



Paul James (Jim) Abernathy

June 15, 1951 - October 23, 2011

Paul James Abernathy (Jim), age 60, of Roswell, GA, died on Sunday, October 23, 2011. Jim, a sixth generation descendant of the Abernathy family who settled on Abernathy Road in Sandy Springs, GA, fought a long, hard, and courageous five year battle with colon cancer.

After diagnosis, he journaled on the website "CaringBridge" his honest feelings and thoughts about this most difficult journey of his life. He was most thankful and very appreciative of the many friends who loved, cared, and prayed for him.

Born in Atlanta, GA, to parents Paul and Eugenia Brown Abernathy, Jim grew up in Sandy Springs, moving to the Crabapple Community, Alpharetta at the beginning of his sophomore year at Milton High School. An active participant in many activities at Milton, Jim made long-term friendships that still exist today.

After graduation from Georgia Tech his career ultimately took him to work in Saudi Arabia, England, Atlanta, Egypt, Texas and thirteen years in Manama, Bahrain. Jim's inquisitive nature and adventuresome spirit led him to travel with his family to far off places in the world. A talented pianist he loved music, as well as golfing and working in his workshop. His most passionate hobby was sailing which he was able to blend with a business in SailTime, Atlanta.

Jim intensively loved his immediate family; also, the members of his close-knit extended family. An important factor of his life was that he was a generous giver of his time and talents to many friends, family, and causes.

After the death of his first wife, Nancy Anderson Abernathy, a Crabapple girl and high school sweetheart, he returned to his job in Bahrain. There, he married Hazar Al Shater, and they returned to the United States settling in the Roswell area. They have one child.

Jim is predeceased by his first wife, Nancy; his father, Paul J. Abernathy, and an infant brother, Andrew Mark Abernathy. Jim is survived by his wife, Hazar Al Shater Abernathy; son, Sami Jameson Al Shater Abernathy; son, Phillip Jason and wife, Karen Abernathy; their three children Amelia, Alice, and Nicolas Abernathy, all of Seaford, VA; son, P. J. Anderson (Andy) Abernathy, Atlanta; mother, Eugenia Brown Abernathy, Alpharetta; sisters, Paula A. Kirk, Roswell, GA and Bridgeport, WV; Mary E. Abernathy, Roswell, Amy A. Dobson, Alpharetta; brother, Lawrence and wife, Kathy Abernathy, Alpharetta; four nephews, Joel W. Kirk; Mathew Dobson, Michael and Mark Abernathy; and two nieces, Jeannie Kirk Dent and Megan A. Yim. Extended family includes father-in-law Abdulrahman Al Shater, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews in Manama, Bahrain; as well as a host of loving, caring friends all over the world.

The family will receive visitors at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA, on Friday, October 28, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A celebration of Jim's life will be held in the Chapel at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/donate in loving memory of Jim Abernathy.

Cemetery Details

Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 29. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul James (Jim) Abernathy*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sorry I was unable to make it to the services. Debora and I were out of town. The last time I saw Jim was at the class reunion. He was in good spirits and I enjoyed our visit. Jim was so proud of his family. I know you will miss him.*

Rest in peace good friend. I see you again in heaven.

David Bales##imported-begin##David Bales##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ *Anderson:*

Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thought and prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Tom##imported-begin##Tom Hanson##imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 03:37 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our daughter Reese and Sami are in the same class in school and she has spoken of Sami often. Our prayers are extended to you, Sami and the Abernathy family. May God bless and keep you close. The von Nordheim's##imported-begin##Steve & Tammy von Nordheim##imported-end##

October 29, 2011 at 08:35 PM



“ To all of you, I send my thoughts and prayers, your family has always had a very special place in my heart. May you find comfort in your many memories.##imported-begin##Melissa Coalson Jensen##imported-end##

October 28, 2011 at 11:11 PM



“ To Anderson & Jim's family:
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. My family and I will be praying for God's comfort and strength as you grieve for your dad. Please know that you are in in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Trina Ferrantino##imported-end##

October 28, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ jim really will be missed his family and mom always been my favorite customers see you come and put a big smile on my face and to see sami that made my day...i will always keep you and your family in my prayers

angela mrani##imported-begin##angela mrani (from crabapple waffle house)##imported-end##

October 27, 2011 at 03:09 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of need. He will be missed by all that knew him and loved him.

Lucas Pediatrics##imported-begin##Dr. Roberta W. Lucas, Emily Moore-Grissom, and Gale Storey##imported-end##

October 26, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Although your time here was short, your impact on those who knew you will live a very long time. Rest in Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your family, may they find peace in knowing you are no longer in pain and are in a better place.##imported-begin##Gail Little##imported-end##

October 25, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ We had the privilege of meeting Jim, Hazar and Sami through youth soccer. What started as a random team assignment by the Y quickly became a group of friends from both the player and the parent perspective. The team named themselves The Bullets and has been playing together now for more than seven seasons including summers. There is no Bullets fan more enthusiastic and supportive than Jim and our sidelines have not been the same without him. His smile, his welcoming nature and the love that was evident between Jim, Hazar and Sami will not be forgotten. Our hearts are broken for all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Laura Calvert ##imported-end##

October 25, 2011 at 10:21 AM



“ I am saddened to learn of Jim's death. My heart goes out to the family. We had many classes together at Milton and my memories are of a funny, intelligent, intense, occasionally moody guy and it was an honor to have known him. Rev.21:4###imported-begin##Loretta Phillips O'Dell###imported-end##

October 24, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ To the family of Jim. I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He and I graduated high school together and I remember him as a good looking, smart and kind person. Always a big beautiful smile on his face. He seemed to always be a leader. May he rest in peace now and may God give you comfort and strength as you mourn the loss of Jim.##imported-begin##Sue Hamrick Jenniges##imported-end##

October 24, 2011 at 07:30 AM