



James William Veal

June 24, 1929 - November 13, 2017

James William Veal, Sr.

James (Jim) Veal was born in Cedartown, Georgia on June 24, 1929 to John and Elizabeth Veal. James passed away peacefully on November 13 at 88 years of age, surrounded by his family at the Lane Purcell Hospice House.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eloise McLaney Veal, his son Jim Veal Jr., daughter Beth Irving (Scott), and daughter Kathy Dixon (Wiley). James is survived by six grandchildren, Michele Hunnewell (George), Josh Dixon (Stephanie), Katie Davis (Justin), Kelli Veal, Sarah Dixon, and Aaron Irving (Danny). In addition, there are 10 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson. James has one surviving sister, Ann Veal Kuhn (Bill), and one brother, Bobby Veal (Carol), along with many nieces and nephews.

James moved to Lake Panasoffkee in 1954 and owned and managed Pana Vista Lodge for 63 years. He was a member of Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church, the Lake Panasoffkee Restoration Council, the Sumter County Water Board for many years, and was active with the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway. An active environmentalist, James Veal worked hard to preserve the beautiful waterways of the Withlacoochee River and Lake Panasoffkee. He was the recipient of many civic and community awards.

James W. Veal, Sr. was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Visitation

Visitation will be at Purcell Chapel on Friday, November 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Service

Memorial service will be held at Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m., with Reverend Marguerite Matthews officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church, 589 N. CR 470, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538 or Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 CR 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *what an iconic gentleman. There never was and there never will be another like him. He loved, lived and shared his glorious life with everyone he came in contact with! May love and peace be with the entire Veal family.*



Joel - November 19, 2017 at 09:55 AM

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Joel - November 19, 2017 at 09:36 AM

FL

“ *Jesus says: I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. Big Jim, you will forever be loved much and missed more. Over the span of years, your branches have spread Lodge Love (the fruit) far and wide. Generation after generation will always remember you as the Heart and Soul of Pana Vista, with some of the best fishin' tales ever told. Thanks for the Memories. Stay strong Family, I love you!*



Flo - November 17, 2017 at 11:14 PM

TF

“ Prayers for your family as the excellent life of James Veal, Sr. is celebrated. Jim was a good hearted man, and, with Eloise, raised a fine family. Leaving a legacy of love and laughter. God Bless.

The Kelp family - November 17, 2017 at 09:26 PM

SS

“ Thought, love & Prayers for your family! It was a pleasure to have known such a wonderful man!



Scott & Sheryl Spruill - November 17, 2017 at 05:29 PM

DT

“ My husband David Taylor's Father and Mother - John and Shirley Taylor knew Mr. & Mrs. Jim Veal a long time as well. He would always have John's boat ready full of gas and soda pop for a day of fishing on Lake Panasoffkee! What a wonderful man we've lost. You and your family our in our thoughts and prayers!



David & Jennifer Taylor - November 17, 2017 at 01:54 PM

FD

“ I knew Jim Veal for about 60 years. My grandparents moved to Lake Panasoffkee starting in 1957. Jim was a man with the greatest memory I have ever seen. He could see you once and hear your name then see you five years later and he remembered you. Jim was a legend in Lake Pan. Any time Lake Pan was mentioned Jim's name and Panavista came with it. He always asked about family and helped everyone he could. I will miss him and think of him often. RIP Jim Veal !

Frank DeWitt - November 16, 2017 at 09:12 PM

DB

“ Dear Veal Family,
What a blessing your dad and Granddad has been to the family and community. He had the best welcoming smile and gentle way about him. We so enjoyed the times we were able to visit with him during family celebrations. He always had a laugh or story to share, especially about our kids' visits to the camp with Josh and Sarah. Happy fishing in heaven, Mr. Veal.
Love, Debbie and Steve

Debbie and Steve Brown - November 15, 2017 at 12:28 PM

DB

“ Thanks for the great memories



Douglas bossick - November 15, 2017 at 10:05 AM

GS

“ James was one of the most compassionate and sweetest person that i have meet. it was a true blessing to be a part of his church family.



Genia Swartz - November 15, 2017 at 09:32 AM

RS

“ God's blessing to the whole family during this time of loss. Mr. Veal was a good man and will be missed.

Rick Shirley - November 15, 2017 at 09:16 AM

BE

“ Daddy you were the light of my life. I am so thankful for the love you gave to us and to all my many friends over the years. You were always showing us compassion, directing us in the right path and encouraging us to do what is right. You never judged, you led by example. We will continue to live with the values you instilled in us. You will be so greatly missed. Rest high on that mountain Daddy!



Beth - November 14, 2017 at 09:20 PM

PS

“ A wonderful man who will be missed by many.



Patricia Scott - November 14, 2017 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ *What a great man. Always had a smile and a story, a joke or some sports news he will be sorely missed.*



Mark Schoenborn - November 14, 2017 at 06:03 PM

MR

“ *I knew you all of my 59 yrs., Steven and I will miss you, the Lake will not be the same. Love and Prayers to the Family*



Myra Jackson Ricketts and Steve Ricketts - November 14, 2017 at 03:27 PM

TK

“ *Kelli I'm so sorry to hear about your Grandfather. May the Lord always Bless you and your family. God Bless*



Tim & Becky Knight - November 14, 2017 at 02:06 PM