



James "Jim" Hyatt Jr

May 31, 1963 - January 8, 2018

Funeral services for James "Jim" Hyatt Jr, age 54, of Oxford, will be Saturday, January 13, 2018, 4:00 PM in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home. The Rev. John Childs will be officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 2:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Hyatt passed away on Monday at his residence.

Survivors include his daughters; Catherine Hyatt, Meredith Hyatt, parents, James H Hyatt Sr and Juanita Hyatt.

Mr. Hyatt attended Oxford High School and graduated from Donoho School and Jacksonville State University.

He was elected to the Oxford City Council in 1984. Mr. Hyatt was Publisher of Highlands Today, Publisher and Regional VP of The Bristol Herald Courier. Regional VP for Community Newspaper Holding and was chosen by Presstime Magazine as one of "20 under 40" newspaper executives.

Mr. Hyatt never missed an Auburn Game and loved to go watch the Atlanta Braves. He loved to fish, golf, racing and enjoyed watching races. Mr. Hyatt never missed any of his daughters sporting events and was their biggest fan. He was a member of First Baptist Church Bristol Virginia.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Michaels and All Angles Episcopal Church PO BOX 1884 Anniston, AL 36202, to be used to assist those in recovery and acknowledge the work of Journey into freedom, or to the Jimmy Hale Mission, PO BOX 10472 Birmingham, AL 35202.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home

50 Hamric Drive East, Oxford, AL, US, 36203

JAN **Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ It’s evident from the fond memories, that Jim was truly loved, and left a significant mark on everyone’s lives. It is truly difficult losing someone as vibrant as Jim, which is why I want to lean on God’s word to offer my condolences. We can find an offer of hope that we can look forward to in Revelations the 21st chapter. In verse 4 it reads, “4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” So there is a time when death will be no more, and we will not have to mourn those that we love. Please keep this thought in mind as you remember the love and good times you shared with Jim. When you see him next, mourning will be no more. Please accept my condolences for your loss.

L Davis - January 22, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ 'Hawg' and I had a lot of great times together over the years, mostly in High School, but he was a true friend and a fine soul. Jim touched many lives and I'll miss him.

ben hunter - January 14, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ Jim inspired anyone and everyone who came in his path. He could make you laugh harder than anyone AND he believed in you more than you believed in yourself. I have so many memories to share but I will never forget the image of Jim running out of a convenience store with one hand holding his pants up and the other holding a hot dog. I was pumping gas and he was grabbing breakfast as we were headed to an early morning sales call. I jokingly told him that I was not driving the getaway car. Once I stopped laughing, I learned he had an incident with the ketchup pump. It was clogged and when it busted loose, it sprayed the BIG guy next to him. He attempted to clean up the mess but the BIG guy was not appreciative of the help. I laughed so hard that I knew that had to be a good omen for a sales call. That sales call went very well and was worthy of a "Hyatt head-butt." He was the best boss, newspaper man and more importantly the best of friend to so many.

Thankful for the good times. Thankful that my husband did not listen to Jim when he tried to talk him into exchanging my engagement ring for a new bass boat, LOLt. Thankful Jim sent lots and very large balloons when my first born came into this world. They filled the entire backseat of our car. He said that someone did that when Catherine was born. This is one of his memories that he wanted to pass along. But more importantly, I am thankful that Jim took a chance on hiring me, an inexperienced girl from little ole Highlands County. Thanks for believing in me. Thanks for challenging me. Thanks for making me better.

Tina Gottus - January 13, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ Gosh, I am so sorry to hear. While Jim and I lost touch over the years I never once forgot the many good times we had when I was in Gadsden. Jim lit up a room, and had such contagious fun. A personality bigger than life. It's strange to say you will miss someone you hadn't spoken to in years, but I thought of Jim often and the memories always brought such a smile.

Leon Levitt - January 13, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ Our love & prayers are with the family as we've known your family from the area near Kingsview as long as I can remember. He was younger so didn't know him well. Praying for strength & peace & comfort at this difficult time.



Carol Roberts Stewart - January 12, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ Knowing Jim absolutely changed my life for the better. There were hard times, but the good times far outshine the negative. His love for you, Meredith and Catherine was palpable. Whenever he talked about you I could hear the smile in his voice if we were on the phone, and of course it was absolutely beaming when in person. The hole he leaves is a big one, but hopefully in time you can fill it with good memories and with the certainty of his love. Jim, Sr., Juanita and Karen, I can only imagine how you must all be hurting as well. I know the last couple of years have been difficult, but I also know how real his love was for each of you, and how he respected and cherished your roles in his life. My prayers are with each of you, and I hold you close in my heart. Now, let's all go "Rock the World" just as he would have it! Love you all.

Nan Reeves - January 10, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Jim had such a huge personality and his laugh was contagious. I will always remember his time in Highlands county, Karen, and watching the girls grow up. Our office cruise to Mexico would not have been the same without the Hyatt's on board. What an amazing trip with amazing people. Memories never to be forgotten. Will miss the great friendship we all had.

Danyle Berish - January 10, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ Jim hired me for my first job out of college. I worked for him for 5 years, sobbed like a baby when I left for another job and jumped for joy when I was able to come "home" again a few years later. I have so many, many great memories of Jim. He always made every day at work a celebration with his wicked sense of humor. He was a great motivator and made me believe that I could do anything! I will cherish the memories of all of our Florida/Auburn football game wagers over the years. I will deeply miss our mutual Happy Birthday wishes to each other every May 31st. I will remember him every time a Kiss song comes on and every time I hear "Wareagle." Ciao, Jim. Rest easy now, until we meet again. <3
Donna

Donna - January 10, 2018 at 03:05 PM