



James Leslie Michie

July 25, 2004

James L. Michie, age 63, died, Sunday, July 25, 2004 at Conway Nursing Center. Mr. Michie was born in Florence, SC, a son of the late Donald Ervin Michie, M.D. and Elsa Schroder Michie. He retired from Coastal Carolina University where he was Associate Professor in the Department of History. Mr. Michie was formerly an archaeologist with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina from 1976-1989. He had a long and distinguished career as a South Carolina archaeologist. Mr. Michie received his B.A. from the University of South Carolina in 1977 and his M.A. from the University of Tennessee in 1987. Prior to his formal education, he began as an avocational archaeologist conducting original research on the prehistory on the state. Many of the basic formulations of South Carolina prehistoric archaeology were developed by him with publications beginning in the 1960's. Later in his career, he pursued historical archaeology specializing in plantations. The latter culminated in his book "Richmond Hill Plantation, IT, 1810-1868" published in 1990 by the Reprint Company. He was co-founder, along with Dr. Robert L. Stephenson, of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, the founder of its newsletter and journal and co-founder of its annual state conference. In 1998, he received the R.L. Stephenson Lifetime Achievement Award from the ASSC. and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. Surviving are one brother, Donald E. Michie, Jr. of Columbia and several cousins. A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Monday from Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Dr. Al Goodyear and Dr. Stanley South officiating. Friends and colleagues are invited to the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Archaeological Research Trust and the Archaeological Society of South Carolina in care of Nena Rice at the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, USC, 1321 Pendleton ST., Columbia, SC 29208.

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“ I got to know Jim through The Archaeological Society of South Carolina. We became good friends, and I often came to his house on Monticello road to visit, flint-knap, and talk. I remember so well when I arrived one time to find him stirring something evil-smelling in an old iron wash pot. I asked him what it was, and he replied that he was brewing up "Oil of Dog". He had found what he figured to be archaic period dog bones at Daws island, or some like site, and he needed modern dog bones to compare. He had found a dead dog on the highway, and had brought it home to render out the bones for study. The smell was just awful! We went out to Daws Island a couple of times in the boat. One time, while we were examining the marl bed for lithic and bone material, little spouts out water began popping up near us. I asked if they were little fish stirred up by larger ones. He very calmly told me, with that wonderful smile of his, that they were impacts from stray bullets that had gone over the top of the berm at Parris Island! Jim was a great and kind friend to me for many years. he was a man of so many talents, and such great fun. I know that we shall meet again, my friend. Love and peace to you.

Bob

Bob Durrett - April 25, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ It was my distinct privilege to have worked with Jim at the old Wachesaw Plantation site Richmond Hill during 1984-1985. As others have noted, Jim was indeed always full of humor and stories, as well as deeply versed in South Carolina prehistory. The time I spent with Jim and that whole crew was the finest time I have ever had, much thanks to him. I recollected Jim's stories of shark fishing in particular, THE tiger shark, and was looking online for the dimensions of that shark. It was then that I found that Jim had gone on to Glory. A hard way to find out, but I am comforted by the certain knowledge that God and Jim are enjoying swapping stories. May the Lord bless and keep you, my friend.##imported-begin##Michael Posey##imported-end##

December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family and Susan, Mr. Jim, as I always called him, was one of my residents when I worked at the Conway Nursing Center in the Activity Dept. He was a wonderful person. I just pray that God will comfort you and give you peace during this time of grief. May he continue to bless the work that Mr. Jim did all those years. Love and prayers, Juanita Garner##imported-begin##Juanita Garner##imported-end##

August 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ It was my privilege to meet Dr. Michie during his work at Wachesaw Plantation in Murrells Inlet, SC. His ability to speak of the past in such a way that the listener could "see" the details of the people and places he studied was both a joy and gift. His sincere love for and appreciation of the past enriched the lives of all of us who knew him.##imported-begin##Deborah Hardee Johnson##imported-end##

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“ My wife Terry and I were saddened to hear about Jims passing. Jim's enthusiasm for, and contributions to archaeology memorialize this fine man. My fondest memories of Jim were visits to our home when he worked on his MA and my tour of Dahls Island and other sites around Beaufort. His knowledge and enthusiasm were boundless. Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."##imported-begin##Charles H. Faulkner##imported-end##

July 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you, Jim, for the memories of the trip to Dawes sp Island ~30 years ago, your dogs, Dawg and Spot, the two almost-complete skeletons that greeted guests in your cottage on Monticello Rd, your humor, and your gentle way of piquing my interest in anthropology/archeology. The world is a better place for your having lived in it. I'll never see an old relic without thinking of you. :- ##imported-begin##Susan Stubbs##imported-end##

July 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM



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“ Thanks Jim - for the many shark fishing trips, the countless hours spent in the field, the long nights getting the SC Archaeological Society going, and for encouraging my interest- you'll not be forgotten.##imported-begin##William S Fischer##imported-end##

July 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim's friendship, humor, and wit will be so deeply missed, but this delightful man and his many contributions to the archaeology and history of South Carolina will never be forgotten. God bless you my friend. See you in the morning.##imported-begin##Berne Marie Hannon##imported-end##

July 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM