



## Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt

February 27, 2026

James "Jamie" Merritt passed away unexpectedly on February 27th of 2026, leaving behind a family who loved him deeply and a community forever changed by his presence. Jamie was a devoted father, fiancé, and friend. He was a man of strength, loyalty, and unmistakable presence — someone who showed up, worked hard, loved fiercely, and made those around him feel seen and supported. He had a way of walking into a room and making it better simply by being there. He is survived by his loving fiancé, Julia Olivares, who he cherished deeply and loved with his whole heart. Their bond was evident to everyone who knew them. He leaves behind his sons, Blake (Erica) Merritt and Hunter (Ashley) Merritt, who were the pride of his life. Blake, Erica, Hunter and Ashley Merritt, will continue to carry forward the values and strength he instilled in them. Jamie was also a proud grandfather to his beloved granddaughter, Madelyn, who brought him immeasurable joy. Though her time with him was far too short, the love he had for her was undeniable. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Dana Merritt whom he loved dearly and carried in his heart always. Jamie's legacy lives on in his sons, in the family he built, in the countless lives he impacted, and in the stories that will be told for generations. He will be remembered for his unwavering love, his strong spirit, his humor, and his ability to make even ordinary days feel meaningful. Though our hearts are shattered, we are forever grateful for the years we had with him. His presence will be missed every single day, but his love will continue to guide us.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 11:00a.m. from Coosada Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Graham officiating. The interment will be private at Brookside Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Dean Guthrie, Adam Armstead, Justin Armstead, Ryan Harding, Casey Thrash, Matt Marvel, Jeff Perry & Jamie Wright. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the church. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Memorial Gardens

3360 Brookside Dr.  
Millbrook, AL 36054  
(334) 285-7442  
<https://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coosada Baptist Church  
5687 Coosada Rd  
Coosada, AL 36020  
(334) 285-4225

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jody and Tammie Dortch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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**Jody and Tammie Dortch** - March 07 at 09:07 AM

JD

“ Jody and Tammie Dortch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

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**Jody and Tammie Dortch** - March 07 at 09:07 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Brookside Funeral Home** - March 06 at 03:06 PM

MW

“ Michael Freeman and Cristina Werner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

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**Michael Freeman and Cristina Werner** - March 06 at 11:43 AM

MW

“ Michael Freeman and Cristina Werner purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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Michael Freeman and Cristina Werner - March 06 at 11:43 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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March 05 at 10:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

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March 05 at 10:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



March 05 at 10:36 PM



“ Bernard Whitehurst purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



**Bernard Whitehurst** - March 05 at 08:12 PM



“ The Casey Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



**The Casey Family** - March 05 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

March 05 at 12:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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“ *Philip Head* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.

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**Philip Head** - March 04 at 08:31 PM



“ *Philip Head* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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**Philip Head** - March 04 at 08:31 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jamie" Anthony Merritt.



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March 04 at 06:40 PM

GE

“ I will always remember my good friend and his contagious smile. Jamie and I struck an everlasting friendship begun on Fallen Oak Golf Course. Over the years we enjoyed numerous rounds at various courses, good times at Lake Martin and regular get togethers at the Beau. Rest my friend and peace be with you and those who love you!  
Gray Englebert

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**Gray Englebert** - March 04 at 06:12 PM

DS

We all will miss James at the Beau. I will especially miss all the picking he used to do about the little yellow ticket. Julia, we are sending our love and prayers to you and the family.  
Love Debbie and whole Slot Department

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**Debbie Stafford** - March 06 at 10:27 PM