



James F. "Jimmy" Eberhart Jr.

January 10, 1929 - May 19, 2015

James Fred "Jimmy" Eberhart, Jr., age 86, of Fort Payne, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at DeKalb Regional Medical Center.

He was born on January 10, 1929 to the late James Fred Eberhart and Sarah Emma Fannin Eberhart. He was a lifelong resident of Fort Payne where he was a faithful member of St. Philips Episcopal Church and held prior membership in the First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne. He was a Korean War Veteran and had a distinguished career in the National Guard serving for over 40 years in company "C" of the 151st Engineer Combat Battalion in Fort Payne, retiring in 1989 as a Chief Warrant Officer. His business career began at an early age working with his father at Eberhart & Durham Motor Company in Fort Payne, a Buick and Willy's automotive dealer. After his honorable discharge from active duty from the Korean War in 1952, he worked for the Alabama Army National Guard in Fort Payne until he began his banking career. First Federal Savings and Loan Association of DeKalb County opened its doors for business on May 3, 1965 and his leadership led the successful growth of the bank through many transitions in the banking industry, including a recent charter and name change. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of First Fidelity Bank (formerly First Federal Bank) at the time of his death with over 50 years of service. During his tenure in banking, he was involved in many civic and charitable organizations including the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, Rotary Club, Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Payne Industrial Development Board. He made significant contributions to the development of business and industry in Fort Payne during his tenure on the Industrial Development Board where he served as a board member for 42 years and as chairman for the past 12 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dean Fritz Eberhart; son, Stephen K. (Brenda) Eberhart; step-children, Neil (Vickie) Fritz, Terri (Rushton) McClees, Lisa (Steve) McDonough, and Stephanie Fritz; brothers, Roland (Jane) Eberhart, Zack (Polly) Eberhart, and Norman (Linda) Eberhart; sister, JoAnn Maupin; grandchildren, Misty (Eric) Bruce, Alison (Scott) Barber, Chad (Sherra) Fritz, Amanda (Ben) Croft; Conor McDonough, Christopher McDonough, Sarah McClees, Addison McBryer and Ian McBryer and great-grandchildren,

Bailee Bruce, Brody Bruce, Landry Grace Barber, Kaleb Fritz, Aubrey Fritz, and Brayden Croft. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Carolyn Jean Kellett Eberhart and son, James Fred Eberhart, III; sisters, Lavonne Maddox, Evelyn Eberhart, and Nellie Ethyl Eberhart.

The family will receive friends Friday evening from 4 until 6 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home. At 6 p.m., those who would like to gather in the Chapel, please plan to stay and informally share stories and memories of Jimmy and his life.

Funeral services will 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd at First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne with the Rev. Judith Comer and Rev. Ricky Smith officiating.

Serving as pallbearers are: Jeffrey Eberhart, Tim Eberhart, Eric Bruce, Scott Barber, Steve McDonough; Rushton McClees, Marty McBrayer, and Matt Satcher and as Honorary Pallbearers, the members of Company "C", 151st Engineer Battalion, Fort Payne, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to First United Methodist Church, 206 Grand Avenue NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967; St. Philips Episcopal Church, 2813 Godfrey Avenue North, Fort Payne, AL 35967 or a charity of your choice.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Fort Payne
206 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Tribute Wall



“ *James F. "Jimmy" Eberhart Jr.*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Eberhart family just to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Sorry we cannot be there. May the precious memories of you loved one outweigh the sorrow in the days to come.*

Wayne and Paulette (Jane Eberharts sister) Diamond

paulette diamond - May 22, 2015 at 02:55 PM



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Wayne and Paulette (Jane Eberharts sister) Diamond

paulette diamond - May 22, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ *Steve,*

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. He was a GREAT man. Please let me know if we can do anything for you and your family.

Take care, Ed Schellhaas & the D H family

Ed Schellhaas - May 22, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ *State S. purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of James F. "Jimmy" Eberhart Jr..*



State S. - May 21, 2015 at 01:39 PM

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“ Dean and family,our prayers are with all of you at this time of sadness. Jimmy was the sweetest man. He could be having a bad day ,but you never knew it because he was always so cheerful. My fondest memory of Jimmy is what a wonderful cook he was especially his bread pudding with rum sauce..May all the sweet memories get you through the days ahead.

Love,
Rosalyn & Glynn Odom

Rosalyn Odom - May 21, 2015 at 09:55 AM

Kaye Eberhart Lewis

“ Uncle Jimmy, Thank you for being an awesome uncle!! Thank you for all of the encouraging words, wisdom and love through the years. Thank you for introducing me to "real" shrimp, for taking me to my first college football game- Roll Tide! for always being such a gracious host! You always made the best home made ice cream! Any food you prepared was always some of the best I ever tasted! You will be missed!!! Rest in Peace!! I love you!

Kaye Eberhart Lewis - May 20, 2015 at 08:30 PM

Kaye Eberhart Lewis

“ Kaye Eberhart Lewis lit a candle in memory of James F. "Jimmy" Eberhart Jr.



Kaye Eberhart Lewis - May 20, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ Maria Maupin Carroll lit a candle in memory of James F. "Jimmy" Eberhart Jr.



Maria Maupin Carroll - May 20, 2015 at 06:40 PM