



James Arthur Ellison

January 2, 1954 - August 5, 2023

James Arthur Ellison, aged 69, passed away peacefully at his residence in Alpharetta, Georgia on August 5, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Mary Lee Brownfield, and their three children, Dan, Curt, and Katie.

Born in Rome, Georgia, Jimmy was the cherished son of Joan and James Ellison. He spent his formative years in Rome, attending West Rome High School where he forged lifelong friendships, and excelled as an offensive lineman for the Chieftains. Following his graduation, he pursued higher education at the University of Georgia, earning two accounting degrees that would lay the foundation for his successful career.

Jimmy embarked on his professional journey with Arthur Andersen, where he honed his skills and developed a deep passion for accounting. Later, he co-founded a prominent accounting firm, Kelley, Sammons, Toole, and Ellison, LLP, in Sandy Springs, Georgia, leaving an indelible mark on the local business community.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jimmy found solace and joy in the great outdoors. A tremendous pleasure for him was taking his family to see as many national parks as possible. He relished attending sports events and concerts, finding immense gratification in the shared experiences. Whenever

the Georgia Bulldogs were playing, Jimmy was there whether in person or not, cheering them on. His greatest joy, however, came from supporting his children in their athletic endeavors. An avid fisherman, Jimmy inherited his love for the sport from his father and spent countless hours casting lines in the serene waters of Apalachicola Bay, Florida.

At Northpoint Community Church, Jimmy found a renewed spiritual fulfillment. For the past nine years, he was also a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous, taking strength in the fellowship. He took great pride in mentoring others who were struggling with alcoholism and addiction, offering guidance and support to those in need.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, James and Joan Ellison. He leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. His wife, Mary Lee Brownfield, stood as his steadfast partner throughout their journey together. Their three children, Dan (wife Chan), Curt (wife Hayley), and Katie Sage, will forever carry his spirit in their hearts. Jimmy also leaves behind three adored grandchildren, Vivienne, Lochlan, and Tallulah Ellison of Roswell. Additionally, he is survived by his former wife, Jody Ellison of Woodstock.

Jimmy Ellison will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his dedication to his profession, and his commitment to helping others. His quick wit, warm smile, and loving heart will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The funeral will be held August 20, at 3 pm at Northside Chapel in Roswell, Georgia, with visitation at 2 pm. The family kindly requests donations be made to Alcoholics Anonymous or the National Kidney Foundation in Jimmy's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

AUG 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Arthur Ellison.*



August 17, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Arthur Ellison.*



August 17, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Lori Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Arthur Ellison.*



Lori Johnson - August 16, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *John and Deb Lie-Nielsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Arthur Ellison.*

John and Deb Lie-Nielsen - August 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ John and Deb Lie-Nielsen purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Arthur Ellison.



John and Deb Lie-Nielsen - August 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James Arthur Ellison.



August 11, 2023 at 11:39 AM

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“ I will miss my friend. I always enjoyed our deep discussions about taxes and life. Only Jimmy could make me laugh at tax discussions. It was my privilege to have worked alongside him as a Partner and then client. He always encouraged and helped me. It was fun. Steve Harrison

Steve Harrison - August 11, 2023 at 11:33 AM

MC

Although I live in Gainesville, I met Jimmy through a mutual Atlanta friend Bruce Richardson. The three of us ran the Peachtree Road Race several years and Jimmy always had a quick wit and was a true friend to all his pals. When he became ill I spoke with him at least monthly and marveled at his courage. I always enjoyed hearing about his family and accounting practice. I will always remember Jimmy.
Michael Casper

Michael Casper - August 15, 2023 at 06:14 PM

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“ *A fake tough guy who was truly soft and sensitive. Both sides will be missed.* ”

Robert B. McCormick - August 10, 2023 at 05:47 AM