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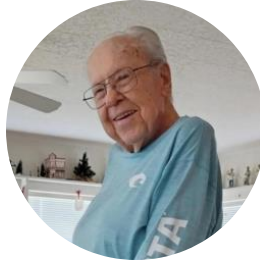


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**M**r. James Thomas Phillips age 87 of Bridgeport passed away on December 1, 2025 at his home. Mr. Phillips graduated from Howard/Samford University in Birmingham with a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Carol Rives Phillips; sons, Brian (Paula) Phillips & Barry (Denise) Phillips; granddaughters, Meghann (Jack) Phillips-Saunders, Bently (Kellan) Strain, and Amanda (Will) Maynor; great grandsons, Mason Maynor, Oaks Strain, and Myles Maynor. Preceded in death by his parents, Kermit and Mary Jane Phillips.

Jim loved God, his family, his community, and his church. It is with deep gratitude that the family thanks the angels of Amedisys Health Care and Blue Violet Caregivers.

Per his request, there will be no visitation or services.

Memorials may be sent in Jim's memory to:  
Richard City Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
1706 Marion Ave  
South Pittsburg, TN 37380

Online condolences may be sent or add to the Rudder Funeral Home website:  
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**Cheryl Haney** lit a candle in honor of James.

Sending prayers to Mrs Jimmy and family during these difficult times. Mr and Mrs Jimmy (as my late mother Willo Dene referred to them) were long time family friends as well as we kids grew up with theirs. Our relationship with the pharmacy dates back to when my grandparents WW and Phoebe Horton did business there at McClellans. Mr Jimmy will always be remembered from simple times as a trusted pillar of the community , back when you could run a tab till payday and give service with a smile. He will be greatly missed.



December 4 at 10:14 AM



**Sallie Colwick** posted:

I have so many fond memories of Jim when i was a young adult living in Bridgeport. I loved hanging out at MCllellans Pharmacy, hanging out on their big back Porch, Friday night football games, and the Bicentennial fundraiser dances we enjoyed. I was the Methodist preacher's Wife, Sallie Reeder and a teacher at the Elementary school. Jim i loved doing cantatas with at the church with the whole choir. We will all be up there singing in the heavenly choir one day soon! Save a seat for me. My love goes out to all the family who loved him well.

December 3 at 10:22 PM



**Regina R. Nicholson** lit a candle in honor of James.

Our deepest condolences and prayers to the Phillips family.

December 3 at 1:28 PM



**Tawana Stewart** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Jimmy Phillips was a great guy that you could ever meet. He would help you anyway that he could and was very friendly. It hurt me to my heart when he closed the drug store down. He will truly be missed

December 2 at 6:28 PM



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**Kevin Busler** posted:

Spent my second and 3rd grade years as a yougster in Bridgeport and the Phillips were a big part of our lives. When I was 20 (He) Jimmy and (She) Jimmie allowed me to stay in their basement while I was working in Bridgeport. A very special time. Got to know Barry and all of them again. A special Family. My family's prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time.

December 2 at 6:13 PM



**Stephanie Gonder** posted:

I grew up calling them He Jimmy and She Jimmie. I thought that was their names until I got a little older. I have fond memories from attending church together and visiting in their home. I grew up in Fellowship Methodist Church where they attended. I'm sure I have pictures. I'll look for some. She Jimmie, Brian and Barry I am so sorry for your loss! Prayers for all of you! - Stephanie Dawson Gonder

December 2 at 5:03 PM



**Tara Eakin** posted:

I loved going to the pharmacy and seeing him when I was a kid. He was the one who pierced my ears when I was like 4. Prayers for the family.

December 2 at 2:30 PM



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

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



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