



James Walter Niven

November 17, 1935 - March 19, 2020

Niven, James Walter, age 84, of Columbiana, passed away on March 19, 2020. The family graveside service will be on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Pinelawn Gardens with Dr. Mike Miller officiating. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

Mr. Niven is preceded in death by his parents: Lloyd B. and Irene Niven; and sister: Katie Sandlin. He is survived by his wife of 58 years: Mary Warren Niven; sister: Clara N. Lewis (Paul); brother Bennett "Benny" Niven (Agnes); brother-in-law: Daniel Sandlin; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

He retired from Alabama Power Company after 32 years of service. He was a member of many organizations such as E.C. Gaston Energizer Chapter, American Radio Relay League, Shelby County Amateur Radio Club, Holiday Rambler Recreation Vehicle Club, Habitat for Humanity, Shelby County Historical Society, and Shelby Iron Works Park. He also served in the Alabama National Guard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to the American Heart Association.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Gardens

207 Hwy 47 South
Columbiana, AL 35051

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I met James through the Shelby Iron Park. We had a lot in common and I will miss him. So sorry for your loss Mary

Jerry W Green - April 09, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ Condolences and prayers to the family.
I am a fellow Ham Radio operator, I served with Jim on several club radio projects over the years, and we shared stories about Alabama Power as well. I am a retired Alabama Power/Southern Company employee. Jim was a great asset to the Shelby County Radio club.
Mike Burns KE4DZU.

Mike Burns - March 26, 2020 at 08:55 AM

RR

“ I met Jim several years ago and was always happy to sit with him at our many breakfast meetings. Enjoyed talking to him in person and on 3965. He will be missed by many.

Robert Rock - March 21, 2020 at 07:22 PM

HH

“ Jim was a good friend and fellow Ham. We will certainly miss him in the mornings on 3965.
Hop Hays .. K4TQR

Hop Hays - March 21, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CH

“ Jim was a wonderful friend and loved by all. We had missed him on the radio for a few weeks but thought he was going to be ok and back on the air. Word of his passing has made us all sad. He was a prince of a gentleman and will be missed on the Alabama Day Net where he was net control every Thursday morning. K3BRE, SK. 73, my friend! - Chris, K4LIA

Christopher Hall - March 20, 2020 at 10:36 PM

KM

“ Kathy Morris lit a candle in memory of James Walter Niven



Kathy Morris - March 20, 2020 at 09:46 PM

SB

“ JW coached us boys baseball, many fond memories!
RIP JW

Steve Barrow - March 20, 2020 at 08:17 PM

FP

“ So sorry to hear. Mary and family you are in my heart. James was always such a friend to me back to our childhood. Always so pleasant. We will truly miss him

Freida Perry - March 20, 2020 at 03:47 PM

GH

“ *Mary....I am so very sorry to hear about James. I remember as a teenager, he was the adult that always made everyone feel welcome, and there was no age barrier. Every time I saw him he never changed through the years. I know he will be greatly missed and I know you have a lot of precious memories of a guy who was bigger than life. Heaven is sweeter. Love, Glenda Lightsey Joiner Howell*

Glenda Joiner Howell - March 20, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear about James passing. I remember him from our days at SCHS, he was one of the kindest, nicest guys I knew. Prayers for Mary and the rest of his family. His Grace is Sufficient!*

Jane Patterson - March 20, 2020 at 12:29 PM