



James Edward Vinson

October 31, 1935 - January 11, 2021

James Edward Vinson, age 85, of Milledgeville, passed away Monday, January 11, 2021. Funeral services will be private, for family only.

James was born in Milledgeville on October 31, 1935 to the late George Vinson and the late Mable Bowdoin Vinson. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Martha Bell Proctor Vinson, by a daughter, Wanda Rozar, and by two brothers, Tommy Vinson and Alvin Vinson. James lived in Milledgeville all of his life, and was retired from Northrop Grumman. He enjoyed raising cattle on his farm, "Dljocama", which was named after his grandchildren. James was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

James is survived by: his daughter, Lynn Linder (& Ken) of Milledgeville ; grandchildren, Dixie Gray (& Aaron), Joyce Avery (& Jason), Cary Rozar (& Jessica), and Marshall Linder (& Rachel) ; and his great grandchildren, Katelyn, Harley, Callie, Miahai, and Zoe.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that Memorial Contributions be made to Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 701 Browns Crossing Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

West View Cemetery

200 Ernest Byner St
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - February 08, 2021 at 12:07 PM

TE

“ We want to extend James' family our deepest condolences. We will always remember his kindness and gentlemanly manners.

Tony and Gloria Esquivel

Tony Esquivel - January 24, 2021 at 06:38 PM

WC

“ *To The Vinson Family -
My sincere condolences -
I first met James at the GMC grammar school. If Webster's
Dictionary included a picture of a person to illustrate the definition of
the words "Friend" and "Southern Gentleman", that picture would be
of James. Here's an example of his friendship: Several years ago,
my wife and I were stranded at the Milledgeville airport one
Saturday morning after attending the GMC Prep School graduation
on Friday. My plane's engine wouldn't run due to a failed magneto.
There was no mechanic on duty at the airport and even if there had
been, there was no way to get a new magneto over the weekend.
My wife had to get back to Little Rock, Arkansas, 600 miles away,
on Monday morning for an important medical appointment. There
was no place to rent a car on Saturday any closer to Atlanta. James
heard about our dilemma and insisted we take one of his cars and
drive home. We gratefully accepted, made the appointment, and
returned a couple of days later to fly the repaired airplane home.
How many "friends" would offer their car for a 1200 mile round trip?
James would - and did!
He was an initial strong supporter of the GMC Class of 1953
Awards Fund, and made the first Awards presentation to Mary Beth
Martinez at the 2006 Prep School graduation.
James was a great man in all the ways that are important - I'm
going to miss him. RIP.
William (Bill) Curry*

William Curry - January 21, 2021 at 01:34 AM

JA

“ *Lynn,
So sorry to learn of your dad's death. He was a man of great
character. He loved his family most of all and was a loyal, trusted
friend. We will all miss him.
Jeanie Abney*

jeanie abney - January 18, 2021 at 11:59 AM

RM

“ *Sorry for the family loss, prayers*

Robert McFadden

Robert McFadden - January 18, 2021 at 07:54 AM

RB

“ *Lynn, I am so sorry for your loss. James was a caring and compassionate man and will be sorely missed. Eloise Brown and family.*

Rebecca Brown - January 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM

RB

“ *Rebecca Brown lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson*



Rebecca Brown - January 17, 2021 at 01:48 PM

YH

“ *Yvonne Harrell lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson*



Yvonne Harrell - January 16, 2021 at 02:13 PM

YH

“ Lynn, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Jim was truly one of a kind. The phrase "God broke the mold when he made him" fits Jim perfectly. Anyone who knew him and you knows the bond that the two of you had. You were truly blessed that God gave you such a special father. My thoughts and prayers will be with you, Marshall and Dixie and the rest of your family during this difficult time. RIP Jim!

Yvonne Harrell - January 16, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SG

“ Sandra Reavrs Greene lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson



Sandra Reavrs Greene - January 16, 2021 at 07:45 AM

DB

“ Lynn, Pat and I were so sorry to hear about James. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to you and all family. Much love and hugs.

