



James Durwood Finlayson

August 12, 1929 - November 27, 2015

James Durwood Finlayson, 86, of Conyers GA, husband, devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather, teacher, Korean War veteran, and a plant master who could grow anything, died peacefully on Friday November 27, 2015. One of eight children born in Perote, Alabama, Jim was known worldwide for his quiet and gentle demeanor and his wicked sense of humor. Our dad spoke more in actions than in words. A devoted spiritual man, dad spent many years helping out others. He taught school, helped with the annual barbecue at his church, delivered meals on wheels and gave his "superior" garden vegetables to any one in need or want. His devotion to his family was only overshadowed on game days of his beloved Crimson Tide. His incredible intelligence and gifted teaching challenged many students in Rockdale County not only to learn the curriculum, but to always seek knowledge in whatever they were curious about. Whenever you visited with dad, you anticipated the question "want to walk up and see the garden?" which, with a quiet smile, would begin an educational tour of plants, nature, animals, weather, neighbors, farming, world politics, and inspiration. His legacy will be remembered by his favorite things... Gardening, fishing, reading the newspaper cover to cover, a thirst for knowledge, and quiet southern evenings on the porch talking and laughing while watching the sun go down and the moon make an appearance. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Barbara, his daughters, Cathy and Donna, his son in laws Jeffrey Korotkin and Russell Parks, his brother Jack, and his favorite people in the

world ...his grandchildren, Eric, Samantha, Julie, David, Kelly and great grandson, Syrus, who all brought sunshine into his life. In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Crossroads United Methodist Church, 2460 Ga Hwy 138 Conyers, Georgia 30013, 770-388-7438. Funeral services will be held Monday, November 30, 2015 at 11:00am at Crossroads United Methodist Church with Rev. Zack Martin officiating. The family will receive friends, Sunday November 29, 2015 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroads United Methodist Church
2460 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Barbara - I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. You may not remember me but you'll remember the Coston family who lived next door to the Finlaysons when Jim was growing up. Well, I'm one of those Costons. My grandparents (Sammie & Will Coston) lived on one side of the Finlaysons, and we (Rayford Costons) lived on the other side. Jim, Jack, and Talmadge walked by our house every day to get to their store. I have many fond memories of that family and those "good-ole days" in Inverness. The last time I saw Jim was at Inverness Baptist Church Homecoming in the mid-80s.*



With fondest memories of a special family,

Betty Coston Cramer

Betty Coston Cramer - December 27, 2015 at 08:39 PM

JB

“ *12/4/15
Barbara I just learned of Jim's passing. I am very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by me and all of his many friends. We had many a great Wednesday morning at Betty's swapping yarns about football,teaching, tomatoes,politics and all of the world's problems. We solved most of them but the world didn't always take notice.*

He was a great and caring friend and Barbara and I will miss him greatly.

Love and peace to you and your family.

Jim and Barbara Brandon

Jim Brandon - December 04, 2015 at 10:50 AM

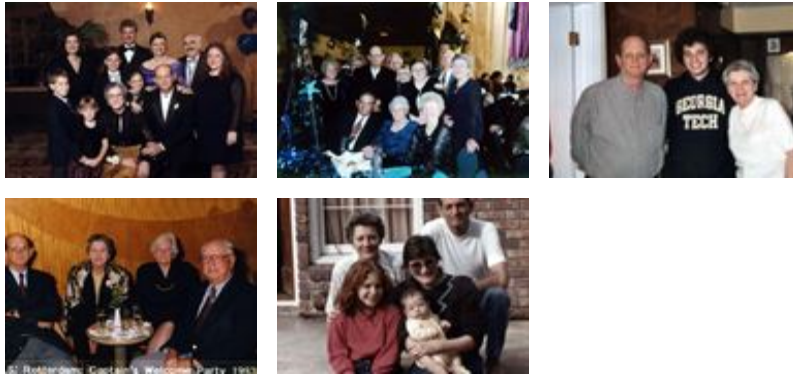
AT

“ *Caty .. sorry for your loss ... much strength for the family and a big hug for you and your mother .. our condolences*
Jeffrey and Aracely Towe

Aracely Towe - November 29, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - November 29, 2015 at 11:48 AM

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“ *larry and debbie finlayson tori and kalyn purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Durwood Finlayson.*



larry and debbie finlayson tori and kalyn - November 29, 2015 at 08:59 AM