



## Mr. James Spann DuPre

August 9, 1930 - March 5, 2017

James Spann DuPre, Sr., 86, passed away March 5, 2017 at The GHS Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca, SC.

A native of Walhalla, SC and born August 9, 1930, he was the son of the late Hiram Mason and Sarah Owen DuPre. Jimmy was a graduate of Appalachian State University where he played basketball. He received his master's degree at The University of Georgia. He dedicated his life to education serving as a counselor, teacher, coach and principal. He served 7 years as superintendent of Oconee County School District and later as a school board member. As a humanitarian, his compassion and humor touched the lives of many people.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Connie Albertson DuPre, his sister, Annie Laura DuPre Gauntt, his children, Vickie Phillips (Richard), Ronnie DuPre (Karen), Susie Humphrey (Frank), and Jimmy DuPre Jr. He is also survived by his six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Lauren Phillips Hill (Jonathan), Natalie Phillips, Drew DuPre, Victoria DuPre, Ryan Humphrey, Zach Humphrey, Hudson Hill and Parker Hill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Hiram Frank DuPre, Robert O. DuPre, and Sarah Elizabeth DuPre Pope.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 12:30-1:30 at

First Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. The funeral will follow at 2. The burial will follow at Oconee Memorial Park in Seneca, SC.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church of Walhalla: 403 E. Main St, Walhalla, SC 29691; St. Luke Methodist Church of Walhalla food pantry: PO Box 339, Walhalla, SC 29691; and the Oconee County School District Back-Pack Program: PO Box 608, West Union, SC 29696.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church  
403 East Main Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Spann DuPre*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *John Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**john powell** - March 10, 2017 at 10:39 AM



*Jim was a mentor to me. Always nice and good advice when i asked. A true friend .Our loss, Gods Gain*

**john powell** - March 10, 2017 at 10:41 AM



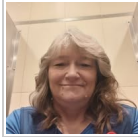
*A great friend and mentor. Our lost Gods gain.*

**john powell** - March 10, 2017 at 10:43 AM



*Thinking of your loss in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessings on your family.*

**Julius Earle Jr** - March 13, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ *Tracy Norwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Tracy Norwood** - March 09, 2017 at 09:33 PM



*special man ,will miss talking to him prayers to the family*

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**Tracy Norwood** - March 09, 2017 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Jeff Bearden** - March 09, 2017 at 06:01 PM

GO

“ *Jimmy was always kind and had interesting stories to tell. He was a special person who will be missed. We'll be praying for you all.*  
*Greg and Denise Oliver*

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**Greg Oliver** - March 09, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JC

“ *Jackie Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Jackie Cooper** - March 08, 2017 at 12:37 PM

JR

“ *John & Nancye Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**John & Nancye Reeves** - March 08, 2017 at 09:36 AM

JR

*Connie and family, John and I extend our condolences to each of you and will be remembering you in prayer in the days ahead.*

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**John & Nancye Reeves** - March 08, 2017 at 09:39 AM

LA

“ *LC/Mary Jo McCoy Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**LC/Mary Jo McCoy Alexander** - March 08, 2017 at 06:06 AM

LA

*To the Dupree family,  
Back in the 60's, I had Mr. Dupree as a study hall teacher in the old Seneca High School auditorium. He was a stern teacher, but yet very kind. He made us laugh. Even when you thought he wasn't looking, he knew and saw anything that went on in that auditorium. We loved him and enjoyed having him for our teacher. Prayers to his family. He was a good man and treated us, his students, with utmost respect. God bless you all.*

*So sorry you have lost your precious family member. He leaves a mark in this world and a truly lasting impression on us all.*

*LC/Mary Jo McCoy Alexander*

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**LC/Mary Jo McCoy Alexander** - March 08, 2017 at 06:11 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Larry and Wanda Laye Harden** - March 07, 2017 at 06:41 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Sherry Abbott** - March 07, 2017 at 05:38 PM

