

Service Summary

Visitation 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Jun 14, 2019

Vidalia Chapel 1722 Mt Vernon Road Vidalia, Georgia 30474

Funeral Service 11:00 AM Sat Jun 15, 2019

Vidalia First Baptist Church Church Street Vidalia, Ga 30475

Obituary

Died: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Mr. James "Jim" Beckham, age 67, of Vidalia died Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Jim was a graduate of Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Florida in 1971, where he was the high school drum major. After high school, Jim joined the United States Army and attended the Army/Navy School of Music and graduated top of his class. He was an army percussionist stationed in Panama and he played all over South America. He became an air traffic control specialist when he served in Germany and at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah where he was tower chief. After serving for 8 years in the United States Army, he moved to Vidalia where he helped run his family business, Brown's Jewelry and later opened a new branch in Lyons. Jim later became an EMT, a paramedic, and a Registered Nurse and he currently worked in the Cath Lab at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. He was a member of Vidalia First Baptist Church where he served in many capacities for over 34 years. He helped, served, mentored and taught many people as he was a moral compass and he always chose to do the morally correct thing.

Jim is preceded in death by his father, Otto Fulton Beckham Jr.

Jim is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cindy Beckham of Vidalia; his mother, Ruby Jo Beckham of Vidalia; one daughter, Jennie Farrow (Gatlin) of Kite; one brother, Robert Beckham (Lilia) of Jacksonville FL; four grandchildren, Eason, Lexi, Cash, and Gatson; and one grandson due in November. Three nieces, Silke, Nadine and Nicole of Germany; his mother in law, Virginia Colston of Kite; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Funeral Services for Mr. James "Jim" Beckham will be held Saturday morning, June 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Vidalia First Baptist Church with Reverend Don Moye officiating. Interment will follow in Pinecrest City Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends for visitation at the funeral home on Friday evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

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Flowers are accepted and memorial contributions may be made in his name to Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800.

Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service Vidalia Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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