



## James Donald Lunsford

November 30, 1933 - April 5, 2018

James Donald Lunsford, 84, of Prattville died Thursday afternoon at Baptist Hospital South after a long illness.

He was born November 30, 1933 to Willie Mae (nee Smith) and James Clarence "Doc" Lunsford. Growing up in Ozark, he was known as Don by all his family and friends until he left to serve his country in the United States Navy aboard the USS-Alcor AK-259. While stationed in California, Jim met and married his wife of nearly 65 years, Emily. Together, they had 8 children. They moved their family to Montgomery in 1966 where Jim worked for Associates Financial Services. They were longtime members of Our Lady Queen of Mercy Church in Montgomery. Jim volunteered for many years with the local Jaycees, also serving as president. He spent 30 years as a referee and umpire with the Central Alabama Officials Association serving as president twice. He retired from Easter Seals of Montgomery to be a full-time Atlanta Braves and Alabama Crimson Tide fan.

He is survived by his loving wife, Emily Michel, Prattville, AL, their 8 children-Michael (Margarita) Leeds, AL, Donald, Montgomery, AL, Colette (Curtis) Ryals, Highland Home, AL, Deborah (Dennis) Duren, Prattville, AL, Gregory (Renea), Montgomery, AL, Therese (Alan) Stearnes, Prattville, AL, Vincent (Stephanie) Mary Esther, FL, Aimee (Fontaine) Gilliam, Chesterland, OH, his sister, Mary Elsie Hartzog, Dothan, AL, sister-in-law Dorthea (Gregory)

Gerads, Sauk Rapids, MN, brother-in law, Steve (Sher) Michel, Colorado Springs, CO, and numerous beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Visitation will be held Monday from 6-8PM at Prattville Memorial Chapel. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Prattville, AL preceded by a rosary at 10:30AM. Interment will be at St. Margaret's Catholic Cemetery, Montgomery, AL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery 3222 County Rd 548 Hanceville, AL 35077 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Margaret's Catholic Cemetery

Montgomery, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
prattvillememorial@live.com

## Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph  
511 N. Memorial Dr.  
Prattville, AL

# Tribute Wall

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“ I WORKED WITH JIM A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO IN THE MID 60'S AT THE ASSOCIATES . JIM WAS A VERY GOOD AND SINCER PERSON AND A VERY GOOD FRIEND. MAY GOD BE WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY. KEN AND MILDRED FLOWERS

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**KEN FLOWERS** - April 10, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Donald Lunsford.



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April 09, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Donald Lunsford.



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April 09, 2018 at 09:34 AM

 Ethel Harrison

“ *I was impressed with I met Don a couple of years ago. As we chatted he found out where I was from he knew a couple of people from DeFuniak Springs, Florida. I will miss seeing him at Trish and Tony's children's birthday parties. God bless you all and I will keep the family in my prayers.*

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**Ethel Harrison** - April 08, 2018 at 05:10 PM

EP

“ Terri,  
*Missy and I were saddened to hear of your  
Father's passing. We will keep you and your  
family in our prayers. God bless.*



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**Eddie and Missy Powell** - April 07, 2018 at 01:03 PM

SJ

Josh,

*Sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your  
family during this most difficult time*

*Gerald and Nita Jernigan*

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**Sandra Jernigan** - April 07, 2018 at 02:15 PM