



# James Ethridge Franklin

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**J**ames Ethridge Franklin (Jim/Jimmy), born September 27, 1932, in Delhi, Louisiana passed away on January 21, 2023 after a short illness. He died peacefully at Forest Manor Rehabilitation Hospital in Covington, LA.

Jim was a Veteran of the Air Force during the Korean conflict. He served in the Philippines as a mechanic for 3 years. Upon returning stateside, he attended Louisiana Tech University and graduated as a Civil Engineer, a degree that served him well throughout his long career. That career took him all over the world. He worked and lived in Singapore, Scotland, Nigeria, Great Britain, and Azerbaijan until 1997. Upon retiring from J Ray McDermott in 1997, he returned to the United States and settled in Petal, Mississippi where he and Myrtis lived until 2013. There he got back to doing the things he loved most - hunting, fishing, enjoying American football, and time with his family, especially his grandsons. To be closer to his children, Jim moved to Covington, Louisiana in late 2013 after losing his beloved wife. He faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Covington, Louisiana until his passing.

Jim is survived by his two daughters, Terry Schaefer and husband Dwayne of Mandeville, LA, and Lori Theriot of Covington, LA; and two grandsons, Brandon Schaefer and wife Jamie of Mandeville, LA, and James Schaefer also of Mandeville, LA. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Cecilia Rene Schaefer, Bowen James Schaefer, and Georgia Grey Schaefer. He also left behind a niece, Karen Robinson Spicer, and a nephew, Kyle Robinson, and countless cousins that he loved dearly. He also leaves behind many family and friends from around the world.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Myrtis Franklin; one daughter; his parents, Lonnie Franklin and Mignnone Franklin Raymond; mother in law Marie Cassiday Thomas; father in law, Aubie Thomas; sister in law, Audrey Lee Robinson; one niece, Rosemarie Robinson; and one nephew Keith Robinson.

Jim lived a full and long life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was well loved and respected by many.



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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until service time. Interment will take place at Providence Memorial Cemetery, 1610 West Street, Winnsboro, LA on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



# Events

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## Visitation

**Saturday**, January 28, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



## Funeral Service

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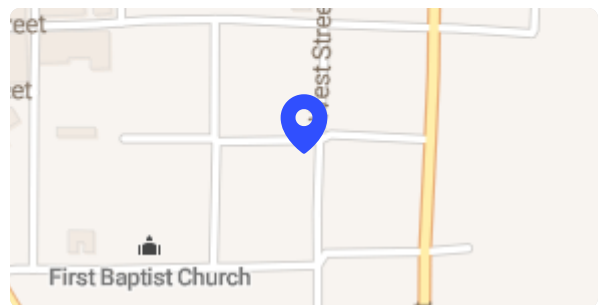
## Interment

**Monday**, January 30, 2023

12:00 PM CT

**Providence Memorial Cemetery**

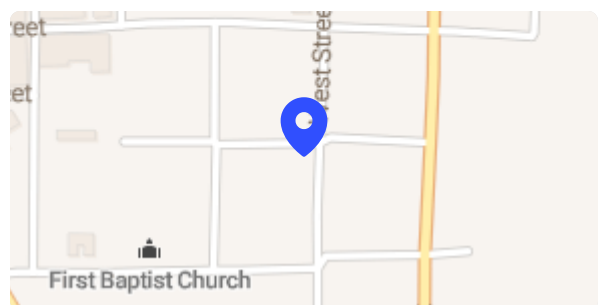
1610 West Street, Winnsboro LA



## Cemetery Details

**Providence Memorial Cemetery**

1610 West Street, Winnsboro LA





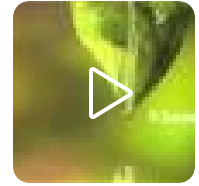
## Tribute Wall

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**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



January 27 at 12:43 PM



**Kenneth Mcauliffe** posted:

In 1970 Jim moved to Singapore and I took over his office (not his position) at Ingram. We crossed paths many times during our careers. Then, many, many years later I once again took over his office in Baku, Azerbaijan. My initial experience in fabrication was with Jim's guidance, which became the baseline of my career. No finer gentleman to be found anywhere.

January 30 at 8:22 AM



**Les Porter** posted:

A fine boss and trusted friend for over 20 years. A wonderful family. He will be missed William L (Les) Porter

January 30 at 6:36 AM



**Mervyn Raynor** posted:

Jim and I met in 1972 while working for McDermott in Singapore and our families spent special times together. Jim was a gentleman, a fun guy, and a man of the highest integrity. We remained in contact for all those 50 years and I am very sad, He was my close friend. He's with Myrtis now and she will make sure he doesn't stay too long at Chequers and forget to pick her up at the hairdresser's. My condolences to Terry, Lori, and family.

January 29 at 11:12 PM



**William Higgins** posted:

Jim and I were work partners and good friends for many years. We lost touch over the years and that was my fault and loss. I admired him greatly and found him to be a wonderful person. God rest his soul. My most sincere condolences to his family.

January 29 at 12:32 PM



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**Jay And Ruth Ann Bennett** posted:

Ruth Ann and Jay Bennett knew the Franklin's when we all lived in Singapore. Great memories of football games and parties spent with Jim and Myrtis. Sorry to hear of Jim's passing.

January 29 at 9:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Franklin family.



January 26 at 8:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Franklin family.



January 26 at 7:08 AM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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