



## James Wimpye

November 22, 1942 - August 30, 2025

Mr. James Edward Wimpye, a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and faithful servant of God, entered eternal rest on August 30, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Gordon and Fannie Wimpye. James was born on November 22, 1942, in Gainesville, Georgia, to the late Mr. William Gordon Wimpye and Mrs. Fannie Wimpye. He was raised alongside his brother, William Odell “Du-Bug” Wimpye, and shared a sibling bond in love with Trish “Pat” Jackson.

A proud graduate of EE Butler High School, James cherished his education and the friendships he made there. It was also at EE Butler that he met the love of his life, Bernice Harbin Wimpye, with whom he shared 59 beautiful years of marriage. Together, they built a legacy of love, faith, and family, raising six children: Sarita (Steven) Marshall, Steven (Meltera) Wimpye, Odell (Kunka) Wimpye, Tyrus Wimpye, Omah (Sonya) Wimpye and Tyra Wimpye.

James’s pride and joy extended to his grandchildren: Steven Jr. (Leticia) Wimpye, Tylor Marshall, Kacie Williams, Triston Wimpye, Malcolm Wimpye, Tyasia Wimpye,

Nyla Wimpye,  
Madison Wimpye, Destiny Wimpye, Omah Wimpye Jr., and Konnor Wimpye,  
as well as his four  
great-grandchildren: Kataleya, Izabella, Camila, and Jace Wimpye. He was  
loved by a host of  
nieces, nephews and friends. His family was the light of his life, and he  
treasured every moment  
spent with them.

James was a faithful member of St. John Baptist Church, where he humbly  
served in many  
capacities. He was a proud member of the Male Choir and Angelic Voices  
Choir, a dedicated  
servant and respected leader on the Trustee, Usher and Deacon Boards. His  
service to the  
church was a reflection of his deep love for Christ and his commitment to  
living a life of faith.  
He was also an active member of the Fair Street–Butler Alumni Association,  
proudly keeping  
alive the bonds of his alma mater.

Outside of his service and family life, James enjoyed hunting, fishing,  
watching and reciting  
western movies, and spending time surrounded by his large circle of family  
and friends. His  
friendships were deep and enduring, marked by loyalty and shared joy. James  
( Fat) Thomas  
stood by him as a lifelong friend, hunting buddy Carlton Faulkner and close  
friend Jimmy  
Cantrell. He was also blessed with friends in heart and faith, Mr. & Mrs.  
Donald and Georgia  
Roach.

James Edward Wimpye will forever be remembered as a follower of Christ,  
faithful husband,  
loving father, supportive friend, and the toughest cowboy North Georgia will  
ever see. He has  
traded his boots for wings, his horse may be still, but his legacy rides on in the  
hearts of all who  
knew and loved him. His legacy of love, laughter, and faith will live on in the  
hearts of all who  
knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church  
757 EE Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

## Funeral Service

SEP 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church  
757 EE Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I happened to see Mr. Wimpye recently. It had been a long time since I last saw him and Bernice. He recognized me immediately and we talked a few minutes.  
I met the Wimpye's many years ago when I coached Steven in Park and Rec baseball.  
I have always had a lot of respect for him and know he will be missed.  
Sabrina and I send our condolences to the family.

*Don and Sabrina House*

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**Donald House** - September 12, 2025 at 09:32 AM

VW

“ Vanessa Wilcoxson lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye



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**Vanessa Wilcoxson** - September 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ My Condolences to the family. 🙏



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**Michelle Bell** - September 06, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ *Treasure the good memories! Sending love and hugs!* ”



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**Frances Williams** - September 06, 2025 at 05:57 AM

PE

“ *Paul & Dorothy Edmond sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye* ”



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**Paul & Dorothy Edmond** - September 06, 2025 at 02:46 AM

KB

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and condolences to the family 🕊️* ”

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**Kimberly Bryant** - September 04, 2025 at 08:52 PM

MB

“ *Praying for strength for the family with our deepest condolences. Wicki and Marie Boyd* ”

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**Marie Boyd** - September 04, 2025 at 01:12 PM

CN

“ *Charline & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye* ”



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**Charline & Avery Niles** - September 04, 2025 at 12:19 PM

FR

“ Bernice my heart go out to you and the Family the lost of your husband James Gone but never forgot I no how James love you back in the day and his love will allway be in your heart ❤️❤️ love Fay Rackley Not one stand alone 💕💕 Boston Mass 02118

Fay Rackley - September 04, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Wimpye.



