



James McAlister

March 25, 2010

Obituary of James McAlister

James "Jim" E. McAlister, Jr., 74 of The Villages, FL died on Thursday, March 25, 2010. Jim was born in Fayetteville, TN and moved to The Villages from Gladwin, MI in 2004. He was of the Church of Christ faith. He was a veteran of the US Air Force. He enjoyed watching college basketball especially Michigan and Michigan State. He was interested in the performing arts, physical fitness, boating, reading, and dining out. Jim had a great sense of humor and a zest for life that inspired others and was proud to enjoy The Villages lifestyle.

Jim is survived by 2 sons: Jim McAlister, Plymouth, MI and Chris McAlister, Grant, MI; 2 daughters: Jodi Strong, Holt, MI and Carrie Mobley, Tampa, FL; sister, Betty Hall, Gilbertsville, KY; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL with a visitation from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer

Society,

P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 800-228-4327.

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Tribute Wall



“ James McAlister

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *i love you grandpa you are my hero. i can't wait to see you. i miss you so much and make sure to give grandma a big hug for me. i'll pray every night and i'll be cheering on michigan for you for every football and basketball game. i love you, you will forever be in my heart. i can't go a minute without thinking about you and how you made me laugh. i love you and wish i could just spend one more day with you even for a minute. you make me smile to know you are in a better place even though you're not with me. you inspire me to live a happy life no matter how many obstacles get in my way. i've learned to not let the little things get to me, but not forget the big things that are important. there will always be a place in my heart for you. wait for me in heaven and be ready for the biggest hug you'll ever receive. and that there are no words to describe how much you still mean to me. that will always remain and i will always be your tomboy lo lo. i love you so much grandpa. -lolo*

Lauren "Lo Lo" Strong - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Family, I was saddened to learn of Jimmy's death. I knew him from the Mainstreet Gym in Gladwin. He was one of the "morning workout guys" and i was fortunate enough to be the one female willing to get to the gym at 5 a.m. and workout with Jimmy, Pat and John. Big John died of cancer in 2009, and that is the last time i talked to Jimmy on the phone. He and the other two were like extra "dads" to me. They looked out for me, we had a lot of laughs, and shared so much about our families. I know how much he loved and missed his wife, and how much he loved all of you. He was so proud of his family. He was so happy at the Villiages, he wanted my husband and me to stop by when we were in Florida to go out on the boat. I have so many of his "special CD's he burned for me, we shared a love of musicals and especially Andrew Lloyd Webber music. I was blessed to know Jimmy. Sincerely, Susan M. Benander

Susan Benander - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Jim, dear and treasured friend, we will miss you so. You pulled a fast one, but you are forgiven. How could we not? Generous with your time, your heart, your thoughtfulness, you quickly became a best friend to Howie. He so enjoys the Opry, thanks to you, and I'll admit I do too. I always enjoyed your antics together, never really embarrassed at all. You two were like Tom and Huck, egging each other on to more and more laughs, more and more kidding, more and more joy, turning ordinary days into fantasy adventures. You two "connected" in a way I've never seen before. Howard will so miss your early morning meetings, the fun at the gym, coffee/tea, your "outing," be it for food or for fun, the camaraderie he so enjoyed with you. Yet, we will both have the memories of your dry humor, the twinkle in your eye, and the good, fun times we enjoyed with you. "Braveheart" truly describes you. You battled your health like a true warrior. "Bring it on! Take that!" And if a big and courageous heart was all that was needed, you'd have lived forever. But even a true warrior deserves his rest, his victory. So, though your beautiful family and your dear friends will miss your presence dearly, we do celebrate your life here with us, and your so well-deserved peace. Jim, the Generous, Jim, the Proud, Jim the Gentle Warrior, always to be remembered, never to be forgotten. Thanks for the memories, and for sharing your life with us all. With love,
Barbara and Howard

Barbara Grill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM