



Jimmy Ray Shaw

April 24, 1937 - January 8, 2026

Jimmy “Jim” Ray Shaw, age 88, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2026, in Bessemer, Alabama. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Jim had the biggest heart for helping others and faithfully served his family, friends, and Lord Jesus until his very last breath. Jim was blessed with a servant heart and would drop everything to help anyone he came across. He selflessly cared for his mother-in-law for many years, and most recently he cared for his wife. His last act of service was making his wife some ice cream before sitting down, closing his eyes, and meeting his Savior, Jesus Christ, in Heaven.

Jim was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and married the love of his life in January 1958. They were married for 67 years and together raised four wonderful children. Jim spent over 50 years in automotive body repair before retiring from Don Drennen Buick as the Body Shop Manager. He was highly respected in the industry. He had a passion for sports and loved coaching youth baseball and football in the community. He was a mentor to many young men, and throughout the years they would stop to say “Hello” and share the impact that he had on their life. Jim was also a Master Mason at the Jemison Lodge and a part of the Shriners.

Jim loved his family, being outside, Alabama sports, and Christmas. Any day, he would have been seen spending time with his children or grandchildren,

working his garden, sitting on the porch with his dogs, or watching Alabama football all while enjoying a good cup of coffee and a Little Debbie snack. This past Christmas, he was able to display most of his Christmas decorations and lights and excitedly showed them off to all his friends and family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, four children: Chris (Kim), Jeff (Ginger), Teresa Gandy (Rick), and Steve (Marie), 10 grandchildren: Scott, Stuart, Trent, Madison, Anna, Katlyn, Emily, Mary Ashley, Cam, and Sadie, and 7 great-grandchildren.

He will be dearly loved and missed by everyone, but we rest assured in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ's death on the cross that we will see him again one day in Heaven. As he would say "In Jesus's sweet name, Amen".

Funeral service will be Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with burial following at Jefferson Memorial Gardens Hoover. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until service time.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens South

2711 John Hawkins Pkwy
Hoover, AL 35244
(205) 987-0068

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Renee Shaw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Shaw.

Renee Shaw - January 12 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Shaw.



January 12 at 11:27 AM

GC

“ Jim was one of the kindest people I have ever met. My time around him was very short. But his impact upon my life has been always there... He never seem to tire of my constant questions. I would walk down to the house when he was there not even so much as to say hello, but then literally pick his brain of all the knowledge he had about cars, body work.. He could be in the middle of working on his own stuff, but he never said I'm busy right now, or catch up with me later, he would answer the questions as if they truly had importance. And over time, I learned that he didn't just care about my problem, or question, he cared about people..... Period..... He love.....he cared....he gave..... And that was the Jim that I knew.
G.W.....Guy

G. W. Carroll - January 12 at 10:45 AM

BF

“ Byron, Renee, Danna, Tonya & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Shaw.

Byron, Renee, Danna, Tonya & Families - January 12 at 10:06 AM

BF

“ Byron, Renee, Danna, Tonya & Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jimmy Ray Shaw.



Byron, Renee, Danna, Tonya & Families - January 12 at 10:06 AM

YB

“ Your friends at Luminare Bank, B'ham purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jimmy Ray Shaw.



Your friends at Luminare Bank, B'ham - January 11 at 05:57 PM