



James "Jim" Meredith Safrit

March 3, 1934 - August 25, 2017

James "Jim" Meredith Safrit, 83, went home to his Heavenly Father on Friday, August 25, 2017 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born March 3, 1934 in Salisbury to Mae Belle Weaver Safrit and Harry Lee Safrit.

He had nine siblings with two now remaining, his loving brothers Tom Safrit of Delaware and Eddie Safrit of Salisbury.

Those that have passed before him include sisters, Frances Heilig and Peggy Agner; brothers, Robert "Bud" Safrit, Ken Safrit, Glenn Safrit, Steve Safrit, Neil Safrit and a daughter, Renee Roseman.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Nancy Earle Miller Safrit; daughter, Jamie Safrit Sokolowski (Mark); son, James "Jimmy" Earle Safrit (Wendy); grandsons, Miller Colby Sokolowski (Misti Elliott), Hunter Scott Safrit (Nick Schoepner) and granddaughter, Meredith Claire Sokolowski (Travis Holshouser).

Jim leaves behind his love for his pets, Molly Polly, Bootsie and Maxi.

The family also wants all of his extended family, numerous nieces and nephews and friends to know how much he loved you all.

Jim served in the United States Navy Airborne, Willy Victor, in the South Pacific for four years. He was in the Naval Reserve for two years. He was a lifetime 1st Class brick mason for over forty years, worked at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center as Supervisor of Dietetics for eight years and worked at West Innes Exxon until his retirement.

Jim enjoyed his life fully, which included his family and home, gardening, his 1946 Ford Tractor, his birds, for which he built countless birdhouses, and cutting firewood on his farm.

He enjoyed golfing and fishing trips with his brothers, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jim also had a passion for bowling in a men's league at Woodleaf Lanes for over fifty years.

He was a great example of helping others in need without any need of recognition. The greatest of all his joy was poured on his family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 205 St. Paul Church Road Salisbury, NC.

The Reverend DJ Lura will officiate. Military Honors will be conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends after the service at the residence.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or to the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Safrit family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
205 St. Pauls Church Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146

Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one Mr.Safrit. Please accept my condolences during this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed, it is my hope your family will find it comforting the promise at Isaiah 25:8 where we are assured that "death will be swallowed up forever." It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.

Renay Rauch - August 31, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ Daniel And Lartha Murphy lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit



daniel and lartha murphy - August 30, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit.



August 30, 2017 at 06:05 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit.



August 30, 2017 at 06:02 AM



“ Deapest sympathy is extended to the Safrit family. Jim always greeted us with a warm reception and smile at West Innes Exxon. RIP, Jim. You will be missed. Nelson & Rosemary Bradshaw

Nelson Bradshaw - August 29, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all the Safrit Family at this time of Loss. Working with Jim or " Jimason" as we both called each other was always a pleasure while at West Innes Exxon. His coffee & honey bun morning treat, his pleasant smile and friendly demeanor to everyone, and his laughter during the day was always such an uplift for others when needed. Now for the past 4 months, he visited my new employment location, Jerry's Shell and was always the same as when I last saw him at Exxon. He was such an inspiring person to be around. He loved his family and loved to always talk about them when new events happened in their lives. He will be missed by many & I hope God will give each & everyone whos lives were touched by his presence, the strength & support to get through this time of loss. May he RIP. Jimmie Hartline


Jimmie Hartline - August 29, 2017 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ *The Stratton Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit.*



The Stratton Family - August 28, 2017 at 10:54 AM

 Sandy Overcash Daniel

“ *Wendy, I'm so sorry to hear about this. I pray that your happy memories will sustain you in the weeks and months ahead. Know you are cared for and loved. Sandy Overcash Daniel*

Sandy Overcash Daniel - August 28, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit.*



August 28, 2017 at 09:17 AM

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the family, Doug & Michelle (C-optical)*

C-optical - August 28, 2017 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family Jamie



Donna Rummage - August 28, 2017 at 04:47 AM

SL

“ WE LOVE YOU JIM...YOU'LL ALWAYS BE NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.. I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF YOU AS A "DAD FIGURE" TO ME....GO FIND DAD AND PLAY SOME GOLF TOGETHER.... IT'S BEEN AWHILE.. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN... BUFFY, DARREN, & MADISON LOWMAN..



Susan Lowman - August 28, 2017 at 12:34 AM

SL

“ Jim was TRULY like Another Daddy figure in my life for as long as I can remember..Always called me his little Buffy. And I was, I truly was...Jim, you will be greatly missed.. Always in my heart.....Look in on us from time to time...



Susan Lowman - August 27, 2017 at 10:32 PM

TL

“ Your family is in my prayers, sending love and hugs at this most difficult time! Thinking of you all!! 💕💕💕💕



Teri Allman Long - August 27, 2017 at 08:13 PM

VC

“ Vickie Parker And Steve Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit



Vickie parker and Steve Clark - August 27, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MB

“ Marsha Branch lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit



Marsha Branch - August 27, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit.



August 27, 2017 at 06:47 PM

ZS

“ Remembering Jim at West Innes Exxon. Always super helpful and a really good guy, Hugs to Jamie, Mark and all the family. Zandra

Zandra Spencer - August 27, 2017 at 05:20 PM

KS

“ Karen Springer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit



Karen Springer - August 27, 2017 at 05:04 PM

AS

“ April (Poppy) Safrit Simmons lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Meredith Safrit



April (Poppy) Safrit Simmons - August 27, 2017 at 04:34 PM

KM

“ Gary and I are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful person. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary and Katie Mayhew

Katie Mayhew - August 27, 2017 at 03:08 PM