



James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr.

January 21, 1948 - February 19, 2026

James Earl Bruner, Jr., an adored and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and loyal friend, went home to be with Jesus on February 19, 2026, at the age of 78. He passed peacefully, at home, surrounded by the loving presence of his family.

Jimmy was born on January 21, 1948, in his hometown of Columbus, Georgia. As a young man, he was a standout athlete, an occasional menace, and a beloved fixture in the community. He was industrious from an early age, often supporting and caring for his younger brother (Joel) and newborn triplet sisters (Arlene, Marlene, and Charlene)—whose birth made regional headlines as a first for the city. His devotion to family began early and remained the defining trait of his life. He forwent a Division I football opportunity to marry and start a family with the love of his life, Connie, his middle school sweetheart and wife of 60 wonderful years.

A dedicated company man, Jimmy built a life for his family through a successful career with Southern Bell and AT&T. Starting as a lineman and quickly working his way up to management in five years, he was a respected and valued employee for more than forty years. His hard work provided his family with priceless memories—from quick overnight trips to Panama City Beach to soccer tournaments across the United States. He rarely missed a sporting event, graduation, or milestone for his children, grandchildren, and

great grandchildren.

A true all-American hobbyist, Jimmy enjoyed woodworking, mechanics, professional arm wrestling, boating, camping, and any activity that offered a good excuse to gather his family together. The home he shared with Connie reflected the simple joys he loved: John Deere logos and model tractors on display, hand-crafted furniture and other creative works, kitchen drawers stocked with Hershey bars, and a refrigerator never without Diet Dr. Pepper. He could fix nearly anything with a roll of black electrical tape and a 2" deck screw. His tastes were simple, but his generosity, kindness, and knack for storytelling were abundant. He leaves behind a legacy of a life well lived—marked by unconditional love, steadfast character, and an unwavering faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, Connie; his mother-in-law, Virginia Chambers; his children, James Earl Bruner III (Karen), Bobby Lee Bruner (Julie), and Brittany Bruner Roop (Hunter); his grandchildren, Katlyn Dickinson (Jesse), Hunter Bruner (Juliette), Logan Bruner, Celina Bruner (Evan), Summer Bruner, Bobby Bruner, Savannah Hammock, Lulah Roop, Paisley Roop, and Marshall Roop; great grandchildren, Jovi Lee Dickinson and Katie Rae Dickinson; along with his siblings, many extended family members, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Marjorie Bruner; granddaughter, Morgan Bruner; and his father-in-law, Bobby Lee Chambers.

The family will receive friends 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at Faith Baptist Monroe, 1789 Highway 11 NW, Monroe, GA, with a Memorial Service to follow at 2:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Jimmy would ask that you love deeply, forgive freely, and place your trust in Jesus Christ.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road,
Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at
www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Monroe
1789 Highway 11 NW
Monroe, GA 30656

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“*Connie, I just saw Jimmy's Obituary and wanted to let you know I am so sorry for your loss. Although we haven't kept in touch since high school, I have sweet memories of you both. I know God will wrap his arms around you and your precious family to give you the strength & comfort in the days ahead . I pray your shared times, memories and joys will keep him close and help your hearts heal in time.*

*Love,
Lyn Taylor Peurifoy*

Lyn Taylor Peurifoy - March 03 at 05:03 PM

GB

“*Greg and Jamie Bunn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..*



Greg and Jamie Bunn - March 01 at 12:45 AM



“*Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..*



February 27 at 12:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..

February 27 at 12:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..



February 27 at 12:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..



February 26 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr..



February 26 at 08:34 AM

LA

“ I first got to know Jimmy is when he came to the Training Center as an instructor. We hit it off immediately! Together with two other great friends (Debbie Boss and Jimmy Lassiter) we became a “Team”. Anytime the bosses needed something special, like Christmas lunch, Safety meetings, Chilly cookouts and even Skits, they would come to us. We became close, like brothers and sister. The times we had were the very BEST of my career with the phone company! I told him onetime that I loved him. I meant it then and I still do! Connie, Britney, Jim, Bob and Joel, thank you for sharing Jimmy with us! God Bless each of you and RIP my dear friend!! 🙏
Leon Ash

Leon Ash - February 25 at 09:42 AM

JL

“ I will never forget the fun we had at the Training Center in Decatur. The Christmas he dressed as an elf with lineman's boots with little silver bells on the toes will remain in our memories forever. A good man and bette4r friend. God bless.
Jimmy Laseter

james laseter - February 22 at 08:26 PM

EC

“ As a life long friend of Brittany, Mr Jimmy treated me like family from the moment I met him. I remember first meeting when Mr Jimmy and Mrs Connie came into the pizza party at our high school, celebrating Bri and I having just made the Varsity soccer team. Mrs Connie had just had her eyes dilated and was wearing large glasses while Mr Jimmy was just grinning from ear to ear. The room changed when the Bruner family came in. Full of joy and vibrancy; I knew I loved this family immediately. For years, Mr Jimmy drove Brittany and I to countless soccer games, picked us up from parties (we probably never should have gone to!), took us to PCB on Spring Break while we blasted music way too loud. All the while, he was never anything but gentle and tolerant of all of our shenanigans. When I came to the Bruner home in Grayson, GA one day right after high school, I remember walking in on Mrs Connie and Mr Jimmy slow dancing to the Diamond Rio song, “One More Day.” I have thought of that moment often. Their love was tangible. Aside from his notable kindness and strong and steady presence, Mr Jimmy loved his children, his family, and Mrs Connie deeply. I love you Mr Jimmy!

Emily Cooke - February 21 at 04:52 PM

RD

“ Sorry about Jimmys passing. I knew Jimmy through his daughter playing basketball at South Gwinnett. A. Great supporter of Brittany and her playing days. ❤️

Richard Dunn - February 21 at 01:02 PM

KE

“ I did not know Mr. Jimmy very well, but I know his son, Bob, and his family. Bob is the salt of the Earth. Mr. Jimmy must have been quite the man to be the patriarch to this family. I hope he rests in blissful peace and that his family finds merciful healing in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Kellyspiegel - February 20 at 06:26 PM

RP

“ Renee L Sullivan, Ph.D. lit a candle in memory of James (Jimmy) Earl Bruner, Jr.



Renee L Sullivan, Ph.D. - February 20 at 02:49 PM

RP

“ To Jim, Karen, and family,

We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Bob. Prayers for you all.

Aunt Mary Ann and Renee

Renee L Sullivan, Ph.D. - February 20 at 02:48 PM

BC

“ Mr. Jimmy was my father in law for several years when I was married to his son Bob. I can say he was a wonderful man that loved his family. RIP Mr.Jimmy love you big

Brandie

Brandie Cloer-Bruner - February 20 at 01:42 PM