



# James Roote

MAR 5, 1938 - JUN 1, 2018



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**J**ames William "Jim" Roote, 80 of Stevenson, AL, was born on March 5, 1938 and died at home with his family on June 1, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Catherine Jones Roote. Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Jay Campbell and Mary Ida Dean Key Roote; brother Jay; sister Catherine; and brothers-in-law Parker Williams and Alston Jones. He is also survived by his sisters: Beverly (Sam) Hall, Barbara Williams; three children: Catherine Roote, Carolyn (Brett) Nisonger; James (Leilani) Roote; nine grandchildren: Robert, Jeremy, Alexandria, Katie (Brandon), Shayne, Chloe, Holly, Tesslyne and Levi; sister-in-law Karen Jones; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Jim graduated in 1962 from University of Tennessee with a degree in electrical engineering and accepted a job with Boeing and then accepted a position in Texas with Texas Instruments where he worked over 30 years before he and Mary retired to the family home in Stevenson. Jim was a member of Stevenson Cumberland Presbyterian Church and served as Elder, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and also a member of the Presbyterian Church in McKinney, TX.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service. The Funeral Service will be Monday, June 4, at 2 PM CDT, at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Stevenson officiated by Rev. Charles Hughes and Rev. Brad Hall. Interment will be in Stevenson City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the C.P. Church. [www.rudderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rudderfuneralhomes.com)



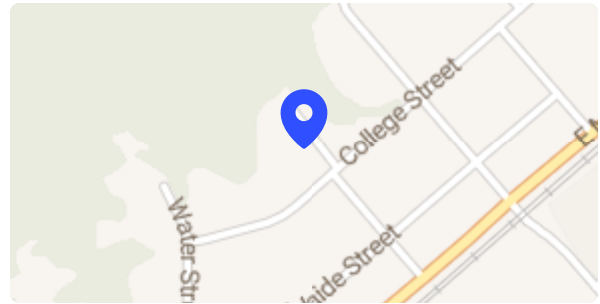
# Events

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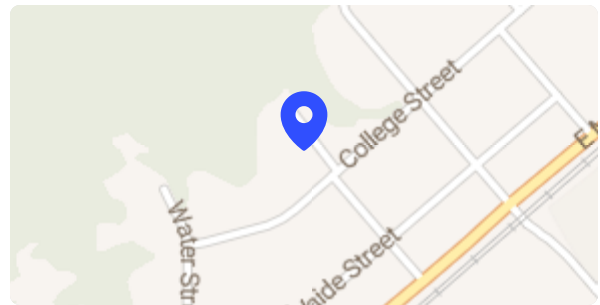
## First Visitation

- Monday**, June 4, 2018
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church**  
112 College St, AL 35772



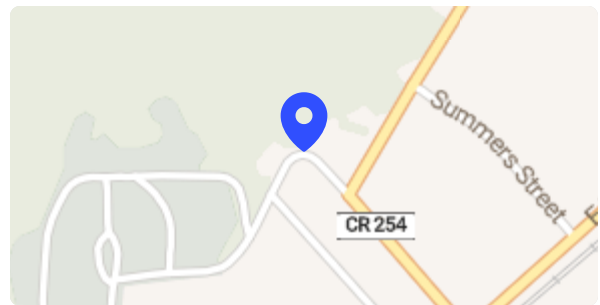
## Funeral Service

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112 College St, Stevenson AL 35772-3528



## Cemetery Details

- Stevenson City Cemetery**  
McMahan Cove Road, Stevenson AL





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JD

**Jim Deans** posted:

I was also privileged to work with Jim Roote at Texas Instruments on the ASC program. He went to Huntsville, Alabama in early 1974 after I completed my assignment there and was involved in further performance enhancement of the customer's vector computer central processor. A fine engineer who I will always remember. Jim Deans

November 23 at 2:50 AM

ET

**Ellen Tipton** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing, but I know there is a rejoicing in heaven for sure. He was a fine man and leaves a wonderful legacy. Ellen Anne Tipton

July 2 at 5:18 AM

JW

**Joe Watson** posted:

I was saddened today to learn of Jim's passing. Jim was a valuable member of a team of engineers that I was privileged to be associated with during the development of the TI ASC, a supercomputer built during the 1970's that helped pave the way for many important developments in computer architecture. Jim was a fine engineer who was much appreciated by all for his quiet spirit and the excellent and thorough way that he went about his work. Jim now rests in peace, no longer a prisoner of the diseases of this life. May God provide you with strength for this difficult time and grant you His peace. Joe Watson Edmond, OK

June 4 at 8:23 PM

FC

**Frances Phillips Crossover** posted:

Sorry to hear this sad news. Jim was a front runner in the world of computers & electronics. Texas Instruments was one of the first companies to make "hand-held" calculators. Prayers for his family & friends. Frances Crossover Frandan2@msn.com

June 2 at 5:15 AM



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**Kathryn E Phillips** posted:

Jim Roote was a fine man and his family and mine share a long and rich heritage, since my grandfather, Israel Pickens Russell, Jr. and Mary Catherine Roote's grandmother, Mrs. Katy Alston Legg, grew up together at The Cedars like siblings. They were all raised together by my great-grandparents, Martha McCullough Russell and IP Russell, Sr. and her great-grandmother, Lizzie Alston, who was a widowed school teacher and music teacher at The Emma Alston College in Stevenson. Their family relationship was as siblings. So sorry to hear of his death. He will be missed by all who knew him.

June 2 at 2:29 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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