



## Jimmy Dale McKeehan

October 12, 1943 - March 16, 2024

Jimmy Dale McKeehan, 80, of Fort Payne, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024. He was born October 12, 1943 to the late Leroy McKeehan and Eloise Carruth McKeehan. He was retired from Sand Mountain Electric Co-op and a faithful member of Minvale Baptist Church for over 45 years.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 18th at Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Darrell Haney and Rev. John Keefe officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 12 noon until the 2 p.m. hour of service. The family is accepting flowers or memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Ethelyn McKeehan; daughters Tiffanie Bassett (Keith) and Tara Bain (Jon); grandchildren Chase Poff (Emily), Katherine Barksdale (Josh), Elizabeth Anderson (Will), and Jimmy Bassett; great-grandchildren Oaklyn and Hollis Barksdale and Willa and Grady Anderson; brothers Steve McKeehan (Beth) and Clay Fugatt (Teresa); and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Earle McKeehan and Bobby McKeehan, and his sister Margaret Dawson.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel  
3801 Gault Avenue North  
Fort Payne, AL 35967  
(256) 845-9150  
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ Vickie Horton lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Dale McKeehan



Vickie Horton - March 17, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JW

“ HELLO. My name is Jerry Wills. Jimmy and I were close friends during the eighth grade and high school years. When my family moved back to Fort Payne, Jimmy was one of the first people to make friends with me. He liked to go to Wills Creek to swim after school in the eight grade. He rode me to the swimming hole located close to the current hospital. I was so small that I was able to sit on the bars or between the handle bars. We would take off our pants and swim in our under ware. We had no towels to dry off so we went home with wet pants. I lived in south fort Payne on Grand Avenue so it was not far from the swimming hole. We spent many nights at each others houses. I used to visit him when he lived next to the old HI-JAC building where my mother worked. I would visit until my mother finished working her shift and I would go home with her.

Jimmy was a Wonderfull athlete. He and I played baseball together all the way through high school. He decided to focus on basketball instead of football. We played a lot of backyard basketball together. Jimmy always had a Wonderful outlook and great personality. I am truly sorry for your loss.

JERRY WILLS - March 17, 2024 at 12:51 AM

EB

*I am sorry for the loss of a good friend and classmate. I have known Jimmy since grade school. We would play football in my back yard and PeeWee football at Forrest Ave Elementary school. Though we went separate ways after high school, Jimmy always had a heartfelt smile and happy greetings at our high school reunions. His absence will be mourned by all. My condolences go out to Ethelene and all his friends and relatives,  
Sincerely,  
Euell Blackwell*

Euell Blackwell - March 17, 2024 at 12:13 PM

LL

*Jimmy was a dear friend and coworker for many years. Please know that all the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I remember playing softball with Jimmy for many years. He was a great athlete. Ethylene y'all had a long life together. He will truly be missed. Love you!!!*

Larry Lankford - March 18, 2024 at 06:07 AM

PT

*Where do I start? First of all, he was one of the greatest men I have ever known, loved everyone with his whole heart and if you needed help in any way, he would be there for you. I am truly blessed to have had a friend like Jim. He will truly be missed by everyone that knew and loved him. My condolences to his family. Prayers and love to Ethlyn, a beautiful and special lady. Love to all of you ❤️🙏*

Patricia Taylor - March 18, 2024 at 09:40 AM

KW

“ Kim Whittle lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Dale McKeenan



kim whittle - March 17, 2024 at 12:33 AM

JG

“ Josh & Maggie Gruber purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Jimmy Dale McKeehan.



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**Josh & Maggie Gruber** - March 16, 2024 at 06:53 PM

JG

“ Josh & Maggie Gruber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Dale McKeehan.

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**Josh & Maggie Gruber** - March 16, 2024 at 06:53 PM