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Edward James McConnell, Jr., 90, formerly of Memphis, TN passed away peacefully, after a long illness, in Johns Creek, GA on May 12, 2018. He was born on October 28, 1927 in Seattle, WA to E. J. McConnell, Sr. and Rose Mae McConnell both of whom preceded him in death and Pauline Caughron McConnell who also preceded him in death. He leaves his son James P. McConnell, (Dixie McConnell), and daughters Deborah Gatewood, Lucinda J. Langford, and Belinda Leiberman. Jim leaves his wife of twenty years Rose Dugan McConnell of Johns Creek, GA, and his beloved stepdaughters Kathleen Riggs (Warren Riggs), Sandra Wray (Dwight Wray), Mary Jane Haggitt and Rose Anne Orman. Jim was a professional baseball player prior to starting his family. In 1951, he quit baseball to become a professional painter. In 1954, he founded McConnell & Johnson Painting and Sandblasting. In 1991, he retired and the company was closed. He was active in several organizations related to commercial painting and did multiple speaking engagements relating to the industry. Additionally, in 1963 he was elected President of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America. This organization helped to train commercial painters in all facets of their chosen field. Throughout his life, he was an avid athlete involving basketball, football, baseball and at one time a scratch golfer. One of the highlights of his athletic career was being inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Hernando Desoto Baseball League in 1990. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with the service to follow immediately at 11:30 a.m. All services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.



Tribute Wall

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TM

Tim, Sandra, Alex, Kendall And Michael Mele posted:

Dear family, we had the honor of being Jim And Rose's neighbors for the past twelve years. They came into our lives during some tough periods of complexity in our family. They saw us through two bouts of breast cancer, sudden passing of my 82 year old father, multiple years of Alzheimer's. Their door (garage door) was always open and inviting. When anyone in our family needed some parent or grandparent wisdom they were there for us. They allowed us to walk in on any family event and any holiday. If the garage door was up – WE WERE IN. My son lost his grandfathers too early for him to have teenage grandfather talks. Jim was always there to lend an ear or offer non parent loving grandfather advice. My son looked up to Jim. They both played first base in baseball, they also shared golf and basketball stories. If my son was down because he may have had a bad day I would send him over to see Jim and Rose usually carrying some soup. We will miss seeing them but we have them in our hearts ! One day we will see them in heaven! The Mele's

May 21 at 3:05 AM

DM

Dixie Mcconnell posted:

Dad, you were the greatest father in law. I adored you from the first time we met. You will never be forgotten and will always be loved. You always treated me special. Dixie

May 19 at 6:07 AM

KB

Kay Bruce posted:

Big Jim , You were always on my side and you were good to me and my children. You will be missed by many and especially missed by Rose your loving wife. Rest In Peace

May 16 at 5:34 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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