



Mr. James 'Jim' H. Kirkland

June 2, 1943 - April 4, 2020

Mr. James 'Jim' H. Kirkland, 76, of Oxford, passed away on April 4, 2020.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Elaine Morgan Kirkland; daughters, Lindsay Kirkland Willis (Damien) and Shannon Hall Stanley (David Lee); grandchildren, Harrison Stanley, Jess Stanley, Kirklyn Willis; cousins, Dr. Kerry Kirkland (Cathy), Dr. Rik Kirkland (Carol), Carol Kirkland Lightfoot (Kirk), Don Mallicoat (Kim), Sandy Mallicoat; fur baby, Nick Saban Kirkland; center manager of AAMCO Transmissions of 41 years, Robert Andrews, and a host of extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Sybil Mallicoat Kirkland; father, Howard Mixon Kirkland; sister, Lynn Marie Kirkland; uncle, Jack Adkins and an aunt, Mildred Adkins.

Mr. Kirkland was a graduate of Oneonta High School in 1962. After graduation, he attended Marion Military Academy where he played football. He went on to graduate from Jacksonville State University where he also played football.

He worked at Republic Steel in Gadsden for 11 years before opening AAMCO Transmissions in Anniston in 1979.

In his spare time, he was active in the JSU J Club, Oxford Quarterback Club where he was a former president, the Red Elephant Club, the Oxford Rotary Club where he was a past president, a member of the YMCA board, and a former member of Anniston Runners Club.

Mr. Kirkland was an avid Alabama Football fan. He was passionate about investing in the stock market.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I first met Jimmy Kirkland in our seventh grade. My first real memory of him was a study hall we had together. Jimmy was already so focused on football. He would sit and draw X's and O's drawing elaborate plays.

I remember him as a quiet, polite boy. It was rare to see him show displeasure and only twice, in six years, any anger. That was plenty! He focused on his school work as much as anyone. He focused on his football. He was serious minded beyond his years.

Jimmy was a friend, a classmate, and a teammate. He was the undisputed leader of our team our senior year.

Even though we never had the chance to see much of each other past high school, I often thought of him and always as a friend.

I mourn his passing.

Johnny Gibbs - April 09, 2020 at 11:46 PM

DW

“ Elain and Family,

Dianna and I are deeply sadden by the loss of one of our dearest class mates. Jim was loved by all and especially by all the girls in our class as you can understand why. He was our idol football player and I just loved to watch him run as he would run over ever body.

He will truly be missed by many.

Don and Dianna Wilson

Don Wilson - April 09, 2020 at 06:15 PM

NM

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He and I were classmates at Oneonta and played ball for Coach Hawkins. Jim was always a "laid-back, easy going" guy. Until he put on his helmet. He was an Outstanding football player. A good friend to everyone in school, like a brother to many of us. He will be missed greatly. Norman Miller

Norman Miller - April 09, 2020 at 02:23 PM

DJ

“ Doug And Janet lit a candle in memory of Mr. James 'Jim' H. Kirkland



Doug and Janet - April 06, 2020 at 11:47 PM