Debbi Batchelor - January 15, 2021 at 11:22 PM

ES

“ Gonna miss Jimbo A great friend and true southern gentleman. Not many left like him. Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends as he is now complete and whole and healed with our Lord and Mrs Martha which is where he wants to be. Farewell until we meet again!

Eddie Smith - January 15, 2021 at 11:55 AM

HF

“ Sorry to learn of the passing of my good friend and former classmate at GMC Grammar School in Milledgeville. My condolences go to all the family members! Harold and Kaye Freeman.

Harold Freeman - January 15, 2021 at 11:08 AM

SH

“ Condolences to Lynn and the entire family. I will always remember this kind man and the comment he made about where I was from when I came to Grumman in 1986. He said.. "God's country". He will be greatly missed.

Sherrye Maxwell Hitchcock - January 15, 2021 at 06:44 AM

MH

“ Lynn, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He always had something positive to say. I will remember our days with him helping on those long election nights and when you and him were at the mall and he would not let you leave until he spoke to me. May God give you peace and comfort during this time.

Mary Helen Huitt - January 14, 2021 at 06:35 PM

ST

“ Lynn and family, I send my condolences and prayers to you. I always wished for more co-workers and people in this world like Jim. He was someone I looked up to and respected and he treated all with respect. As agree with a previous comment, he was a true southern gentleman and I never thought of him without thinking that. I always enjoyed him and then you, Lynn, talking about him and his cows. You have a lot of your father's characteristics in you. Jim has blessed his family with a wonderful legacy.

Susan Taylor - January 14, 2021 at 02:25 PM

JS

“ Jim was the sweetest man and always a gentleman. Lynn, I'm so sorry. Rest in Peace, Jim. Jeanne Salvador

Jeanne Salvador - January 14, 2021 at 02:01 PM

TH

“ Lynn,
So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jason Harrison & Family



Tina Harrison - January 14, 2021 at 01:14 PM

RK

“ So sorry for the loss of Jim. He was a gift to all of us and I respected him as much as any other man I have known in my life. It was a blessing to been able to know and work with him, and to call him a friend. Rest in Peace, My Friend.

Rich Kugel - January 14, 2021 at 12:53 PM

TD

“ Lynn & family, so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a great man in my life's book since I knew him as my first boss at "Grumman" in 1983. You are blessed to have such a great Godly man as your father, and know that he is rejoicing in the presence of our Heavenly Father . May the LORD be your peace and strength during this time.

Tom Dunnam - January 14, 2021 at 12:15 PM

DR

“ Lynn, there are no words to express the love and appreciation that I have for James and your family. A lot of great memories of him and your Mom and Grandparents are forever in my heart and gave me great roots. I wish I could be there for you and your family. We will be praying for you and your family. May the Lord continue to be with you and bless you. Denise C. (Eddie) Renfroe

Denise and Eddie Renfroe - January 14, 2021 at 09:35 AM

SL

“ I absolutely adored this sweet man. He was the definition of a true southern gentleman. I feel blessed to have been able to work with him. Praying for the family ❤️🙏

Susan Lanzilotta - January 13, 2021 at 03:14 PM

BP

“ Lynn, words can't express my sorrow in hearing about Jims passing. What a wonderful man. He always brought a smile to you face and his love for others was genuine. Take peace in knowing that Gods choir sounds a little sweeter today

Bobette Prosser - January 13, 2021 at 02:25 PM

DJ

“ Dixie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Though I did not know him, the posts from others describe a wonderful man and I know you will miss him. My condolences. Donna Jenkins

Donna Jenkins - January 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM

MA

“ Jim was a very special co-worker for me at Grumman. He always had a warm smile on his face and he was truly a Grummanite Family Member. I have many precious memories of him and shall never forget knowing him. Jim was a true God-blessing to each of us who knew him. May his family be at peace as they share their precious memories of Jim.