BK

“ *Bill & Betty Knight lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Bill & Betty Knight** - March 07, 2017 at 11:44 AM

ST

“ *Connie and Family, may God bless all of you with Grace, peace and love during this time of loss. He will be missed for all he has done for this County, the concern and love he had for students, faculty, and staff. The years of employment with Mr. DuPre are ones I shall treasure forever. He always had something good to say and of course a Joke!*



**Sandra W Tippett** - March 07, 2017 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ *Jane Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Jane Barnes** - March 07, 2017 at 10:13 AM

LH

“ *Jimmy had an awesome sense of humor and could make everyone laugh. He was a kind and generous man. He was a great friend!*



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**Lynn Hodge** - March 07, 2017 at 09:10 AM

CF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you family and friends. The world will certainly be changed with the loss of Jim. His unique irony was appreciated by all. A great person, boss and friend who touched many lives and made real differences in them. Bernice Cantrell and Cheryl "Pooch" Fowler*



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**Cheryl Fowler** - March 07, 2017 at 08:50 AM

JL

“ *Jess&marcella Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**jess&marcella langston** - March 07, 2017 at 08:33 AM

MC

“ *Mark & Tammy Chambers*



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**mark chambers** - March 07, 2017 at 07:16 AM

PH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.  
Patricia Holcombe*



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**Patricia Holcombe** - March 07, 2017 at 01:19 AM

BQ

“ *So sorry for your loss Connie !!!He was a very kind And Helpful Gentleman Thinking and praying for you and your family . ❤️*



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**Betty loudermilk Quarles** - March 06, 2017 at 08:35 PM

WS

“ *Saddened by the passing of Jim. He was a good friend and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers Connie as well as the family. May God bless you and give you comfort. Wayne & Peggy Sibbett*

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**Wayne Sibbett** - March 06, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PQ

“ James DuPre was a light in this world and will be missed.



Paige Quarles - March 06, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ Dear Connie and family, I was so saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was such a wonderful man with a big heart. He always had a smile on his face whenever you would see him and usually a good joke. May God send peace and love to your family during this time of grief. Connie may God especially send you comfort and surround you with his grace. Love and peace to all of you. Tina Moss Jurecek



Tina Barrett - March 06, 2017 at 07:07 PM

IV

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. May peace and comfort be with them now and in the days ahead. Imagean Wigington Velasco

Imagean Wigington Velasco - March 06, 2017 at 07:00 PM

RA

“ Richard And Connie Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Richard and Connie Addis - March 06, 2017 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Dave & Donna Stephens** - March 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM

FK

“ *Frankie King lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Frankie King** - March 06, 2017 at 04:26 PM

 Elaine Crenshaw

“ *Elaine Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Elaine Crenshaw** - March 06, 2017 at 04:21 PM

RB

“ SDOC and Oconee County owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jimmy for his years of service. He was the main reason I agreed to become a candidate for election to our school board. And, above all, he was a good friend to Lamar and me and our children. Connie, you and your children will stay in my prayers as you adjust to life on Earth while Jimmy spins his yarns in Heaven ❤️ .



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**Rosemary Bailes** - March 06, 2017 at 04:04 PM

JW

“ Joyce Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Joyce Wyatt** - March 06, 2017 at 04:01 PM

MP

“ Mike And Denise Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Mike and Denise Pearson** - March 06, 2017 at 03:59 PM

GL

“ So sorry of the passing of Jimmy, he and his wife were friends with us for many years, we will be in prayers for the family. He will be greatly missed. Glenn &Aline Long .

