



James H. "Jim" Dearing

July 31, 2015

James H. "Jim" Dearing, age 85, of Powder Springs, died on July 31, 2015.

Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia Gable Dearing, of Powder Springs, daughter, Vallory Dearing Welday and husband Russell, of Clarkdale GA, grandson, Michael Welday of Chatsworth CA, and son, James H. Dearing, Jr. and wife Robin, of Memphis TN, brother Curtis Dearing and wife Della Mae, of Hiawassee GA, and sister-in-law Nell Gable Cole, of Powder Springs, and many devoted and loving nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends and his two beloved cats, Mabel and Sophie.

Jim was born in 1929 in Guntersville AL. He was the 5th of 8 children born to John and Amy (Worthy) Dearing. He grew up in Buchanan, Bremen and Tallapoosa GA. The family later moved to Atlanta where Jim attended O'Keefe Junior and Fulton Senior high schools. Jim was always willing to support his family and started helping out in high school with a Sunday morning delivery route for the Atlanta Constitution covering South Grand, Center Hill and Bankhead Avenues. He then worked for RKO Radio Pictures in Atlanta where he met Lex Barker, Jane Russell, Ann Sheridan and shook the hand of Howard Hughes, who was wearing sunglasses and gloves at the time. He served in the US Marine Corps from 1950-1952 in Parris Island SC, Camp Pendleton CA and in Korea achieving the rank of Buck Sergeant. In 1956 he left RKO to work for General Motors in the Lakewood Assembly Plant in Atlanta. He was an inspector and followed his favorite 1965 blue Chevy C-10 truck down the assembly line. His fellow workers applauded as he drove his new truck off the line. Jim retired from General Motors in 1990 after 36 years of service and has enjoyed 25 years of retirement.

Jim and Virginia traveled the world together with their friends in a group nicknamed Ginger's Gypsies. The Gypsies rode the Siberian Express across Russia, walked the Great Wall of China, swam the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, dodged monsoons in India and from Argentina to the United Kingdom enjoyed making new friends and traveling and learning together. Jim's favorite place to visit was Hawaii because there are lots of pretty women in grass skirts and bikinis and he could visit the Arizona Memorial every trip. He also said camping with his family was still the best vacation.

Jim taught Sunday School to four year olds, coached Cobb County Little league and drove the Vacation Bible School bus for many years. He also enjoyed cutting, edging, blowing

and perfecting his beautiful lawn because he enjoyed seeing what he could accomplish working in his yard. He could not tolerate seeing trash and litter in a roadway and was frequently seen with gloves and a trash bag picking up trash in his neighborhood, around the Garrett Nature Trail and while roaming with his dogs on his family farm in Douglas County.

Jim said his greatest accomplishment was marrying Virginia Gable, his best splurge was buying a used Cadillac Sedan de Ville from a friend, and his favorite holiday was the Fourth of July because he loved fireworks, parades and patriotic songs.

Jim's funeral will be at the First Baptist Church Powder Springs on Wednesday, August 5th at 2:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta. The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 4th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home, Austell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Cobb County or the charity of your choice. The Dearing family would like to thank the kind, caring, fun staff of Bethel Gardens Assisted and Memory Care in Powder Springs for appreciating Jim's sense of humor, bad jokes and his requests for endless cups of coffee over the last two and a half years. Jim loved Bethel and Bethel loved Jim.

Jim lived his life with honor and a smile always putting his family first and enjoying each moment until his last.

Cemetery

Events

Kennesaw Memorial Park **AUG**

1306 Whitlock Ave.
Marietta, GA, 30064

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

Davis-Struempf Funeral Home
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

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Service

02:00PM

First Baptist Church of Powder Springs
4330 North Avenue, Powder Springs, GA, US, 30127

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - August 04, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ Mr. Dearing was my Little League coach and a great role model. We're very sad to hear of his passing but grateful to have known him.

Clay Culver - August 29, 2015 at 05:44 AM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - August 07, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ Dear Ginger and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We have so many wonderful memories with you and Jim on many of the fabulous Ginger's Gypsy trips! I know he will be dearly missed by so many. We loved watching the touching video of your wonderful family memories. Please know that we are thinking of you and we love you so much!
Margie Sanford and Stacey Gordon (in Virginia)

Stacey Gordon - August 04, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. Jim was always a delight to speak to. He will be greatly missed at Bethal Gardens. Marie Brown, Vickie Burgess, Kim Tidwell, Ray Brown.



Vickie Burgess - August 04, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ 71 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - August 04, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Dearing family at this time of loss. Jim will be missed.

Polly and Tommy Barge



Polly Zill Barge - August 04, 2015 at 05:51 AM



“ Virginia, You have such great memories of Jim and his great smile. He always was there for you, helping in any way possible on each trip that we took with you two. I know you will miss him every minute of the day, but know he is at Jesus's feet Praising Him and Rejoycing every moment. J. C. really did enjoying knowing him and you and counted you two as one of the many great friends of many years. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Love you, Annah Cobb

Annah Cobb - August 03, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ Virginia, this is a wonderful tribute for a wonderful man. You have been blessed to have had him for so long. He was such a wonderful man, & and so caring of any and all things around him, but above all else he loved his family dearly especially you. You made his life wonderful & you his. He will be missed. I love you . Joyce (Englett) Cox.

Joyce Cox - August 02, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ May the God of comfort soothe your painful spots, due to the death of a dear loved one, James Dearing. One thing I have found impressive about James is the he never compromised on any Bible principles that he found to be true.

There is a Bible passage he loved dearly. "He (God) 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."

This has helped James endure until the end of his life in this world. Hang on God is coming.

Love thy neighbor as thy self - July 31, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ I knew Jim from the time I was in the nursery at Orange Hill Baptist and as an adult at First Baptist he never forgot me he never changed the whole time I knew him.He was a wonderful testimony to Jesus and served faithfully in the church.My families condolences to Virginia Vallory and Jimbo. Eric Vincent

eric vincent - August 06, 2015 at 09:13 AM