

Jimmy L. Wren

November 30, 1947 - September 19, 2017

Wren, Jimmy Lee (Jim), age 69, of Shelby, passed away on September 19, 2017 at a local hospital with Linda at his side. The visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 2, 2017 at Bolton Funeral Home. The celebration of his life will follow at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 2, 2017 at Bolton Funeral Home with Rev. Judy Quick officiating. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

He was born in 1947 in Cullman, Alabama. He graduated from Mortimer Jordan High School and was not instrumental in the “borrowing” of the Gardendale High School rocket. He also attended Jefferson State Junior College and served in the National Guard.

Jim married his loving wife, Linda, in April 1977. They moved into their home in Shelby Shores in May, where they lived all 40 years of their marriage. He enjoyed lake life with neighbors and friends, both human and animal. He could often be seen riding around the neighborhood in his red Tahoe with his labs on board or enjoying cocktail cruises on the pontoon boat.

He retired in 2000 from BellSouth after 33 years of service. He began his career as a public coin telephone collector and retired as a sales manager. One of the highlights of his career included coordinating telecommunications services for the Republican National Convention in New Orleans. Even after retirement, Jim continued dealing with customers at WRATT Foundation and the Shelby County Reporter. Forever the salesman.

Jim was a fabulous cook, often sharing his culinary delights with others. He

enjoyed entertaining, listening to music of all genres, and cheering for his favorite football team. (Roll Tide!)

Jim is preceded in death by his father: Troy Wren, a member of the Greatest Generation.

He is survived by his precious wife: Linda; his dear mother: Odeen Wren; much loved sister: Phyllis Vines (Mike); sisters-in-law: Bobbie Trammell and Sue Clemons; nieces: Tricia Vines, Cathy Trammell, and Joy Hall (Kevin); nephews: Scott Vines, Russ Trammell (Laurie), Tom Trammell (Christina), Douglas Clemons (Dianne), Jay Clemons, and Scott Earley (Joy); a host of friends; and very special Labrador Retriever friends: Emma and Iris.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Shelby Humane Society.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home
207 Hwy 47 South
PO Box 4
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3179

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Sorry for you loss to the Wren Family. Jim will be truly missed. We will keep the Wren Family in our prayers. His suffering is over and he is at peace with god at his side. Our condolences from the Kilpatrick Family.



Dorothy Kilpatrick - September 29, 2017 at 12:13 AM

BJ

“ Linda, Jeanette & I were so sorry to hear about Jim. Just want you to know we have been thinking about you. If there is anything we can do to help with anything, please let us know. We will be checking on you occasionally to see how you are doing. Please stay in touch. Love ya, Bill & Jeanette

Bill & Jeanette - September 27, 2017 at 12:58 PM

LW

“ 31 files added to the album Jimmy Wren



Linda Wren - September 24, 2017 at 08:25 PM

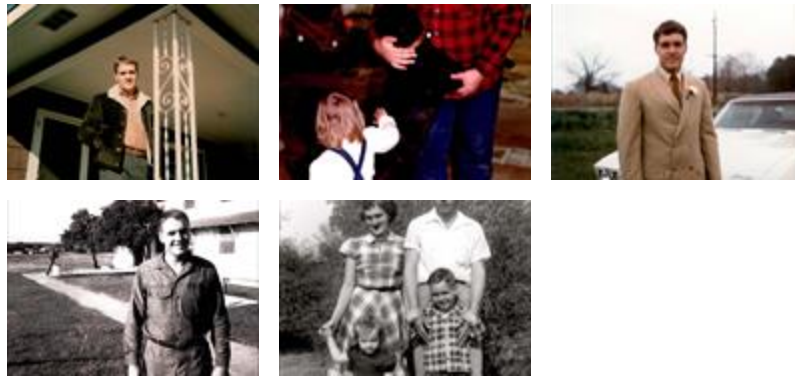
PS

“ I went to high school with Jimmy and he was a sweet, funny, dear friend who could make me laugh no matter what. I will always cherish my memories of that young athlete and class mate who was loved and admired by so many. My heart goes out to his family and I pray for your comfort in knowing what a great soul he was and how many people called him" friend".

Patricia Swindle - September 23, 2017 at 08:49 PM

TV

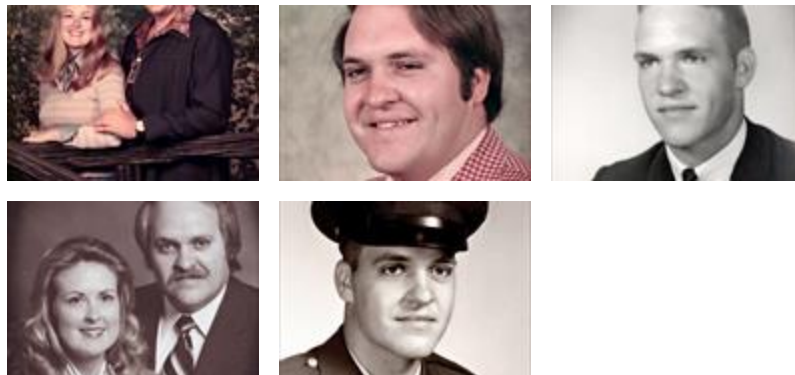
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Tricia Vines - September 23, 2017 at 01:39 PM

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Tricia Vines - September 23, 2017 at 01:14 PM

RJ

“ Linda, I am so sorry and suprised to read about Jimmy this morning. The two of you are a special couple and good friends to many, including me. If there is anyway I can help you now or later please let me know.

Your friend, Rick Johnson

Rick Johnson - September 23, 2017 at 08:34 AM

EH

“ *"Such a wonderful man!"*

He loved life and his dear sweet wife, Linda, more than anything! Jim was a caring person and very well liked! You will be trully missed by all of your neighbors, friends, and family... Thoughts and Prayers go out to his loving wife, Linda! May GOD bring you comfort in this most difficult time.



Ellen Howard - September 22, 2017 at 08:00 PM

CJ

“ Thanks Jim for letting us enjoy your way of living with you. Your word was golden and your actions in helping others were from your heart. We will never forget your help and understanding as The Exceptional Foundation came to be.
Charlie and Carmine Jordan

Charlie Jordan - September 22, 2017 at 05:54 PM

GB

“ Linda- I am so sorry!! I pray that God will comfort you and that you will feel His presence during this time. Gina Blankenship (from the old BellSouth days!)

Gina Blankenship - September 22, 2017 at 04:51 PM

DA

“ *Our prayers and most heartfelt condolences are with you during this difficult time.*

David & Sherry Ammons

David and Sherry Ammons - September 22, 2017 at 01:14 PM

CJ

Jim will be much missed - he was often our smiling DJ at community club house parties.

chuck & Karen Jensen - September 22, 2017 at 06:31 PM