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**Glenn& Aline Long** - March 06, 2017 at 02:27 PM

CB

“ Clarence And Carolyn Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Clarence and Carolyn Blankenship - March 06, 2017 at 02:21 PM

JK

“ John Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



John Kelley - March 06, 2017 at 02:07 PM

BG

“ BLOSSMAN GAS lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



BLOSSMAN GAS - March 06, 2017 at 02:04 PM

KP

“ Kim Brock Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Kim Brock Pritchett - March 06, 2017 at 01:55 PM

HC

“ *Hovie And Martha Fowler Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Hovie and Martha Fowler Crenshaw** - March 06, 2017 at 01:19 PM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene Wood Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Leland and Richadene Wood Talley** - March 06, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Becky Manley** - March 06, 2017 at 11:55 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Barbara Roach** - March 06, 2017 at 11:35 AM

CO

“ Prayers for this sweet family. Lots of fond memories of Mr. DuPre as my principal, always such a sweet and fair man.

Cindy Sullivan Oliver - March 06, 2017 at 10:49 AM

KF

“ Kathy Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Kathy Fitzgerald - March 06, 2017 at 10:49 AM

RD

“ He was a great man that I truly respected...



Rachel Deal - March 06, 2017 at 09:50 AM

WB

“ Wayne Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Wayne Barton - March 06, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JW

“ *Jeanette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Jeanette Wilson** - March 06, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. James Spann DuPre.*



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March 06, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JL

“ *Connie and family we have many wonderful memories of Jimmy. You all are in our prayers. Connie if you need anything we are just a phone call away. We love you all.*  
*John Little and family*

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**John Little** - March 06, 2017 at 08:36 AM

JL

“ *John Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**John Little** - March 06, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dru McKee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Dru McKee** - March 06, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ *Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Sonya Dobson** - March 06, 2017 at 04:26 AM



“ *Lathel & Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Lathel & Sonya Dobson** - March 06, 2017 at 04:24 AM



“ *Phil And Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Phil and Debbie Garrett** - March 06, 2017 at 12:56 AM

JG

“ Great memories of him and his friendship with my father. Two great men sharing stories in heaven. May God give the family peace, strength and comfort.

*John Gaillard*

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**John Gaillard** - March 05, 2017 at 09:58 PM

JM

“ Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Johnny Mize** - March 05, 2017 at 09:49 PM

JL

“ Love and Prayers  
*Joyce Lusk*



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**joyce lusk** - March 05, 2017 at 09:27 PM

RI

“ Ruby Isbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Ruby Isbell** - March 05, 2017 at 09:20 PM

EH

*My love and prayers are extended to the family. He will be missed.*

**Eula Holland.** - March 06, 2017 at 05:56 AM

 Kay  
Stephens

“ *Kay Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Kay Stephens** - March 05, 2017 at 09:15 PM

LT

“ *Louise L & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



**Louise L & Clarence Towe** - March 05, 2017 at 09:04 PM

CF

“ *Christie(Rowland)Connatser, Annie Rowland & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Spann DuPre.*



**Christie(Rowland)Connatser, Annie Rowland & Family** -  
March 05, 2017 at 08:21 PM

PP

“ *Paul, Rosemary, & Phillip lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Paul, Rosemary, & Phillip** - March 05, 2017 at 07:55 PM

GN

“ *Greg And Cathie Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Greg and Cathie Nowell** - March 05, 2017 at 07:51 PM

JD

“ *I Am honored to call Jim Dupre a true friend of mine. You'll "never" convince me that Democrats and Republicans cannot get along beautifully !! To Connie, Vickie, Ronnie and Brother, I'll miss and remember him with a smile.... right along side ya'll .*

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**Jerry & Becky Dyar** - March 05, 2017 at 07:36 PM

RA

“ *Rod, Katherine, & Kristy Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Rod, Katherine, & Kristy Albertson** - March 05, 2017 at 07:35 PM

KO

“ Kathy & Randy Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Kathy & Randy Owens - March 05, 2017 at 07:24 PM

VW

“ Virginia (hall) Weeks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



virginia (hall) weeks - March 05, 2017 at 07:23 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - March 05, 2017 at 07:15 PM

DD

“ Donna DuPre lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Donna DuPre - March 05, 2017 at 07:09 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Terry & Kay Sanders - March 05, 2017 at 07:04 PM

JL

“ Joyce& Clyde Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



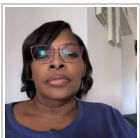
Joyce& Clyde Lusk - March 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM

