



James Luther Hendrix

December 17, 1927 - January 15, 2024

Luther Hendrix was born in High Point, Alabama on December 17, 1927, the second of three children born to Abe Hendrix and Bessie L. Browder. He graduated from Valley Head High School in Dekalb County, Alabama. At the age of 15, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Phillipines. He graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) and remained a lifelong supporter of the university.

Mr. Hendrix retired from Federal Land Bank Div. of the Farm Credit Administration and continued his service as an avid community supporter, serving on the Dekalb County Commission and various community boards, and a member of Robertson's Chapel Methodist Church. As owner of JLH Enterprises, Inc., in Fort Payne, AL, he continued a business of agriculture and livestock with a unique interest in exotic animals, the result of a love for animals that began with a pet monkey while serving in the Phillipines. His collection of exotic animals was impressive and extensive, and was shared with many church groups and others who delighted in his tour.

Mr. Hendrix was recognized for his service in community life, but will probably be most remembered for his "ministry" of a quick, warm wit and charm that touched the lives of all who encountered him. He had the gift for making people laugh – a gift he shared generously with a warm heart.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his daughters, Anna Faye Hendrix and Melanie D'Lena Wilks. He is survived by two daughters, Karen Bevill (Donald) and Jamie Doss (Jeremy), nine grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Special friends and caretakers Joey and Melanie Garrett and family.

Luther Hendrix was a man who loved his family, his friends, his community, and his country.

Family will be receiving friends on Saturday, January 20, 2024, 2 pm – 4 pm and Sunday, January 21, 2024, 1 pm-2 pm at Rainsville Funeral Home. A homecoming celebration will be Sunday, January 21, 2 pm, in Rainsville Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Pine Grove Cemetery Fund (please mail donations to 377 County Road 114 Fort Payne, AL 35968).

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Fort Payne, AL 35968

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
Rainsville, AL 35986
(256) 638-2122
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ I have many fond memories of my daddy, Earl Tinney, taking me to see Luther and to fish in his pond. So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort. with love, Carol Tinney Lowry.

Carol Tinney Lowry - January 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

AS

“ I went to Plainview School, and was great friends with Karen. Many overnites, band and majorities practices. Karen's grandmother made delicious white cakes. Mrs Katherine was like a movie star. Mr. Luther was always tolerant and kind with us girls. I admired and envied this loving family. Alfreda Smith Sonneveldt.

Alfreda Sonneveldt - January 24, 2024 at 10:48 AM

KA

“ Karen, Jamie & Family, we are so very sorry for your earthly loss. We will treasure every moment we got to spend with Luther. What a gift of friendship for us and so many. Keeping you in prayer. 🙏
Katy, Norm, Gracie & Cissy

Katy - January 21, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ Karen and Don. Please accept my deepest condolences.

JK Bevill - January 19, 2024 at 04:40 PM

KP

“ He took us in as a family nearly 20 years ago and we've all been blessed by his love, compassion, friendship and friendly debates every since. I'm gonna miss you dear friend, but not for long. Love you

Karen Potts - January 19, 2024 at 02:43 PM

SP

“ He was a great man. Kind and inspiring. May his memory be a blessing.

sandra padgett - January 19, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Luther Hendrix.



January 17, 2024 at 07:47 PM

LW

“ The best marital advice I've ever heard came from Uncle Luther. I heard it when I was 9 and I've never forgotten it. "Whatever you do to get the girl is what you do to keep the girl." Very wise. Somehow I knew it was wise when I was nine. Uncle Luther was always kind and made me laugh. He left an impression forever.

leslie wooten - January 17, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LH

“ MR. Luther was a friend who will be missed, but thank our Lord there's a reunion day ahead!

LARRYT HAYNES - January 17, 2024 at 06:51 PM

KD

“ *Mr Luther was such a special man, He had a smile and kind hello for everyone. He will be dearly missed by his exoctic animal family at Triple W and Gulf Coast Livestock. He walks with our Lord and the ones who have gone before us. Till we meet again Mr Luther. Much Love
Kris Smith Davis*

Kris Smith Davis - January 17, 2024 at 05:19 PM

SE

“ *Dear Karen, Jamie and family, We are sorry for your loss. I remember that he always had a smile when I saw him. He was always kind to Dick and me and engaged us in conversation even though we didn't see each other often. We know that you have wonderful memories of all that fun your family has had on his farm over the years, and getting to see and ride animals that most of us could only dream of. God says that He draws near the brokenhearted. He is with you all. We love you. Dick and Susan*

Susan Ellis - January 17, 2024 at 03:10 PM

RJ

“ *Luther was a special man and a precious friend to me. He will be dearly missed.
Rita Johnson*

Rita Johnson - January 17, 2024 at 02:43 PM