



Mr. Lamartine Hardman James

October 5, 1926 - April 9, 2023

On Easter Morning, April 9, 2023, Lamartine Hardman James passed peacefully in his sleep and woke in the arms of Jesus. He was 96 years old, a World War II and Vietnam Veteran, a true patriot, an honorable man, a good man, a husband, father, grandfather and friend. It was a full life, well-lived. Until recently he did his own yard work and walked a mile a day. He lived independently to the end.

From humble beginnings on a farm in Southeast Georgia during the Great Depression, he lived a memorable life – from fighting in the Pacific against the Japanese as a young infantryman to later being stationed all over the world as an Air Force Noncommissioned Officer, retiring after 20 years of faithfully serving the country he loved. His adventures were many.

Together with his loving wife of over 60 years, Willa Dean, he raised a family – two sons, Donald and Edwin, and a daughter, Barbara. He lived to see a number of grandkids and even great-grandkids join his family. He was always proud of his family, and well should he have been. He called Madison, Florida home for many years and was well known and respected in the community.

Early Easter morning he was the last of his generation in our family to cross over to that glorious shore. Like all the others before him, he now belongs to the ages. We know there was a huge crowd of family and friends there to celebrate with him. He knew Jesus and put his hope and trust in Him. May God richly reward him for the worthy life he lived. We will miss him more than we can express.

Services will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison, Florida on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Dr. Gary Cox officiating. Visitation will start at 10:00am at the church with funeral services to follow at 11:00am. Burial will follow immediately afterwards at Corinth Cemetery in Lee, Florida.

Gifts given in Lamartine's memory may be made to Scottish Rite for Children, 2222

Welborn St, Dallas, TX 75219, or Big Bend Hospice locally. Condolences may be shared at beggsfuneral.com (850) 973-2258.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Presbyterian Church
688 N Washington St
Madison, FL 32340

Celebration of Life Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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688 N Washington St
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Tribute Wall

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“ so sorry to here of Lamartine passing prays for y'all

tim demotsis - April 20, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SC

“ It was my great joy to get to know Lamartine over the last few years, as his pastor. His smile was infectious, his spirit endearing. More than once, he filled a grocery bag to the brim with satsuma oranges. Fact is, I won't be able to think of their sweetness without thinking of 'Lamartine James!,' as I often addressed him. So grateful for the resurrection of Jesus, and the coming day when we will enjoy our Lord on the new heaven and earth, and laugh once again with saints like Lamartine. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev. Dr. Stacey M. Cox
Gainesville, GA

Stacey M. Cox - April 14, 2023 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ Several months ago, I called Uncle Lamartine. He greeted me with his usual energetic voice. We had a nice chat. He asked to speak with my wife Roselyn. He knows Roselyn and enjoys talking with her, she is from the Phillipines, where he served in World War 2. When she picked up the phone he surprised here by speaking to her in Tagalog(Filipino). She said he said, "how are you beautiful". She said it was perfectly articulated. He had a way of making each person he iencountered feel very special!! Roselyn and Mark Murray

Mark Murray - April 13, 2023 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ He was the last James cousin of his generation. Saturday after Christmas 2 years straight as I returned home stopping by the country cemetery where our loved ones were, he and Donald were cleaning. They'd already been to the Homerville one doing the same for family there. He was loved by our generation and attended our "James Jam" reunions in Valdosta. Several of us attended his 90th birthday celebration in Madison. Barbara, Donald, Edwin and families just know his cousins' children loved him too. We loved Willa Dean, Aunt Stella and Uncle Crum. Judy Shipes

Julia (Judy) Shipes - April 11, 2023 at 05:28 PM

DB

He was such a nice man, always enjoyed talking with him when he would come to the pharmacy to get his medicine. He never failed to ask how we were doing. Mrs. Willa Dean was a peach as well and I know she met him at Heaven's Gate with arms wide open and a smile on her face. Sending his family prayers of love and comfort ❤️🙏❤️
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Debbie Bishop - April 11, 2023 at 06:33 PM