



Jimmy Mosteller

July 4, 2012

James William "Jimmy" Mosteller of Mableton, GA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at Spring Mountain Assisted Living facility in Marietta, GA. He was 85.

The loving husband of Betty, his sweetheart of 63 years who preceded him in death, he was also the beloved father of Debbie and her husband Short Allen; the very proud grandfather of Melissa, Christi, Ryan, Matt, and Hayley; and a devoted great-grandfather to Drew, Lindsey, Tanner, and Mia.

Born on October 26, 1926, in Roswell, Georgia, Jimmy began his lifelong career with Hav-a-tampa Cigars which spanned 45 years. He rose through the ranks having first began sweeping floors in the stockroom, then upwards to Salesman, Sales Manager, Vice President, and Senior Vice President. He retired from Hav-a-Tampa in 1994.

Despite never competing behind the wheel of a racecar, Jimmy Mosteller was also a racing legend. He began announcing horse racing and horse shows in the 1940s after beginning his career as a horse jockey. The awards and recognition soon followed. He was a NASCAR/MARC/SRE/IND racing announcer since 1949; Southern Racing Enterprise's 1954 "Voice of the Speedways;" and Dixie and Rome Speedways' 1993 Living Legends Award winner. In 2000, he was inducted into The National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame, and he was the 2003 Inductee into the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame. In 2007, he also received the Living Legend of Auto Racing Award and was inducted into the Daytona Hall of Fame.

A pioneer in the world of auto racing, Jimmy Mosteller will be forever remembered as everyone's "Little Bitty Buddy" ... a smile on his face, a cigar in his mouth, and a microphone in his hand.

When asked recently what he felt the key to life was, he responded, "It's quite simple really. I've lived an amazing life, and one thing's for certain: it's all about living, loving, and laughing. If you've got that, my friend, you've pretty much got it all."

The family will receive friends at funeral home on Friday, July 6, from 2-8 p.m. Funeral services will be in the Davis-Struempf Chapel on Saturday, July 7, at 10 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory, Austell.

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Events

JUL **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home

1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

JUL **Service** 10:00AM

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Davis-Struempf Chapel

1975 East-West Conn, Austell, GA, US, 30106

Comments



“ THOUGHTS AND PRAYER TO ALL JIMMYS FRIENDS AND FAMILY HE WAS DEAR TO EVERYONE HE MET AND WILL BE MUCH MISSED

JIMMY "PUP" THOMAS - July 12, 2012 at 10:54 AM



“ He was the "Elvis" of the cigar industry. He was truly the "King". We all loved him. He will be so sadly missed. Mark Kael

Mark Kael - July 08, 2012 at 08:34 AM



“ prayers out for mosteller family, i grew up at the race tracks, jimmy always made you feel good. i got to spend time with him as we worked at a track part time. great memories. he will always be THE VOICE. thank you God for letting us share Jimmy for a while

mike meador - July 07, 2012 at 05:17 PM



“ Jimmy Mosteller you were the greatest friend 9

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david stephenson - July 07, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the Mosteller family We are sorry for your loss. Jimmy will be missed, RiP my friend.

Vivian & Ronnie Garmon - July 06, 2012 at 11:02 PM



“ You were the HIGHLIGHT of every event. I will miss your cigar image and your announcer voice. You are now on the Race Track in Heaven with Jack Smith, Fireball Roberts, Little Joe, Lee Petty, Buck Baker, Cotton Owens and others. You will truly be missed Little Bitty Buddy. My condolences goes out to your family.

Bobby Bates Motorsports - July 06, 2012 at 04:31 PM



“ I was Mr. Mosteller's friend and "body guard" for many years. I will miss him greatly. 9

Herb Mower - July 06, 2012 at 04:07 PM



“ I knew Jimmy for some time and worked under him at Hav-a-tampa. He was a funny and smart person to be around. I could always get a big Laugh or two from him. I knew he love his family and most of all his love for his LORD and savior JESUS CHRIST. I know where he is today. In his in the presents of the LORD. The Bible says that Absent from the body is present with the LORD. Thank GOD for letting me know Jimmy Mosteller. He was one of a kind. You will be missed my old Friend. I plan on seeing you one day soon.

David Henderson - July 06, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family. We know that Jimmy is in a better place. He has joined his wife and all of his "Little Bitty Buddies" and I know they are having a joyous time jand just waiting on the rest of his racing family to join him.

