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James T. Canfield, Jr., 86, died after a brief illness on January 19, 2018. Jimmy, as he was known by his friends and family, was a native Memphian, the son of Ruth Dearing Canfield and James Thomas Canfield, Sr. He was a graduate of the first graduating class of East High School in 1951. He was proud of the fact that he was a lieutenant colonel in the ROTC at East High where his ROTC unit won the first trophy earned by the school. He was a graduate of the University of Mississippi, 'Ole Miss,' as he would fondly say. He was the President and owner of Poston Warehouses, Inc. for over thirty years. He later worked with Quest Diagnostics. He was admired, loved and respected by all those who worked with and for him. He held many service roles throughout his life including the board of directors for the Southeastern Warehousemen's Association, a member and board member of the downtown Kiwanis Club and as a past board member of Colonial Park Methodist Church. Jimmy was a role model and father figure for many of the men, women, girls and boys who knew him through his business, years of motocross racing, and as a neighbor or relative. Many have described him as being a second father to them. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Marijean Tait Canfield, his sons Jim Canfield, III and his wife Paige of San Diego, CA and Keith Canfield and his wife Gwen of Little Rock, AR and by his two beloved grandchildren, Peyton Canfield and Jas Canfield. He also leaves a sister, Nan Lambert and many cherished nieces and nephews. Services for a life well-lived will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018. The family will receive visitors from 10:00-11:00 am with services immediately after at 11:00. All services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home at 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119.



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RR

Robin Ragan posted:

I was so heartbroken when I heard about Mr. Jim passing... He was my sunshine each day he came to pick up our labs from the office (Corinth, Ms) to carry back to Quest. We often had long talks about our families and just everyday events... He was like my "pawpaw". I know he will be missed by Ms Maryjean and all that knew him...

January 23 at 1:36 PM

DC

Donna And Bob Canfield posted:

So sorry we can't be with you tomorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 22 at 12:30 PM

SW

Steven Williams posted:

This is a paragraph from Jim's obituary : "Jimmy was a role model and father figure for many of the men, women, girls and boys who knew him through his business, years of motocross racing, and as a neighbor or relative. Many have described him as being a second father to them." I am one of those boys described in the above paragraph. Mr. Canfield was like a second father to me and many other boys. He took an interest in me and my hobby of motocross and was a role model to me as a young man. He gave me a job in his business and fatherly guidance and insight. He took me to motocross races, paid for countless meals and hotel rooms and at the races was known as the go-to father for mechanical advice and racing advice. Cool, calm and collected was his persona and to tell the truth, most kids wished he was their father. Yea, he was that cool and fun. He had a wicked sense of humor and wit and many laughs were had by many that knew him. He was the kinda Dad that everyone wanted to "hang around". I cried a lot today and I'm crying as I type this. I'll miss you Mr. Canfield and I hope someday to see you in heaven. Goodbye, Steve Williams

January 21 at 3:16 PM



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