Bless you all. Jane Martin



Jane Martin - January 07, 2024 at 09:14 PM