



Dr James E Blackman Jr

January 15, 1956 - December 25, 2025

On a cold January Mobile morning in 1956 Bernice and James Blackman welcomed their middle son (“Jimmy duck” to those who knew him as a kid) into the world. With that ever-present gap-toothed grin Jim never met a stranger. Always pushing hard to excel at his beloved Murphy High School both in the classroom and on the ballfield, while ensuring others never got left out.

Cradled in the strong arms of a Christian home, Jim loved his Sage Avenue Baptist church family and grew to love and share his faith. Dental school at Alabama was a partnership as at the age of 21 Jim married his beloved Lisa Cazalas. For 47 years they carved out a wonderful life of love and faith together. Jim joined his dad, James, and his uncle Jack in their dental practice. Eventually taking it over, Jim was always committed to the excellent care and gentle concern for his patients; striving to ensure the last place people wanted to spend their morning would be marked with both confidence and a little laughter.

Jim didn’t know an idle moment. His family frequently called him a “piddler”. When he wasn’t practicing dentistry, he was a deeply engaged dad with his four children: Eric, Amy, Laura, and Sam. There was always time for singing in the church choir, stealing a base on the Sage Ave. softball team, serving as deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher.

Later in life Jim became the teaching leader of the Mobile Men's Bible Study Fellowship class. This became most dear to his heart. He spent countless, tireless hours studying God's word as he prepared to teach and lead men for over 11 years. Jim's personal and professional life were defined by his personal relationship with Jesus Christ, always striving to love and serve in a manner that exemplified Christ's love as he encouraged others to follow Jesus. In God's sovereign plan Jim was taken to heaven on Christmas Day.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bernice Blackman, and his youngest brother, Robert Blackman. Jim and Lisa have 4 children James Eric (Lindsey) Blackman of Birmingham, Amy (Jeff) Jacobs of Mobile, Laura (Brett) Kittrell of Mobile, and Sam Blackman of Baton Rouge, LA. They have 11 grandchildren Virginia, Charlotte, Sadie, and James Blackman, Lucy, Sam, Jack, and John Martin Jacobs, Evelyn, Joel and Mary Alice Kittrell. He is also survived by his brother, Richard "Dick" (Nancy) Blackman, sister in law and brother in law Amy and Lance Williams, as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

From the bottom of our hearts, the family would like to thank the tender, loving hands and feet of Jesus, so faithfully displayed through the staff at The Retreat; Ollie Samuels; Chris Springer; Dr. Adam Herring; Dr. John Simmons; Brian Evans; Dr. Bud Rogers; and Dr. Greg Zieman. Each of you provided countless hours of love, comfort, and care to our sweet husband and daddy during a time we will never forget. We are especially grateful to Barbara Fulgham, who will never fully know on this side of eternity how powerfully the Lord used her in our greatest time of need.

Services will be held at Christ Fellowship Baptist Church on Friday, January 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. There will be a time of visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bible Study Fellowship or the Women's Resource Center, two organizations that were especially meaningful to Jim.

Cemetery Details

Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery

6100 Three Notch Rd
Mobile, AL 36619-1726
(251) 661-1333

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Fellowship Baptist Church
445 Azalea Rd
Mobile, AL 36609

Service

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ Fellowship Baptist Church
445 Azalea Rd
Mobile, AL 36609

Tribute Wall

“ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.” (Phil.1:3)

As playmates, on the Westlawn Elementary playground and around our neighborhoods off Sage Avenue. Riding bikes, climbing trees, and all things kid stuff!

As teammates, for the blue and gold of Murphy High, we played the same football position our senior year, rotating in and out with the upcoming play call from the sidelines and Coach Shaw.

As classmates, in grades one through three, and thankfully reunited for grades 10 through 12. Then, the excitement of our beginning weeks together on the campus of The University of Alabama in August of 1974.

Lisa, and family, please know that you have many, many friends praying for you all during this season of grief and loss.

My most cherished memory of your beloved one, happened on the night I gave my life to Jesus. In October of our 10th grade year many of us joined with hundreds of other students for a youth rally at Mobile's Municipal Theater. As I was returning to the Theater's foyer from the designated counseling area to meet up with my car group, I walked up behind Jimmy and some friends who were gathered together and I overheard him say, "Hey ya'll, did you see David went forward, I was praying for him!"

Thousands of times over the years, I have thought about that special night, when "all things became new in Christ" for me. Each time I remember the wonder and joy of experiencing God's grace and peace. But I also remember how eternally indebted I am for my precious friend's heart-felt prayer for me.

Your husband, your dad, your JimPa has been my most enduring friend for over 60 years. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing.

Thank you and your church, Christ Fellowship for the considerate live-streaming of Jim's Celebration of Life Service. It was such an unforgettable, inspiring and worship-filled service.

*“One foot in front of the other”
“Til we meet, til we meet,
Til we meet at Jesus’ feet”*

David Love - January 05 at 03:10 PM

CM

“ Lisa and Family you all have been on my mind since I heard of Jim's death. So sorry he was sick. God certainly carried you Lisa for I know how hard it was. I took care of my Mother as she approached her trip to Heaven with the lightness of Jim. ❤️💙💜

Cindy Miller - January 03 at 06:33 PM

BQ

“ Lisa and family, I am praying for you to feel God's comfort, peace, and strength. Love to you all. Becki Daniels Quinnelly

Becki Quinnelly - January 01 at 12:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr James E Blackman Jr.



December 30, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ So grateful for Jim's friendship. His acts of kindness to so many in our ministry will be remembered by many international students around the world. I am most grateful for his wise counsel to me personally in a moment of crisis. His words were laced with Biblical compassion, empathy and wisdom. He was someone I knew could be counted on in a crisis. I am confident his life was a blessing far beyond even his own understanding. His commitment to his family and friends spoke deeply about his own faith in Jesus Christ. He is now receiving his reward in the presence of a loving Father. My prayers are that his family will be upheld by the memories he created in loving them so well.

Jim Mather - December 30, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JP

Lisa and precious family members, we are so heartbroken for you and will miss Jim.

Jim's life demonstrated what a Christian life should look like. Mike, Jill, and I are blessed to have had the privilege of knowing him and your entire family. We love you all.

The Puckett Family

jand and Mike Puckett - January 02 at 12:27 PM

CJ

The Blackman family. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of our beloved Dr. Jim. I will forever remember him as my birthday brother. My deepest condolences.

Constance James

CONSTANCE JAMES - January 28 at 10:51 AM

JS

“ *Joey, DeAnna, Madalyn and Ali Syron purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr James E Blackman Jr.*



Joey, DeAnna, Madalyn and Ali Syron - December 30, 2025 at 05:04 PM