



James L. Goins, II

November 23, 1949 - May 23, 2026

James Lawrence Goins II, better known as Jimmy, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2026, in Sarasota Hospice House, after a short stay with heart issues.

Jimmy was born in Muscle Shoals, Alabama but the family moved to Greenhill, AL where they resided all his elementary and high school years. He was very active in football, basketball and baseball. His basketball team was the first Rogers High School team that went to State. He cherished his buddies from sports and continued to get together with them when visiting the area. Jimmy then attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where he met his loving wife, Sandra Mitchell, and they have been married for 56 years.

Jimmy was a fun loving, adventurous soul and enjoyed scuba diving, going way beyond depths he should have. He loved traveling the world over, going into the deepest villages even though he was advised not to. He and his wife and daughter lived in Thailand several years. He learned the Thai language and had so much fun with the Thai people. He and Sandra, along with others, started a safe house for girls who were in danger of human trafficking and that safe house is still up and going thanks to the Lone Cedar Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama. He loved his time in Columbia Falls, Montana where he hunted (for food), elk, antelope and deer. Jimmy was a minister of the gospel for over 50 years.

Jimmy was at the forefront of the fight against dementia, which affects over 7 million Americans today. He was a pioneer in a program to slowing the progression and improving the quality of life to families involved.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents, Myrtle Lee Goins and Lawrence Goins, his brother Larry Joe Goins and 3 sisters, Faith Nesbitt, Wanda Richardson, and Sandra Dickerson.

Survivors include wife, Sandra Mitchell Goins, daughter Cassandra Michelle (Colby), one brother, Ronnie (Dyann). Jimmy was also "Papa" to two wonderful grandchildren, Tyler Corban Hill (Mia) and Savannah Grace Hill.

A celebration of life will be held at 53rd Avenue Church of Christ in Bradenton on June 5, 2026, at 11:00 A.M.

A celebration of life will also be held in Alabama, on June 20, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lone Cedar Church of Christ. All are invited to attend, but both will be livestreamed also.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Jimmy through a donation to Bethany Restoration Ranch, to continue care for the animals that he adored. Donkey, Peppy, Chic, Diamond, and Bandit. Checks can be sent to 5102 Verna Bethany Rd, Myakka City, FL 34251

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

53rd Avenue Church of Christ
3412 53rd Ave E,
Bradenton, FL 34203

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jimmy served as a founding member of the board of Central Missions International serving missions in Kenya, Haiti, Pakistan, and India. He was a supportive and faithful friend in the minister for the 30+ years I preached in Sarasota. He shared our love for country music along with our brother and friend Mark Barnett. Jimmy's most requested song was Merle Haggard's Big City. I think he liked the part about being in Montana. As I see my fellow preachers go home one by one it makes me reflect on the legacy our generation is leaving behind in the cause of the gospel. Jimmy's contribution causes me to believe we've made a difference. So long brother. Rod Myers

Rod Myers - May 25 at 04:11 PM

DB

Lords day worship at Judys house with Brother Jimmy in attendance was always the beginning of a good week for me. Surely it will not be long til I see his winning smile again!

don betts - May 25 at 06:33 PM

SC

Prayers and thoughts with Goins family. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you in the days, weeks and years to come. Absent from the body, present with the Lord!

susie Copeland - May 29 at 02:31 PM

MS

Jimmy & Sandra were special servants of God. My husband, Kelby Smith, baptized Jimmy on June 12, 1966 during his senior year in high school. As all of us know, he & Sandra spread the gospel all over the world. My love, sympathy, & prayers will always be with family.

Martha Smith - June 04 at 10:55 AM