



James William Trexler, Jr.

September 25, 1940 - January 26, 2020

James William Trexler, Jr., 79, of Salisbury passed away unexpectedly Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Born September 25, 1940 in Salisbury, he was the son of the late James William Trexler, Sr. and Julia Devereaux Jarrett Trexler.

He was educated in the Salisbury schools and graduated from Boyden High School, Class of 1958.

Jim spent his life in retail business serving the public at Belk Harry for 21 years and Ralph Baker Shoes for 37 years.

He was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served as an usher and greeter.

Jim was a Fairfield dad. He played ball year-round with the neighborhood kids and friends of Jimmy and Timmy. His presence and influence on their lives went far beyond the field of play and onto the greater game of life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Trexler and a brother, Tom Trexler.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Shirley Frye Trexler; his son, Tim Trexler (Lisa) of Shelby; granddaughter, Kari Willis (Andy) of Kings Mountain and grandson, TJ Trexler of Charlotte. He is also survived by his sister, Julia Hall of Statesville and brother-in-law, Rusty Frye (Sharon) of Rancho Santa Fe, CA along with many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Wednesday (Jan. 29) at Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the residence.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday, (Jan. 30) at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastors Rhodes Woolly and Tim Trexler officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Five Alive Fund at First Church of Christ United Church of Christ, 207 W. Horah St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W.

Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Sanctuary Payoff Fund, 1227 Mt. Sinai Church Rd., Shelby, NC 28152.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Trexler family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Shirley

I can only say that I was blessed to have known Jim. He was the big brother I did not have. He taught me to love sports, try harder and never give up. As I grew older you and Jim made my family part of yours. I will always cherish those memories and be grateful for the love and friendship you and Jim blessed us with. I will miss him and being able to call and talk with him. He will forever be in my heart and memories. I have never known a better friend or man. The world is a lesser place without him in it.

May our Lord wrap his arms around you and give you comfort in knowing Jim was such an inspiration to so many.

Brew

Bill Brewer - February 07, 2020 at 09:21 PM

AC

“ I first had the honor of meeting "Mr. Jim" when I was taken to Bakers by my late Grandmother and Mother in efforts to find dress shoes for a foot that NO ONE could fit. I remember that day fondly due to Mr. Jim. He measured my foot stood back and thought a moment and quickly responded: it will take us a little bit but we will fit this quadruple A width foot. Jim worked and worked to make sure those shoes fit perfect and we left happy that we had finally found someone with patience and generosity to help me with my shoes. As years went by Mr. Jim would greet me at the door and pleasantly smile and tell the others "you don't want this foot" and giggle. We then started our process over and over through the years with Mr Jim showing the same professionalism, generosity, patience and gentle soul each time we met. Mr. Jim will be missed by all,yet we rest easy knowing that we will meet his gentle soul again some day. May God Bless his family at this most difficult time.

Amanda Casper - January 31, 2020 at 11:40 AM

JQ

“ Shirley and Family,

I was shocked to hear of Jim's passing. I saw him in Walgreen's a couple of weeks ago and we stood and talked for a few minutes. He was such a kind, thoughtful man and it was a blessing knowing him and your family. I have such fond memories of our boys playing ball together. Shirley, I have walked the road that you are getting ready to walk and it is hard; however, you can get through this with friends, family and faith. Tony thought so much of Jim and I know they are in heaven talking about ballgames. What a sweet reunion with Jimmy. Remember the wonderful memories and the years you had together. Continuing to remember you in prayer.

*Love and prayers,
Judy Queen*

Judy Queen - January 29, 2020 at 05:36 PM

AF

“ Dear Tim,

I am sorry to hear about your dad. Joyce told me yesterday. You and family are in my prayers, and I will be thinking of you tonight and tomorrow.

Avery

Avery Fouts - January 29, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..*



January 29, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..*



January 29, 2020 at 08:29 AM

TJ

“ Timmy, your Dad came to my grandfathers funeral years ago, hoping I would be there and said hello. It was great to see him and get filled in on our life. I know I moved away ,but seeing him brought back some very favorable childhood memories. Those were the days. Those memories will always be with me. I did not know if you knew this, but I use to go into Belks just to say hello to him.



You and your Mom take care.

Thanks

Troy James

Troy James - January 28, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..

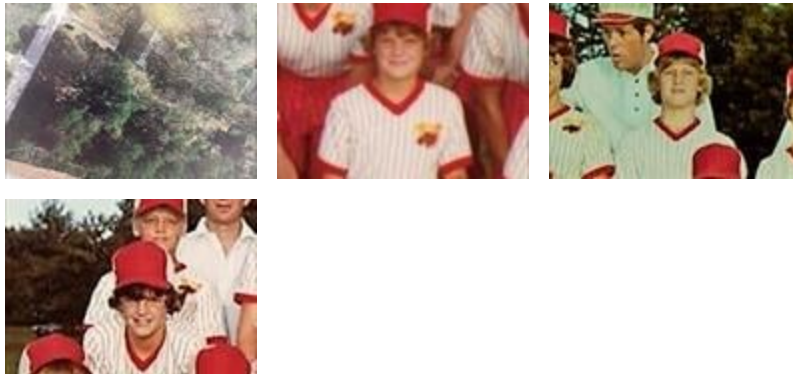


January 28, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RM

“ Wonderful memories of a wonderful man. Love and prayers go out to Shirley, Tim and family. I think back of my childhood in our neighborhood and Mr Jim is in each of those memories. He loved all the neighborhood kids and his house was the neighborhood hangout. All of the football, baseball and basketball games played and all the collateral imposed on Mrs. Shirley's flowers, plants and yes, even the Nova parked under the carport. If you were lucky enough to be one of the Fairfield gang you know what I'm talking about. Mrs. Shirley would plant a small sapling of a Magnolia Tree, we turned it into homeplate, her newly planted rhododendrom bush was turned into second base, third base was to post of the carport which housed the Nova which took many foul balls off of it. Finally, we graduated up to the well lot and for the first time in my life Mrs. Shirley's trees and plants survived. If you ride by the Trexler House today the trees are now covering the side yard and the well lot is overgrown. The memories made at the Trexler's with Mr. Jim leading the way are the happiest memories of my life.

Even today, when things in life start to weigh me down I always go back to that happy place in my mind. I am all smiles right now thinking of the reunion Mr Jim is having with his son Jimmy. Praise God for the lives this man has touched.



Rusty Miller - January 28, 2020 at 11:02 AM

DK

“ *David & Kim King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..*



David & Kim King - January 28, 2020 at 07:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..*



January 27, 2020 at 10:30 PM

MH

“ *Shirley & Tim,
My heart is breaking for you. Sending thoughts & Prayers to your family. So many sweet memories of ballgames with you all.
Jim will be missed by all.
Love & Lots of Hugs, Myrna Hackett*

Myrna Hackett - January 27, 2020 at 06:30 PM

CD

“ Uncle Jim is what I called him. He was my great uncle, and one of my late Pawpaws great friends. Jim was a great man with a great work ethic and love for his family. I am very blessed that I grew-up around him. He helped me become a Braves fan and helped grow my love of Sports. I thank him for always helping me out when I was around, these are things I will carry and cherish forever.

- Cal Deas (Columbia, SC)

Cal Deas - January 27, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BL

“ Barry and Kathy Ledbetter purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..



Barry and Kathy Ledbetter - January 27, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..



January 27, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James William Trexler, Jr..



January 27, 2020 at 03:12 PM