



James Harrison Mullins III

July 28, 1945 - August 22, 2025

Jim Mullins (1945-2025)

James Harrison Mullins III, 80, of Huntsville, AL passed away on August 22, 2025.

He was born at Fort Rucker, AL on July 28, 1945 to Harry and Ruby Mullins. He lost his parents when he was young and was raised and loved by his Grandfather and Grandmother, James and Della, his Uncle Fred, Aunt Christine and cousin Patty. Jim graduated from Ardmore High School in 1963, followed by his graduation from the U.S. Navy Instructor Training School in 1969. He then obtained Bachelor of Arts Mathematics from the University of Alabama in 1973 and a Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama in 1974. In 1982 he received Masters of Science Engineering from University of Alabama in Huntsville.

For over 36 years Jim Mullins led efforts within the U.S. Army to advance radar and missile seeker technology. His efforts and patents proved to be the foundation of all modern air defense and strike missile systems. He was among a select few in the world able to build and design advanced radars. He was both a technical innovator and a leader of people, always placing the needs of others first. He was loved and admired by all who worked with and for him.

In addition to his exemplar Army civilian career, Jim served from 1969 to 1975 in the US Navy as a Naval Electronics Instructor rising to the rank of First Class Petty Officer.

In 1968 Jim met and married the blond haired, green-eyed beauty that was the love of his life. They were married in Tuscaloosa, AL but then moved to San Diego, CA for his first US Navy assignment. When they returned to Alabama with their baby girls, Jennifer and Jessica, they moved to Huntsville where they have stayed for over 50 years and completed their family by giving Jennifer and Jessica a brother, Kevin. Jim loved his kids and their families immensely. He attended every family event that he could possibly get to.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Harry Mullins and Ruby Mullins, grandparents James Mullins Sr. and Della Mullins, his grandmother Anna Shaw, his Uncle Fred Stevenson and Aunt Christine Stevenson. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Lynette Mullins, his daughter Jennifer Richman (Mike Richman), his daughter Jessica Vaughn (Allen Vaughn), his son Kevin Mullins (Holly Mullins) and his grandchildren Blake Vaughn, Jacob Richman, Evan Vaughn, Luke Richman, James Richman, Loren Mullins, Garrett Mullins, and Colton Mullins, his cousin Patty Baldwin (Curtiss Baldwin) and their daughters Christen Layhew and Courtney Goss.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you please make donations to the following:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Building Fund

228 Mt. Zion Rd, Huntsville, AL 35806

Mount Zion Baptist Church | Project 18|28

<https://www.mzbc.net/give/project-1828>

Madison Church of Christ

Youth Ministry

556 Hughes Rd, Madison, AL 35758

Madison Church of Christ - Giving Form

<https://www.givingtools.com/give/949/4836>

Cemetery Details

Gatlin Cemetery

Stateline Road
Ardmore, AL 35739

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home
27186 E. Main St.
Ardmore, AL 35739
(256) 423-4100
<https://www.ardmorechapel.com/>

Chapel Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my friend and co-worker, Mr. Jim Mullins. I enjoyed working with him at AvMC. He was indeed an excellent boss. He will be tremendously missed. His lovely family has my heartfelt condolence! Paul Ruffin

Paul Ruffin - August 29, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JL

“ Very sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was the most genuine kind hearted person and I feel fortunate to have worked with him at AVMC and truly thankful for his friendship over the last few years. Lynette you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a shining light that will be missed and his love for his family and kindness to others is beyond measure.

Julie Locker - August 28, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CA

“ Carol A. purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of James Harrison Mullins III.



Carol A. - August 28, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of James Harrison Mullins III.



August 28, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Harrison Mullins III.*



August 27, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ *This is indeed sad news. I have known Jim for over 40 years,. We worked together at RDEC and TBE, in the 80's. A good man and enjoyed working with him on programs throughout the years. Capable, personable, and had his Ego under control. A fine Engineer.*

He now knows all the secrets of the Universe, and the doors of Heaven will surely be open to him. Wish him eternal happiness - he will be missed. Please accept my Deepest Sympathy, Jim English

James English - August 27, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers for all of you during this difficult time.*

Dorinda Leet - August 27, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lynette, Jennifer, Jessica, & Kevin & family we are terribly sorry for your loss. We are very sorry we can't be there Saturday. Dad always has asked about y'all and appreciated when Jim visited him. Y'all are in our prayers.*

Gordon Lill, Teresa Simmons & family.

teresa - August 26, 2025 at 06:43 PM