



James A. "Jimmy" Woodward

October 27, 1954 - January 14, 2025

James Alan "Jimmy" Woodward, born October 27, 1954, in Columbus, Mississippi, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on January 14, 2025. He was the son of the late George and Mavis Rickman Woodward. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Friday, January 17 in the Massey Funeral Home Chapel in Louisville, Mississippi, with the Reverend Dr. Stacey Parvin officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 2 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow the service in Betheden Cemetery.

Jimmy graduated from Louisville High School in 1972 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Mississippi State University in 1976. Over the course of his career, he held various positions with the United States government and retired as a rural letter mail carrier with the United States Postal Service.

A man of deep faith, Jimmy was a devoted member of Betheden Lutheran Church. He dedicated much of his time to serving others through his work with the Salt and Light Ministry, where he ministered to prisoners and shared his unwavering belief in hope and redemption.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Larry Woodward; brother-in-law, Ron Yarbrough; his beloved aunt, Lois Pennington; and his

mother-in-law, Lynda Yarbrough.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Tara Woodward; his sons, Matt (Kristin) Woodward and Andrew (Maci) Woodward; and five cherished grandchildren: William Woodward, Hudson Woodward, Harper Woodward, Casey Woodward, and James Weston Woodward. He also leaves behind his father-in-law, Jim Yarbrough; sisters-in-law, Margaret Woodward and Ginny (Patrick) Deliman; brother-in-law, Jamie Yarbrough; and numerous nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

Jimmy's life was marked by devotion to family, faith, and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to all who mourn his passing.

Serving as pallbearers are Pat Deliman, Ryan Egger, Corey Hancock, Jeremy Matzek, Stephen Mercer, and Pat Peterson. Memorials in honor Jimmy may be given to Betheden Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 508, Louisville, MS 39339.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Gentiva Hospice especially Melissa Flake and Jeri Wooten.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville
Louisville, MS 39339

Interment

JAN 17 (CT)

BethEden Cemetery
2870 Bluff Lake Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the Woodard family. May God continue his comfort and peace during this time of bereavement.*
Dave Jernigan

Dave Jernigan - January 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BK

“ *I attended Jimmy's funeral. He and Tara have been friends of mine for a while and you would never meet a more genuine person than Jimmy. Tara had a song played at Jimmy's funeral that he wrote. I hope she can post this song on Facebook for everyone to hear. It was amazing! I loved the song and the message in the song. Prayers in the days to come for peace and understanding!*

Brenda Keen - January 17, 2025 at 07:08 PM

LB

“ *My prayers are with you all during this sorrowful time.*

Lisa Blanset - January 17, 2025 at 06:29 PM

TA

“ *Thomas Ackerly purchased the Red Roses and Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of James A. "Jimmy" Woodward.*



Thomas Ackerly - January 17, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TA

“ From: Thomas Ackerly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James A. "Jimmy" Woodward.

Thomas Ackerly - January 17, 2025 at 05:18 PM

KS

“ I grew up with Jimbo. He was truly one of the best fellas I've ever know. A true unsung hero. Rest easy, old friend. I'll see you later.
Kacey Sloan

Kacey Sloan - January 17, 2025 at 09:19 AM

Jl

“ Tara and Family, my heart is saddened to learn of the passing of Jimmy. May you be surrounded with loving support during this difficult time. I hope knowing you will be reunited someday brings you peace and HOPE.
Sending prayers and Pilot Friendship and Love.



Jane Driscoll, MWD Pilot International - January 17, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of James A. "Jimmy" Woodward.



January 16, 2025 at 05:01 PM

ST

“ Scott Tucker purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of James A. "Jimmy" Woodward.



Scott Tucker - January 16, 2025 at 04:24 PM

PT

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Praying the our Lord wraps each of you in His loving comfort now and inthe days to come.

Pam Thomas - January 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CW

Tara, I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. May you and all of your family find comfort knowing the care and support you gave him during the times he needed you most. Jimmy was always such a kind man. Prayers and love in the days ahead, sweet lady. 🙏❤️✝️

Cindy Ward - January 16, 2025 at 12:48 PM