



Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.

March 10, 1946 - November 15, 2022

A funeral service to honor the life of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr., age 76, will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday, November 18, 2022, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC. The Rev. Nicholas Beasley will officiate, and the family will receive friends following the service in the Fellowship Hall. A private burial will be held at Prince George Winyah in Georgetown, SC, at a later date.

Dr. Gettys was the husband of Elizabeth "Bet" Thompson Gettys. Jim died on November 15, 2022, of complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Born in Hartsville, South Carolina, Jim was the son of the late J. Riley Gettys and the late Bruce Traywick Gettys and loved to talk about Hartsville and swimming in Prestwood Lake.

He was a graduate of Wofford College and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Jim earned an MD degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. Dr. Gettys was a member of Pitts Radiology in Columbia for nearly 30 years.

He also served two years in the US Army Medical Corps. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and the General Society of Colonial Wars. He

and his family spent many happy hours at the Barracks at Pawley's Island fishing for flounder, crabbing, reading, and playing with the grandkids.

His loving wife, Bet, survives him; his daughters, Harriet Gettys Coleman (Lee) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Jean Singleton Hood (Bobby) of Charleston, SC, and Anne McNeill Singleton of Charlotte, NC; sons, James Boulware Gettys, MD (Ashley) of Greenville, SC, William McAngus Gettys (Beki) of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Riley, Gage, and John Houston Gettys, Eli and Hugh Gettys, Mary Mac and Stuart Coleman, and Bobby and Harry Hood; sisters, Hope Gettys Dunlap (Randy) of Columbia, SC, Mary Mac Gettys McDonald (Mac) of Hartsville, SC; sisters-in-law, Gail Overton Thompson of Pawleys Island, SC, Dorothy Anne Thompson of Lebanon, TN.

He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, John Shepherd Thompson of Pawleys Island.

Memorials may be made in his honor to St. John's Episcopal Church, 2827 Wheat St., Columbia, SC 29205; Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community, 1 Still Hopes Dr., W. Columbia, SC 29169; Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
2827 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



Anna Williams - December 03, 2022 at 06:33 AM

RG

“ *Richard Galloway lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



Richard Galloway - November 23, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JC

“ *Bet and all Jim's family:*

Back in the Providence Hospital days, I appreciated Jim's willingness to review X-Rays of cardiac patients, though he had a busy schedule. Was helpful and appreciated.

Parkinson's disease is one of those illnesses that creates a perspective voiced by Gilder Radner when dealing with her own adverse health issues: "Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."

Rhoda and I extend condolences and hope for all Jim's family the memories of many good together times you enjoyed soften the grief that surrounds the immediate loss of one so dear.

Jeff Brooker, MD, Columbia - November 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM

BG

“ Condolences for the family. Jim was one of my brother’s, Kent Hungerpiller, best friends growing up in Hartsville. Always so nice and polite.

Bess Hungerpiller Gore - November 17, 2022 at 10:45 AM

SW

“ A Still Hopes friend and neighbor. May he watch over Bet! Suzy Weisman.

Suzy and Don weisman - November 17, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.



jimmy and Judy Gainey - November 16, 2022 at 05:29 PM

VK

“ Jim and I attended kindergarten, junior high, and high school together. He was so smart and always kind. Praying for his family...



Vicki Killen - November 16, 2022 at 12:08 PM

RM

“ Swimming in Prestwood when I was the little kid next door, fond memories.

Rusty Matthews - November 16, 2022 at 10:46 AM

LH

“ *Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



Larry Huggins - November 16, 2022 at 10:13 AM

PS

“ *Pam P Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



Pam P Sansbury - November 16, 2022 at 09:59 AM

LS

“ *Larry Stewart lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



Larry Stewart - November 16, 2022 at 08:01 AM

WJ

“ *Wayne Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



wayne jeffords - November 15, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DN

“ *David And Vickie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Riley "Jim" Gettys, Jr.*



David and Vickie Newsome - November 15, 2022 at 07:54 PM