



James H. Messervy

March 3, 1946 - May 10, 2022

James (Jim) Herbert Messervy, Sr, of Summerville, South Carolina passed away surrounded by his wife and children on May 10, 2022 after a battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 76 years old. Jim was the son of Thomas William Messervy ("Doc") and Elizabeth G. Messervy ("Lib"). He enjoyed being lifelong resident of Summerville and a graduate of Summerville High School. After high school, he followed his brother to The Citadel (where he was affectionately known as "Hoby" by his classmates). Jim was a dedicated Citadel alumni serving on various committees and boards, most recently supporting college athletics through his involvement with The Citadel Brigadier Foundation. Upon graduation from The Citadel, Jim received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina, where he took an odd pride in taking an extra year to graduate due to excessive golf and partying. Jim was sworn in as a member of the South Carolina Bar in 1973 and practiced law in Summerville until his recent retirement from PMC Law Firm, where he was a founding member and a constant presence. During his life, "Big Jim" was many things to many people in the communities of Summerville and Dorchester County. He was a liberal Democrat who was accepted and loved by even the most die-hard of Republicans (who preferred to call him an Independent). He was a public servant, having served in the South Carolina House of Representatives, working for the Solicitor's Office for almost thirty years and holding numerous volunteer positions in the community including President of the Francis R. Willis (now Dorchester Paws) SPCA, President of

the Dorchester County Bar Association and co-founder of the Dorchester County Fund through the Coastal Community Foundation, as well as countless other organizations. He was a mentor to so many new lawyers, including his daughter, as they started or developed their careers. He was, at his core, concerned with fairness and justice which led him to serve as a part-time Magistrate Judge and Town Judge during his legal career. He was a devout Christian, a great storyteller, a town historian, and a gentleman. Of course, his most important role was patriarch of his family. To know Big Jim was to hear his stories and to see the pride he took in those he leaves behind. Jim is survived by his wife, Linda T. Messervy and three children; Tiffany Provence, James H. Messervy Jr. ("JJ") and Ashleigh Messervy, who all live in the lowcountry. Tiffany has two children, Drake and Mason Nisbet and three stepchildren with husband Ted Chavez; Andy, Alex and Adam Chavez. JJ has two children, Hoby and Jake Messervy. Ashleigh has two stepchildren with husband Jess Cuthbert; Brennan and Finley Cuthbert. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Thomas Messervy and his children, Thomas and Katie Messervy. Regardless of how they came to join his family, Jim loved being surrounded by loved ones and was always ready with a hug. His happiest days were those cheering on the sidelines as a child or grandchild participated in a sporting or academic event. His passing will leave a huge hole in both our family and this community. His final words to all of us were to take care of one another. Jim has requested that no funeral service be held in his honor, but that instead his friends and family come together and celebrate a life well lived in a community he deeply loved. The family will honor this request by hosting a drop in to celebrate his life at Summerville Country Club on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day) beginning at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating a gift in his honor to his favorite cause, the Dorchester Paws Capital Campaign at 136 Four Paws Lane, Summerville, SC 29483.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Summerville Country Club
400 Country Club Blvd.
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *James H. Messervy*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Jim opened his heart and his home to many of our extended family. He was loved and respected by them all. I know his wise guidance , love, and care will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences go to his lovely wife Linda and all of his beautiful family. Peggy Matsko*

Peggy Matsko - May 17, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *Was always fun to drop in on and talk about the town...."Summerville"....always had a point of view and a smile.....been separated for a while.....but warm memories.*

George Maroska - May 16, 2022 at 02:54 AM

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“ I knew Jim as Hoby. He was my roommate at The Citadel. Even thou we were at opposite ends of the political spectrum, we always remained great friends. I remember the weekends spent at his parent's home in Summerville, especially going hunting with him and his father. During school breaks, we traveled together to beaches and cities along the east coast, Hoby was a good lawyer (He closed some property, that I bought on Johns Island). After graduation, we usually only saw each other at our 5yr Citadel reunions, We got to talk a lot and catch up on many things. We had many good times together, especially the pre-reunions at Brosnan Forest.

Hoby was a good man and a good friend. One you could count on. He was a great story teller and had a good sense of humor. Everybody liked him. He had a strong Christian faith. May he rest in peace and God bless his Family. I will truly miss him.

CHARLES E CLAGHORN - May 14, 2022 at 04:13 PM

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“ Jimmy had the best stories and the most gentle sole. His kindness speed far and wide as did his smile. The heavens gain a wonderful man that will surly be missed by so many. His memory will far exceed him. 💕💕

Amanda Winn - May 14, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Jimmy was a blessing in my life, as he was for many. I will miss him dearly. All of my love and prayers goes out to his family.



Dana Adkins - May 14, 2022 at 12:17 AM

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“ My heart felt condolences to Jimmy’s family, Linda, Tiffany, JJ and Ashley.

Cheryl - May 13, 2022 at 10:41 PM

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Ashleigh - May 13, 2022 at 06:19 PM

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Ashleigh - May 13, 2022 at 06:14 PM