



## James "Jim" Ownby Dark

January 8, 1937 - July 3, 2018

Mr. James "Jim" Ownby Dark, age 81, of Lyles, TN, was born on January 8, 1937 and "flights of angels" sang him to his rest on July 3, 2018. Mr. Dark was born in Richmond, Virginia, to the late Harris Jeremiah Dark and Mildred Northcutt Dark. He is also preceded in death by his brother Joel Harris Dark. Mr. Dark is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 41 years, Shirley Richardson Dark. He is also survived by his brother John Dark and wife, Lucinda, of Buford, GA, his sister, Anne Dark Underhill and husband, Lemuel, of Murfreesboro, TN.

Jim loved to fly; he flew for 50 years and was a flight instructor for 20 of those years. He obtained his Bachelors at David Lipscomb in Math and Science and a Masters in Math at MTSU. He taught for many school systems in Davidson, Maury, Cheatham, and Rutherford Counties. He taught math at Turney Center for five years and was a substitute teacher in Hickman County Schools. His other pastimes were traveling with his wife, teaching the Gospel in jails and prisons, and doing mission work in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Haiti, and Mongolia. That is why his favorite Bible verse is "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19. In keeping with what Jim believed in, we would like for anyone that would like, to make a memorial donation in Mr. Dark's memory. You may do so to:

North Haiti Church of Christ

C/O Franklin Church of Christ

Attn: Dark Memorial

324 Franklin Rd

Franklin, TN 37069

Please make checks payable to Franklin Church of Christ

Funeral Services were held on Friday, July 6, 2018, at 1:00 PM, with Mitch Davis and Calvin Essary officiating at McDonald Funeral Home, Inc., Centerville, TN. Visitation was on Thursday July 5, 2018, from 4 PM until 8 PM. During his 41 years with Shirley, one of the most memorable first dates was when he flew her to see South Pacific at the Cumberland County Play house. Mr. Dark lived his life to the fullest and finished his race well. Now we entrust he is with his God and his Lord and Savior.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E  
Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ownby Dark.



July 10, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Shirley I am so sorry for the loss of Jim. He was a very smart man and loved the Lord. May God give you comfort and peace in the days ahead, for God gave me strength and comfort when I lost Donald. Love Diana Henley

Diana Henley - July 07, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ Shirley I'm so thankful the Lord blessed you & Jim with many happy adventure filled years together. You shared a forever love. I love you  
Lisa Graves

Lisa Graves - July 06, 2018 at 08:44 PM

PK

“ Shirley,  
*I remember in the last few years how you and Jim took such loving care of Anne. So glad you could come to our Wednesday Bible class for several years. Sorry I could not come to the funeral because of a doctor's appointment but I hope you can come to our class some this fall.*  
*You have my sympathy and I know God's word will comfort you.*  
*Love Peggy King*  
*Murfreesboro, TN*

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**Peggy King** - July 06, 2018 at 12:20 PM

MD

“ Jim, with his precious bride by his side, has been instrumental in sharing God's precious gospel message to the incarcerated for over 40 years with many precious souls being added to the kingdom of God! This is in addition to spreading God's word to places like Uzbekistan, kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Haiti, among whom are Christians whom they have (unofficially) adopted as their Asian family.

*On a more humuous note, I will miss all of Mr. Jim's jokes. Here was one of his last: What kind of lights were on Noah's ark? Flood! I love you, Mr. Jim.*



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**Mitch Davis** - July 05, 2018 at 10:44 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. Have fond memories of you and your dedication to the Lord. I remember worshipping with you at Hilltop and all the wonderful memories Doug and I made with you and Jim. I know you will be lost without Jim but if you lean on the Lord He will get you through this. I am praying for you. God bless you. Love  
Joan Hethcoat

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**Joan Hethcoat** - July 05, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DL

“ Donna Lance lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ownby Dark



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**Donna Lance** - July 05, 2018 at 05:12 PM

FW

“ Felicia Wilbanks lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ownby Dark



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**Felicia Wilbanks** - July 05, 2018 at 01:38 PM

RM

“ Shirley and Ann, we are sorry to see where Jim passed. Our love and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Ray and Reba

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**reba mcfarlin** - July 05, 2018 at 12:18 PM