



Mr. James Fulmore Harwell, Jr.

May 5, 1933 - September 22, 2022

My Dad, James Fulmore Harwell, Jr. passed, on Thursday, September 22, 2022. He was a son to the late, James Fulmore Harwell and Dorothy Virginia Harwell, on May 5, 1933, in Decatur, Alabama.

He married Sarah Elizabeth Cannon in August 1957. She preceded him in death on January 3, 2016. Surviving him are a son, James Gregory Harwell and his wife, Mary Flynn Harwell and a grandson, James Michael Harwell, and brothers, Benjamin Holmes Harwell, of NC, and Lee Meadows Harwell, of FL.

His love of music led him to be a Band Director in the public schools of W.N.C. for 33+ years. He performed in various symphony orchestras, Smokey Mountain Brass Band, and the Asheville Community Band.

James was the kindest and most honorable man I have ever known or met. Rest in peace dad. You will be greatly missed.

His Memorial service will be held at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 789 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804 at 11:00 AM, Thursday, October 6, 2022.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences may be sent to the family through our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
789 Merrimon Ave
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Fulmore Harwell, Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I just came across this obituary. Mr. Harwell was my band teacher at Hill Street Middle School. He really cared about his students, and he must have had the patience of Job! I remember him so fondly, and I'm so glad he encouraged my love of music.*

Beth Hampton Jones - December 21, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Mr. Harwell was the marching band director for the Asheville High Marching Cougar Band. He had the patience of Job with us all, and did his best to keep us in line, literally. After I graduated, Mr. Harwell still supported the community music programs and always took a minute to speak and catch up on news from our family. He was a very talented and caring man, and I know he will be greatly missed. Enjoy the Heavenly Band, Mr. H.!*



Diane Milholen Smith - October 07, 2022 at 12:15 AM

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“ Mr. Harwell was the teacher who organized and led the chorus and band classes at Franklin High School (in Franklin, NC) in the early 1960s. I wanted to be in the band and chorus, but could not rent an instrument for band. So Mr. Harwell loaned his own French horn to me until FHS could buy a horn for me to use. When I graduated, Mr. Harwell thought I should plan to play in the band while in college, but I could not afford to purchase a horn then either! So, Mr. Harwell wrote to the band director at my chosen college and requested that I get a horn to practice on during the summer before I would report to college in the fall. Miraculously, a horn arrived in Franklin, and I then had one of the university's horns to use for practice so I would be prepared for college band in the fall. Thanks to James Harwell, I learned to be a part of a music group, and I STILL enjoy making music with others as well as teaching music skills to children, teens and adults. Thanks, Mr. Harwell! Rest in peace, and know that you made positive differences in many lives.

Betty Stamey Dillashaw - October 06, 2022 at 07:52 PM

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“ I am writing in honor of Jim Harwell. Hw was always a gentleman and I am glad I knew him. We worked together at Hall Fletcher and he was also my friend at the book store. He called us May-babies and always expected his card on his birthday. I would so like to be there for his funeral but a health obligation does not permit. Go in peace, James. You lived your life well.

Sue Harris - October 05, 2022 at 07:26 AM

BL

“ Dear Greg. Sending love and light to you and your family at this time of grief as your dad passes on. - Warmly, Becky LedBetter

Becky LedBetter - October 02, 2022 at 01:10 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of the late, great James Harwell. He was the band director at Brevard High School when I became of age to join the band. I was so excited to join the band under his direction and I will ALWAYS remember how he encouraged me and how nice and kind he was to me and other students. He was such a wonderful and caring man. His long life was certainly a life of service and A LIFE WELL LIVED!!!! RIP in Heavenly Peace Mr. Harwell.



KATHY E KELLEY - October 02, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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“ I played in the Smoky Mountain with Jim. He was a great teacher and a great person. When he worked in the bookstore, I always made sure to stop and visit. I am sorry for your family's loss.

Jeff Ledford - September 27, 2022 at 08:37 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy is extended to all of Jim's family at this sad time. Jim and I thought together in Asheville City Schools and we good friends. We often shared breakfasts together with other teacher friends at Cracker Barrel after retirement. His calm ways and musical talent will be greatly missed.

Dottie Sherrill - September 25, 2022 at 08:55 AM