



## James "Jim" Edward Byrum

January 1, 1949 - December 4, 2022

James "Jim" Edward Byrum, age 73 of Mentone, passed away early Sunday morning at his residence. Mr. Byrum was born January 1, 1949 in Madison County, AL to the late Robert & Dora Hill Byrum. He is the first graduate of the Master's of Social Work Program at the University of Alabama. He worked as a social worker, later being the director of the United Methodist Children's Home in Selma, AL until his official retirement. After moving to Mentone, he chose to finish his career in front-line service, Mr. Byrum worked at the DeKalb County Health Department as a social worker. After his work at the DeKalb County Health Department Mr. Byrum continued to serve his community by being on the Mentone Library Board and managed the Social Service Outreach Program, including the Food Bank and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program at St. Joseph's-On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2022 at St. Joseph's-On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church with burial following in the Little River Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Food Pantry or Emergency Food and Shelter Program of St. Joseph's-On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church, 21145 Scenic Hwy, Mentone, AL 35984.

Mr. Byrum is survived by his wife, Joan Bell Byrum; children Kristen Emory (Tom) and Hill Davis Byrum; grandchildren, Byrum Emory, Saddler Emory, Morgan Byrum, and Addison Byrum; sisters, Patsy Perez (Andy), Beth Walton

(Jimmy) and Ann Moore along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.  
He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bobby Byrum.

# Cemetery Details

## Little River Cemetery

1932 County Road 648  
Mentone, AL

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Edward Byrum*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences, Joan and family. My thoughts, prayers, and love are with you and your precious family during this time.*

**Therese sheets** - December 08, 2022 at 05:59 AM



“ *Joan and family, So sorry for the loss of Jim. Will be praying for you and the family.*

*Marsha Rush Jones*

**Marsha Jones** - December 06, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Jim and I served together at the United Methodist Children's Home. He and Joan socialized with Marilyn and me on numerous occasions. He has left a strong legacy of good for others to follow.*

*Jim Ray*

**Jim Ray** - December 06, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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“ Jim hired me at UMCH back in 1999. He was a wonderful, supportive director and we all mourned his decision to retire. We have missed him and his calm, cheerful demeanor over the years. Please know that he meant the world to us at UMCH. Prayers for comfort for all of you in your time of sorrow.  
Sincerely,  
Janet Rawls

Janet Rawls - December 06, 2022 at 10:53 AM

LC

Jim hired me at UMCH back in 1995. He was truly one of the kindest people I have ever met. He had such compassion for hurting people, and exemplified being the hands and feet of Jesus. Prayers for comfort for your family and community.  
Lyndi Collier

Lyndi Collier - December 12, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Edward Byrum.



December 06, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“ Jim was my brother for 73 years I will miss him. When he was at college he would call me and say Sis I need a paper typed so Me and Aunt Laura would head to Florence to pick up the paper and of course I would take him chocolate chip cookies. He loved them. Every Christmas Eve we would call each other to see who could say Christmas Eve Gift first. Jim I love you I will see you again.

Patsy Perez - December 06, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JR

“ *Condolences to the family. I worked for many years with Jim at the United Methodist Children’s Home in Selma, Alabama.*

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**Jennifer Reese** - December 06, 2022 at 12:42 AM