



James Kenith "Jim" Oody

April 6, 1946 - July 6, 2025

James "Jim" Kenith Oody, age 79, of the Morgan City community of Lacey's Spring, Alabama passed away at Huntsville Hospital on Sunday morning, July 6, 2025. Jim was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania on April 6, 1946. His parents were Eugene Edward Oody and Kathryn Louise Julian Oody. His wife, Shirley Ann Reno-Oody, preceded him in death (10-14-2009). After serving honorably in the United States Army, Jim continued serving his country by working with the Department of Defense at Redstone Arsenal as a Security Captain. He was a member of Welcome Bethel Church in the Sims Community.

Jim brought warmth and integrity to every aspect of his life. Whether casting a line on a quiet morning, tapping his foot to live county music, or sharing laughter with friends around a campfire, he found immense joy in simple pleasures. His fondness for dancing and cookouts was matched only by his affection for the Smoky Mountains, especially the cherished retreats to Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Cades Cove.

Family Jim leaves behind to cherish their memories include his son, Eddy Ody (Indira Jefferson); granddaughter, Emily Ody; sisters, Roxie; "Pebble" Daily, Myrna Atkins; special friend, Linda Manning; and extended family members including nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Eugene and Kathryn Oody, Jim is preceded in death by his sisters, Florence "Sally" Askren and Brenda Smith.

A celebration of his life and funeral services will be at Brindlee Mountain

Chapel on Thursday, July 10, 2025. The family will receive friends and guests beginning at 12:00 noon with the funeral service beginning at 2:00pm. Brother Jared Andrew will officiate. Burial will be in Rescue Cemetery. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Tony Griggs, Mike Khawlani, Moe Khawlani and Shane Hovers. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rescue Cemetery

3080 Rescue Rd
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brindlee Mountain Chapel Funeral Home
3552 Highway 231
Lacey's Spring, AL 35754
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arabheritage@otelco.net
<https://www.brindleemountainchapelfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences to Jim's family and friends. He and I worked together on the Redstone Arsenal Guard Force. We had a running joke that involved Eddy. Eddy will remember. Best wishes to the family. I know that Jim will be missed.*



LEROY ELLIS - July 19, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *I remember Jim and his wife Shirley very well as they lived across the hall from my wife and I while serving in the US Army, stationed in Germany. Jim and Shirley were such a down to earth couple and my wife and I cherished their friendship through out our tour. I remember when Eddy was born and Jim was so proud of him. Through out the years, I would run into Jim and he always talked about how much fun he had while working in Germany. It was such a pleasure to get to know Jim and Shirley and it was very apparent they were a couple anyone could depend on. RIP, my friend. You will never be forgotten.*

H. Earl Alspach - July 08, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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“ Jim "pawpaw" as I called him, was so fascinating, with his lovely smile, friendly demeanor and we bonded quite well!! Jim helped me on many occasions!! From picking up at hospital to helping me buy my medicine and helped with my rent and groceries. I was raising a daughter on my own.. He loved to talk about his past adventures and loved to dance. He loved grabbing lunch or supper with his son... He always loved when I'd let him know I had his supper when he hung out with buddies at their store. Such a charming individual!! Made me realize how much I missed my own Father. Thanks to him and his generosity, I live in peace knowing he is in Heaven!! He loved his wife so much!! His son as well and always had a smile on his face. I could never repay all the things he did, the talks we had and laughs I'll miss!! You are healed and have a wonderful mansion!! We will salute the sky knowing you were amazing down here!! Now go enjoy all that Heaven has to offer!! Love you big!! Robbie and Kayla



robbie Harbin - July 08, 2025 at 06:19 PM

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“ Myrna, Odis & Tony purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Kenith "Jim" Oody.



Myrna, Odis & Tony - July 08, 2025 at 02:19 PM

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“ Myrna, Odis & Tony planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Kenith "Jim" Oody.

Myrna, Odis & Tony - July 08, 2025 at 02:19 PM