



James Easterling McLaurin Jr.

September 18, 1945 - October 26, 2025

James Easterling McLaurin, Jr. - known lovingly to many as Jimbo - passed peacefully on Sunday evening, October 26, 2025, at Waccamaw Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC. He was 80 years old.

Born on September 18, 1945, in Conway, South Carolina, Jimbo was the eldest child of James Easterling McLaurin Sr. and Valerie Johnson McLaurin. He grew up with a strong sense of family and responsibility, traits that remained throughout his life.

In June of 2025, Jimbo and his beloved wife, Karen Adams McLaurin of Roanoke, Virginia, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary - a testament of enduring love and partnership. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, family, and quiet strength. Jimbo was the oldest of three siblings. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Reid McLaurin and is survived by his sister, Donna McLaurin Dabbs and her husband Dennis.

Jimbo was a proud father to two sons: James Easterling McLaurin III and wife, Melanie, and Matthew Scott McLaurin and wife, Sarah. Among his greatest joys was being "Pa-Pa" to his three grandchildren, Evelyn Jean McLaurin (13) and Remington James Anthony McLaurin (3), Eden Faith Price (15) whose laughter and love brought him endless happiness. He is also survived by his beloved cocker spaniel, Missy.

Jimbo was dedicated to his career in Healthcare Sales and Management. He was known for his steady presence, compassionate nature, and commitment to the well-being of others.

He was outgoing, friendly, and always made an effort to stay in touch with old friends. He enjoyed simple pleasures - listening to beach music, savoring popcorn, and sharing stories from the past. Jimbo's warm spirit and thoughtful heart touched countless lives, and his memory will be cherished always.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. A reception will follow with beach music and dancing - as Jimbo would have wanted.

In lieu of flowers - the family would prefer memorial donations to ASPCA. Jimbo will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



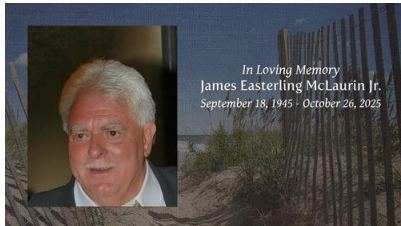
“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of James Easterling McLaurin Jr.



Goldfinch Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 02:30 PM



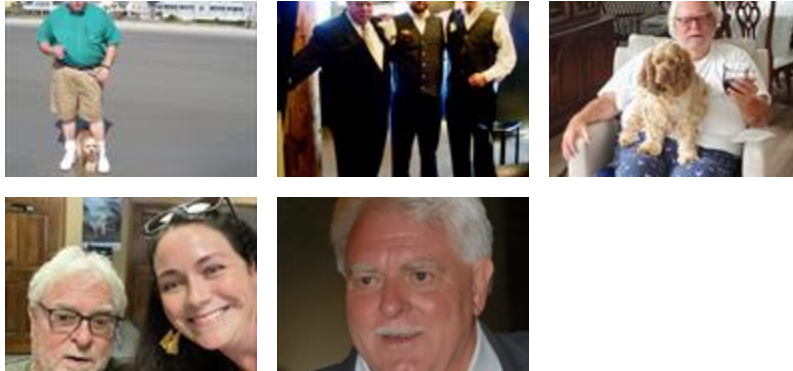
“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Easterling McLaurin Jr.



Goldfinch Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JM

“ 138 files added to the album Jimbo



Jay McLaurin - November 19, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JT

“ Jimbo reached out to me in the Spring of 1966 to invite me on one of the most memorable experiences of my life. He was the leader of the five of us across the country to summer jobs @ Green Giant pea cannery in Walla Walla, Washington. We were babes to the world and the other four of us hadn't really experienced very much beyond the walls of Horry County. But, Jimbo knew the ropes having been there the prior year and had other contacts to lead our way. Nobody but Jimbo: The big lights of LA, Hait Asbury, the counter culture and the life we had all heard glimmers of but not seen. Thank you Jimbo For may you ever run.

John Thompson - November 18, 2025 at 08:23 AM

JT

“ John T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Easterling McLaurin Jr..

John T. - November 18, 2025 at 05:12 AM

LF

“Lois and Frank Forester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Easterling McLaurin Jr..

Lois and Frank Forester - November 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

LF

“Lois and Frank Forester purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Easterling McLaurin Jr..



Lois and Frank Forester - November 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JW

“I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Upon hearing this, my mind went immediately back to the Sunday afternoon “Kick-Back” games we played in Big Jim’s front yard on Hart Street. Jimbo, Puddles, Fat Ralph, Davis, myself and all the other neighborhood kids lived the good life. I saw Jimbo off and on over the years and he was always the fun, caring, and selfless man I knew as a kid growing up.
John Winfield

john Winfield - November 10, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JS

“Judy Cannon Singleton lit a candle in memory of James Easterling McLaurin Jr.



Judy Cannon Singleton - November 07, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DR

“ Thoughts and prayers to all, such great memories from The Hart Street crew, where we all grew up in Conway.

Dianne Watson Ray - November 07, 2025 at 11:02 AM

JE

“ Donna, you may not remember me but we were in school together. You and Randy Beverly were dating. I love you so much. You were always so special. Such a warm hearted kind young lady. I hope you are doing well yourself as we get older every day my heart goes out to you for the loss of your sweet brother. I know you'll miss him. You are in our prayers and in our hearts I would see him when we had reunions years ago he would come to my husband's class reunion and he was so funny. We had such a good time. Take care of yourself and maybe we'll get around to seeing one another soon. I love you.

Jeanne Edwards - November 07, 2025 at 10:34 AM

DH

What can I say on our friendship when we meet at General Medical in Newport News, VA. I came in as the laboratory salesman and you weeks calling on Hospital & doctors offices. My first son Brian was born in the old Mary Imaculate hospital.

I remember you called the hospital to check on the delivery of Brian and was told the baby died. You came right over to the hospital & saw me you were conforming me, but then he found out my baby Brian was OK. We had some great times in Newport News as go to a movie every Thursday night. Our summers in Garden City. Then so many times at your parents trailer park!! So many memories & plenty of beer & burboun !!

Music at Myrtle beach & party in North Myrtle. I did miss you when you took manager job with GM in Lubbock TX.

Glad you got transferred to Roanoke VA(I think was Karen's decision). We both were in healthcare supplies & I spent many years staying at your house when working in the Roanoke Area. Watching Jay & Scottie play soccer. Also the horse shows with Karen in Roanoke & Lexington. The nights I stayed after a Hokie football game & took you a few times!! You also stayed at my house in Richmond in early 1993 on a job you had in RVA. We would go to concerts & always cook on the good old Weber grill!!

You were a master of the Weber Grill.

Both Brian & Casey loved being with Jay & Scott down at the trailer park!!! Was so much fun!!

I will be there on Saturday 11-22

To say a prayer for you. I regret to did not make it down on your birthday in September.

You rest in peace my good friend

doug Hill - November 19, 2025 at 01:26 PM