September 04, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DT

“ Deon Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye



Deon Turner - September 04, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RW

“ Bernice you and the family have my sympathy and prayers during this period of time. If there is anything that I can do just know that I am only a phone call away. May God wrap His Loving arms around you and your the Family. Renee Windbush

Renee windbush - September 04, 2025 at 06:28 AM

MG

“ Dear God, we lift this grieving wife and her children to You today. Please surround them with Your loving presence, bringing comfort and a peace that only You can give. Grant them strength to carry the heavy burdens they face and hope for the future, knowing You will never leave or forsake them. Heal their hearts, remind them of the joy and good memories of their father, and help them rest in the truth that You see every tear and understand every ache. In Jesus' name, Amen" and Truly Truly 🙏

Ms. Georgia - September 04, 2025 at 12:19 AM

GB

“ Gail Buffington-Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye



Gail Buffington-Yarbrough - September 03, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LS

“ Prayers and condolences to the family Sam and I will miss such a beautiful person with a kind and loving heart.



Lorraine Shields - September 03, 2025 at 08:30 PM

ML

“ Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye



Marion Lott - September 03, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TT

“ Bernice you and the family have our sympathy and prayers during this period of time. If there is anything that we can do just know that we are only a phone call away. May God wrap His Loving arms around you and the Family 🌸



Theresa & Thomas - September 03, 2025 at 06:58 PM

SM

“ Sending love and prayers to the family during this difficult time.



Shelia McAllister - September 03, 2025 at 06:55 PM

JM

“ Juanita Muckle sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye



Juanita Muckle - September 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM

RH

“ Rev. Eugene & SweetPea Harbin purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James Wimpye.



Rev. Eugene & SweetPea Harbin - September 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

RH

“ Rev. Eugene & SweetPea Harbin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Wimpye.

Rev. Eugene & SweetPea Harbin - September 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JW

“ James "Fats" Thomas & Pamela Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Wimpye.



James "Fats" Thomas & Pamela Williams - September 03, 2025 at 02:58 PM



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



September 03, 2025 at 02:39 PM

BS

“ *Betty Mattox Shield lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



**Betty Mattox Shield** - September 03, 2025 at 01:47 PM

SF

“ *Scott, Marshall, Shepherd & Hood Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Wimpye.*



**Scott, Marshall, Shepherd & Hood Family** - September 03, 2025 at 12:49 PM

SF

“ *Scott, Marshall, Shepherd & Hood Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Wimpye.*

**Scott, Marshall, Shepherd & Hood Family** - September 03, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ *Ann ( LEWIS) Morrow*



**Ann (LEWIS) Morrow** - September 03, 2025 at 12:34 PM

PJ

“ *Patience (Pat) Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



Patience (Pat) Jackson - September 03, 2025 at 11:52 AM

PJ

*Rest in Peace faithful Board Member you will be missed*

Patience (Pat) Jackson - September 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Wimpye.*



September 03, 2025 at 10:58 AM

NA

“ *Condolences to the Wimpy Family .*



Nathan Ann - September 03, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CS

“ *Cathey Singeton sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Cathey Singeton** - September 03, 2025 at 10:22 AM

GM

“ *Gloria K Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Gloria K Maddox** - September 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

EH

“ *Ellis And Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Ellis and Candace Hudson** - September 03, 2025 at 09:20 AM

EH

“ *Elaine Holland sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Elaine Holland** - September 03, 2025 at 09:08 AM

KR

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers from the Pierce Company family*



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**Kimberly Roberts** - September 03, 2025 at 08:33 AM

SB

“ *Shirley Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Shirley Barnes** - September 03, 2025 at 07:54 AM

SD

“ *Susan Dukes lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Susan Dukes** - September 03, 2025 at 07:44 AM

SD

*Prayers for Bernice and family May God Bless them and keep them*

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**Susan Dukes** - September 03, 2025 at 07:45 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Star Johnson** - September 02, 2025 at 11:30 PM

SM

“ *Sylvia Milner sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Sylvia Milner** - September 02, 2025 at 10:42 PM

BW

“ *Beverly Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



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**Beverly Wilson** - September 02, 2025 at 09:54 PM

PW

“ *Prayers for Bernice and family May God Bless them and keep them*

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**Patrice Westbrooks** - September 02, 2025 at 09:40 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



mary Moore - September 02, 2025 at 09:06 PM

PG

“ *Condolences to the family and friends. Will continue to pray for the family.*



Phyllis and Janice Gardner - September 02, 2025 at 07:48 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



Deborah Collins - September 02, 2025 at 07:45 PM

DC

*R.I.P. James* 🕯️ 🌸

Deborah Collins - September 02, 2025 at 07:47 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



Daphne Brownlee - September 02, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LB

“ *Latrice Howard & Valerie Bethea purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Wimpye.*



Latrice Howard & Valerie Bethea - September 02, 2025 at 04:45 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris lit a candle in memory of James Wimpye*



Regina Harris - September 02, 2025 at 04:39 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of James Wimpye*



Regina Harris - September 02, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DL

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family at the loss of James Wimpye. He was a good friend and classmate. Praying for the Family

Dana E. Smith, LFDE - September 02, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Wimpye.



September 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Wimpye.

September 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM

CF

“ Chan Stephens and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Wimpye.



Chan Stephens and Family - September 02, 2025 at 01:54 PM