



Mr. Lee R. James

December 14, 1923 - January 12, 2016

Lee Roy James - born December 14, 1923 in Cuevas, Ms. Family moved to Gulfport, MS. upon the death of William Denning James, Lee's father in around 1926 or 1927.

Lee attended school in Gulfport and graduated from Gulfport High School in 1942.

Besides participating in school sports, he was also a drummer in the Gulfport High School Band.

He was in his first year of college when he joined the Army Air Corps in April 1943. and entered the Aviation Cadets pilot training. As Second Lt. he was a co-pilot on a B-17 Bomber he was assigned to the 305th Bomb Group, 365 Bomb Squadron, at Chelveston England. Their plane was shot down on their 9th mission over Germany on September 11, 1944. He was a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Metal and other incidental awards that accompany combat in World War II.

Work history: After discharge from Army Air Corps in December 1945, went to work for the City of Gulfport as a clerk. After a year he went to work for Universal CIT and worked there for 2 years.

He lived in Gulfport until going to work for Associates in New Orleans; was transferred back to Gulfport to the Associates office in Gulfport after 4 months

in New Orleans. In 1955 transferred to Montgomery, AL., then to Gainesville, GA. where he lived until 1959, then transferred to the Atlanta office of Associates. Was made Branch Manager and moved to Albany, Ga. in 1963 to open a new office for Associates. He retired in 1987.

Lee is survived by his wife of 69 years, Palma Allene Ryland and children:

Children: Dennis Ryland James – Born November 21, 1947

Wife - Marcie. Lives in Centerville, Utah

Terry James Allen - Born June 3, 1951

Husband = Steve Lives in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Lee Roy James, Jr. - Born October 31, 1953.

Wife – Lori - Lives in Raleigh, N.C.

There are nine grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren .

He is preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

A member of First Presbyterian Church in Albany for 41 years and is has been a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albany He has served as a Deacon and an Elder in both churches and is presently Elder Emeriti at Covenant Church.

He is a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club, the Flint River Golf Course, the Southwest Georgia Prisoners of War. At one time he served on the Sowega Council of Aging's Advisory Board. He was an avid golf player, loved to fish, travel and play bridge.

He was at one time the only 5 letter man in athletics in the school history of Gulfport, MS. High School

He considers as one of his greatest accomplishments his three children's success in athletics and their being inducted into the Albany Sports Hall of

Fame.

His funeral service will be held Friday 11:00AM at Covenant Presbyterina Church with entombment to follow at Crown Hill Mausoleum. Dr. William "Biff" Coker will be officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00AM one hour before service at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Mausoleum

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2126 WW. Edgewater Dr.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lee R. James*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



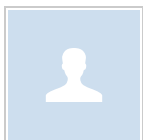
“ *One great guy*

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“ *Palma and family, we send our love and prayers to all, Lou and Terry Lee*

Lou Lee - January 14, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee R. James.*



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“ Lee James and I , among many others, were best friends. We lived on the same street. We were fellow golfers and both members of the Golden K Kiwanis. We were both WWII veterans except I wasn't shot down in a plane. My infantry was already on the ground. He taught me lots even in the last period of his life. He and his wife Palma have been good friends of ours. I am sorry that I cannot attend his funeral. He will always be remembered by us. Ed and Doris Mitchell

Ed and Doris Mitchell - January 14, 2016 at 04:21 PM