Tommie Clinard - July 06, 2012 at 12:11 PM



“ Jimmy was a very kind man that always had something nice to say. He wil be missed.

Randy Hall - July 06, 2012 at 11:23 AM



“ I knew (Cuz) Jimmy for 50+ years, enjoying not only his personality and showmanship, but all he did for short track racing and the people involved. Most of those drivers and crew folks never made the "Big Time", but they were the people Jimmy made feel big every time he had a mike at so many local tracks, for so long a time. He was, for so many of us, a friend, a mentor, and an emcee of events where no one really needed a name tag; he knew us all.
Richard Davis

Richard Davis - July 05, 2012 at 06:58 PM



“ Our condolences go to Jimmy's family. We loved him & Ms. Betty he was a friend & mentor to us and all the "Racing Folks" He was one of my father's (Dub Smith) closest friends. Can't imagine the future events without him. Love you Cuz.
Bruce & Sue Brantley

Bruce & Sue Brantley - July 05, 2012 at 06:42 PM



“ A true Legend and Pioneer of racing. That is what our "Little Bitty Buddy" is! His ability to make everyone feel special is truly going to be missed!
I'm sure there will be a race in heaven this weekend and Jimmy will be calling out many names of drivers that arrived in heaven prior to Jimmy!....and sitting in the stands will be many of our family and friends, as Jimmy calls out to each of them, "Hey Cuz, so nice to see you again!"
Goodbye old friend and thank you for the memories!

Mike Terrell.

Mike Terrell - July 05, 2012 at 06:20 PM



“ Jimmy was a wonderful man and friend of my father, Bill Gazaway. I always enjoyed seeing him and talking racing and laughing about Daddy and things that happened to all the Legends of Racing, including him and Daddy. He is up there now with Miss Betty and my Mom and Daddy, rehashing all those tales and telling jokes.

We will certainly miss you, Jimmy, but please tell my Daddy and Mom I Love thjem.

Alicia Gazaway Rainwater

Alicia Gazaway Rainwater - July 05, 2012 at 01:29 PM



“ You will always be a legend in racing and will never be forgotten. We miss you already. I grew up watching you at Dixie with the Hava-Tampa shootout and always enjoyed talking to you. Prayers and thoughts are with all of us who knew you and it was a honor to share this planet with you... See you again in the future up there buddy!

Rana Hensley - July 05, 2012 at 01:18 PM



“ The world and racing lost a great man on Independence Day. But, I know Heaven was Mr. Jimmy's destination and his hope of reuniting with his beloved wife Betty is now being realized. Prayers to all the family and the untold number of people this fine Christian gentleman touched. He certainly made a difference in my life. "Cuz" will be missed sorely, but will live on in so many priceless memories. Rest in peace my friend and it is my hope I will see you again and add a little racing chat to Heaven's beautiful sounds.

Tony Hammett Motorsports Photography

Tony Hammett - July 05, 2012 at 12:59 PM



“ Im so sorry to the Mosteller family. We have been with Jimmy at Dixie Speedway through all the years he will be very missed but never forgotten.

Warner family - July 05, 2012 at 12:43 PM



“ Jimmy,

We can't begin to say what your friendship meant to us. You were truly every race fan's "favorite little biddy, buddy." We loved you like family.

Racing lost one of it's very best ambassadors when you left us to go home to Miss Betty.

Rest in peace our dear friend, it was a pleasure to have had you as part of our lives.

Linda and Bob

Linda Sharp/Bob Gorrell - July 05, 2012 at 12:26 PM



“ RIP little buddy. I have heard your voice since the 60's. Racing want be the same with out it. The pictures I have of you and me , will be cherished forever.

Danny Echols Drag racer { Ma Ma Dixie } - July 05, 2012 at 12:21 PM



“ I'm truly sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. This is Heaven's gain. He's got a lot of racing to do in Heaven.

David & Linda Spradlin - July 05, 2012 at 10:34 AM



“ Thank you Cuz for your love of people and love for racing. All us old race fans owe you a debt of gratitude. You will truly be missed!

Jumper Cable Man - July 05, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ we love and miss you already paw paw choo choo! Give nanna Betty a kiss for us!

Ryan - July 05, 2012 at 12:13 AM