Amen!
Mary Archer

Mary Archer - January 13, 2021 at 12:50 PM

TK

I loved him. Such a great friend. R.I.P. my friend 🙏🙏

Terry Head Kennedy - January 13, 2021 at 03:18 PM

DS

I worked with Jim for many years and remained friends with him after he retired. He was the best co-worker and friend a person could ask for. Rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Danny Smith - January 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM

DL

Hey, Lynn. I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great man that left a legacy of a great family. My condolences to you and your family. I know that you will miss him. I will pray for you and your family to be comforted in this difficult time.
Your friend, David

David Long - January 13, 2021 at 10:30 PM

MM

“ Lynn and Family, I will miss Jim, He was a good friend that always took time to talk. When I would see him at the Grumman retiree meetings he would always start the conversation with a "Hey Buddy...". and proceed to ask how we (Pam and I) were doing. May GOD hold h Jim close to HIM and provide comfort to the family.

Mike McCabe - January 13, 2021 at 12:41 PM

RV

“ Richard & Valerie lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson



Richard & Valerie - January 13, 2021 at 12:06 PM

BM

“ Janes was a great man . He excelled in all the places he worked . I knew him from JP Steven and then Grumman . Couldn't had a better friend than him . He will be greatly missed . RIP . Love you and your family .



Brenda Miller - January 13, 2021 at 09:53 AM

GO

“ Lynn & family, we are saddened to hear about James and send our condolences and prayers. May God comfort you all and give you strength and peace. James was a good man who really loved his family and friends. Our lives were made better by knowing him. God bless you all. Gary & Joan Oxford

Gary & Joan Oxford - January 13, 2021 at 09:18 AM

MB

“ *James and Martha were our neighbors and friends. my sympathy to all the family.*

Maryann Brown - January 13, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ *Linda Sloan lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson*



Linda Sloan - January 13, 2021 at 08:46 AM

BG

“ *Lynn and family, I am sorry for your loss. I've known James for many years. From the riding the school bus when he and your mom were dating. Going to church and listening to him sing with his gospel group. Then later working at Grumman. So many memories. May he rest in peace.*
Betty Faye

Betty Governale - January 13, 2021 at 08:13 AM

BG

“ *Betty Governale lit a candle in memory of James Edward Vinson*



Betty Governale - January 13, 2021 at 08:05 AM

GS

“ *My condolences to you and your family.*

GRAY SMITH - January 13, 2021 at 06:18 AM

VG

“ *My husband Ronny always spoke fondly of Mr. James. They worked together at Grumman. Wanda was my co-worker at WCMS and was a wonderful person who always mentioned her father with admiration. My prayers are with all of the family. May God comfort you with the knowledge that he is in Heaven.*

Vicki Gholson - January 13, 2021 at 12:36 AM

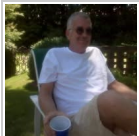
RE

“ *Dear Family,*

Jim was one of my best friends and will surely miss our talks on the phone and in person. What an amazing man !! He was friends to all who knew him and would help anyone at anytime. I am honored to have known him and he helped me in so many ways. My heart goes out to you and know that I will be forever grateful for his friendship over the last 30 years. Great family man and friend !! Love to you all.

Randy England

Randy England - January 12, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *James was a good man and loved his family. He always loved to talk when you would meet him. Prayers go out to his entire family.*

Raymond Woodall - January 12, 2021 at 06:45 PM



Lynn, Kenny and I are so sorry to hear of your dad passing. James was a great man. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.

Waylogene Meyer - January 13, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GK

Lynn and family there's nothing else I could say except he will be missed he was loved by all praying for your family

Glenda Knighton - January 13, 2021 at 07:16 PM

AL

Lynn, I am so sorry to hear you lost your Father. From the remarks left here by his friends he was truly a remarkable man and I know he left you many, many great memories. Praying for you guys. Love, Ann Linder

Ann Linder - January 22, 2021 at 06:14 PM