



Jim Stanton

February 28, 1938 - April 4, 2016

Memorial Services for Jim Stanton will be Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 2 pm, at First Baptist Church of Gadsden, AL. Visitation will be from 12-2 at the church.

Jim went to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, April 4. He was born February 25, 1938 in Linden, AL, to Jamie and Roxie Bennett Stanton. Jimmie was raised in Greensboro, AL, where at a young age began leading music at Greensboro Baptist Church. After a few years of teaching school elsewhere, he returned home to teach at Greensboro Public School and lead music full time. Jim soon went to work for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions in Montgomery and later the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board in Nashville. In 1980, he took his family to Gadsden where he became Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Gadsden. He later added Minister of Senior Adults to his title. He retired in 2001 but as is true of the ministry you never truly retire. His love for the Lord, his family, and all God's people kept him ministering until the good Lord called him Home.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister Roxianne Watkins.

He leaves behind his wife of 49 years Lou Wilson Stanton, two sons; Seth (Brandi) Stanton and Jared (Amanda) Stanton, 4 grandchildren; Meredith Hicks, Caleb Stanton, Nora Jayne Stanton, and Bennett Stanton, and a Swedish daughter (exchange student); Veronica Arnflykt.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Watkins Bennett Scholarship Fund at Greensboro Baptist Church or the Building Fund of First Baptist Church Gadsden.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Gadsden
235 South 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Stanton taught me Piano at KDS-DAR School somewhere around late 1950s and maybe early 1960s...wonderful person..he took a group of his students to dinner at The Club in Birmingham and to an opera, LaTraviata. This was a wonderful experience. Always wondered where he went when he left DAR. Now I know; feel fortunate to have known such a great individual.*

John-Sarah Barnard - December 13, 2025 at 10:30 PM

DM

“ *When I think of Jim, I think of an encourager, a musician, a man that loved to organize (he could organize a group of chihuahua puppies), a patient guy,(don't forget he worked with pastors his whole life) an individual that could be counted on to support you (even if you kept a girl out past curfew at Glorieta, which I did), a life-long confidant, a man that loved the Lord and sought to see His face in all that he did.*

He and Lou were a great pair. Lou is a strong woman. She has endeavored to make "things" better - especially though the rough times - a loving and talented half of their relationship.

My heart is broken when I think that I won't get to give Jim a call. However, how can I cry over my feelings when I know that he is in the comfortable arms of our Lord.

I thank God for giving me the privilege of knowing this man, His servant.

*- Danny Lynn Martin
metromusicmaker@mac.com*

Danny Martin - April 11, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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Danny Lynn Martin - April 11, 2016 at 03:15 AM

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Danny L. Martin - April 10, 2016 at 08:34 PM

VE

“ Veronica purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jim Stanton.



Veronica - April 09, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Jim Stanton.



April 06, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Stanton.



April 06, 2016 at 10:49 AM

CH

“ Mr. Stanton was a wonderful person, teacher and friend. I was a student back in the 60's that truly enjoyed choir. In fact, with Mr. Stanton's help, I went to All State Chorus twice. Such memories. May God be with the family during this time. Mr. Stanton touched many lives in his years of teaching and I for one, am happy he touched mine. God Bless. Connie Drake Hall. (GHS class of 1971)

Connie Drake Hall - April 06, 2016 at 09:00 AM

RW

“ I remember Jim as my Minister of Music and Youth Director at Greensboro Baptist Church. He truly served the Lord in this capacity---organizing and directing so many wonderful ways to share his faith and love of music: music classes on reading music, learning to direct, teaching how to vocalize, as well as taking us to camps during AEA week in the spring.

What was truly great was when he re-established the Glee Club at Greensboro High School.

I was so happy when he joined our Facebook Page--People With Hale County Alabama Connections and shared memories of growing up in Greensboro and working with so many of us at Church and in the community. It was while he was the Youth Director at GHS that he promoted youth activities with the youth groups of the various demoninations in Greensboro.

More importantly, Jim passionately shared his love of the Lord. We will see Jim again one day when we cross over into the Kingdom of Heaven...then we will join him in songs of praise and shout the Jubilee! Becky Key Wetzel.

Rebecca Key Wetzel - April 06, 2016 at 02:47 AM

DS

“ It was a privilege to serve with him for many years at FBC Gadsden. He was a blessing to all and exhibited a Christ-like love everywhere he went. Love to all the family. Darwood Santmier

Darwood Santmier - April 05, 2016 at 04:23 PM