



## James H. Melton

May 26, 1936 - September 23, 2024

Myrtle Beach, SC

Mr. James H. Melton, 88, widower of the late Shirley Melton, passed away Monday, September 23, 2024 at Brookdale Assisted Living.

Born May 26, 1936 in Rutherford County, NC, Mr. Melton was the son of the late George Melton and the late Hattie Melton. Following a 27 year career in the United States Air Force, Mr. Melton worked in the public sector in various positions until his retirement. He was a former member of Beacon Baptist Church and currently a member of Forestbrook Baptist Church, faithfully attending as long as his health permitted. Mr. Melton was a member of Myrtle Beach Lodge 353, and enjoyed watching old westerns on the GRIT channel.

In addition to his beloved wife and his parents, Mr. Melton was predeceased by his brothers, Chuck Melton, Ray Melton, and Sam Melton; his sisters, Jermine Patterson and Ruth Yates; his grandson, Jason Melton; and his daughter-in-law, Myrtle Melton.

Survivors include his children, James Melton, Jr. and his wife Betty, Donald Melton and his wife Sue, Ralph Melton, Gary Melton and his wife Dawn, Betty Taylor and her husband Dennis, and Cheryl Kestner; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; twelve great-great

grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

No local services are planned at this time. Memorial donations may be made to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs via their website, <[https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate\\_online/](https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online/)>

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is assisting the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Goldfinch Crematory**

P.O. Drawer 1009  
Murrells Inlet, 29576

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim & I met at Wright Patterson AFB in 1967.. He and Shirley let my family stay with them until we got housing. My wife and I will always be grateful for their hospitality. We stayed in contact all these years. Jim will be missed by all his USAF friends.

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**Bob Atwell** - December 31, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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“ Rest in peace Jim ! Pat Shupe

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**Patricia Shupe** - September 26, 2024 at 08:41 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers with the family. May he rest in peace.  
Love Kris and Mike Ruitto

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**Kristen Ruitto** - September 26, 2024 at 04:21 PM

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“ Fly High Airman and rest in the arms of Jesus!

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**Dennis Williams** - September 26, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ Mr. Melton, I am sorry we never met, but I, along with others, want to thank you for your dedicated military service all those years protecting our country. May you rest in peace.

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**Vickie Johnson Cooper** - September 26, 2024 at 03:00 AM