



James Tharp

December 4, 2018

Jim Tharp, 88, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away Dec. 4 at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, S.C. He was born January 18, 1930 in Henry County, Kentucky and moved to Louisville in the early 1950s where he lived until 2016 when he moved to South Carolina.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Derita; a son, Kerry (Debbie); two grandsons, J.B. (Catherine) and Will; and three great grandsons, Coleman, Joshua, and Owen. His late daughter, Dina, passed away in 2015. Jim was a foreman on the assembly line at General Electric's Appliance Park for more than 35 years. A true sports enthusiast, Jim was a softball umpire in the Louisville area for more than 52 years, where he was recognized as one of the most respected umpires in the state of Kentucky. He was a member of the University of Louisville basketball and football statistics crew for more than 40 years and had the privilege of working 38 NCAA Final Fours along with multiple Conference Tournaments and Orange Bowl Classics. Additionally, he was a member of the stats crew for the ABA's Kentucky Colonels during the franchise's nine-year run in Louisville.

Jim was a faithful member of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville for nearly 60 years, where he served as an usher and greeter.

The family will greet visitors Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church. A funeral service to celebrate Jim's life will follow at the church beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Sligo (Ky.) Baptist Church cemetery.

Jim lived a full and wonderful life and had more friends than anyone could imagine. The family would like to thank his many friends and all of the caregivers he had in Louisville, Florence and Darlington, S.C.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, S.C., or the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church
3728 Taylorsville Rd
Louisville, KY 40220
(502) 454-4681

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Kerry so sorry about your Daddy. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Ronnie and Cindy Hanniford

Ronnie and Cindy Hanniford - December 06, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Tharp.



December 05, 2018 at 04:28 PM

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“ Prayers for the entire Tharp family. We are so sorry to hear of you father's passing.

sharon howle - December 05, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Tharp.



December 05, 2018 at 02:56 PM

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“ Susan lit a candle in memory of James Tharp



Susan - December 05, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ Kerry ,We are sorry to have heard of your dad's passing.Prayers to you and your family.If you need anything we are here for you.
CONWAY FORD/CONWAY WRECKER RACING FAMILY

Susan - December 05, 2018 at 02:23 PM