KJ

“ Ken And Virginia A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Ken and Virginia A Jones - March 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ Ollie Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Ollie Cleveland - March 05, 2017 at 06:38 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Becky Johnson** - March 05, 2017 at 06:38 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Judy hines** - March 05, 2017 at 06:30 PM

JC

“ *Connie and Family, our thought and prayers are with you during the difficult days ahead. We love you, Joe & Pat Culbertson & Family.*

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**Joe & Pat Culbertson** - March 05, 2017 at 06:10 PM

JF

“ *Joe & Pat Culbertson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Joe & Pat Culbertson & Family** - March 05, 2017 at 06:05 PM

KL

“ Keith & Louise Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Keith & Louise Lusk - March 05, 2017 at 05:51 PM

BD

“ Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Bobbie Duncan - March 05, 2017 at 05:46 PM

JJ

“ Juanita Johns lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Juanita Johns - March 05, 2017 at 05:19 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Wayne Barton - March 05, 2017 at 04:56 PM

Steve  
Smith

“ Steve Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Spann DuPre



Steve Smith - March 05, 2017 at 04:50 PM

TL

“ Thad And Wanda Long lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Thad and Wanda Long - March 05, 2017 at 04:47 PM

NC

“ Nell Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Spann DuPre



Nell Cantrell - March 05, 2017 at 04:42 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Spann DuPre



Bobbie Ledford - March 05, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JU

“ *May God give comfort to the family of Jimmie DuPre. He was a friend, a great family man and a fine human being. Sue joins me in sending our condolences to his family and friends everywhere. Jim will be missed. Dick Underwood*

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**John R Underwood** - March 05, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Spann DuPre.*



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March 05, 2017 at 04:22 PM

LE

“ *My prayers are with the family at this time. Mr. DuPre was an awesome Principal. Prayers and Peace to all.*



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**Leslie** - March 05, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Mike DuPre lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Mike DuPre** - March 05, 2017 at 04:17 PM

KA

“ *Kay & Harrison Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Kay & Harrison Abercrombie** - March 05, 2017 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ *Such sad news! Sending love & prayers to Jimmy's family. So many wonderful & happy memories of him. He was truly a servant of the people with his great love for the education of our county's children. He will be missed.*

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**Maeve Binder** - March 05, 2017 at 03:46 PM

WL

“ *With so much love, Annie Laura purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Spann DuPre.*



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**With so much love, Annie Laura** - March 05, 2017 at 03:33 PM

JT

“ *Jamie Moore Tilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre*



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**Jamie Moore Tilson** - March 05, 2017 at 03:24 PM

KE

“ Keith And Stephanie Edney lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Keith and Stephanie Edney - March 05, 2017 at 02:48 PM

BM

“ Connie and family, Mary and I send our heartfelt condolences. I have enjoyed associating with Jimmy for many years. When we were both able to walk for excersize, we met many mornings. Also loved being in Felloship Class First Baptist.

Bobby Moss - March 05, 2017 at 02:41 PM

NJ

“ Nina James lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Nina James - March 05, 2017 at 02:39 PM

VC

“ Van & Angie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



Van & Angie Chapman - March 05, 2017 at 02:21 PM

OM

“ I sure loved this man. He always made me smile. He'd come in and ask if I had some decaf for the wife and apples or peaches, that were a tad on the soft side. I always looked. Heaven gained a sweet soul

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great loss and sorrow. God's blessings to you all. Love, Ouida and Matk

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**Ouida McDow** - March 05, 2017 at 02:17 PM

TS

“ Always a laugh when I met up with Jimmy. My thoughts and prayers to his entire family. He truly will be missed by all who knew and loved him!

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**Terry & Kay Sanders** - March 05, 2017 at 02:08 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Terry & Kay Sanders** - March 05, 2017 at 02:05 PM

AO

“ Anne B Opperman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Spann DuPre



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**Anne B Opperman** - March 05, 2017 at 01:53 PM