



# Mr. James G. Tomlin

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**M**r. James G. Tomlin, affectionately known as Coach Tomlin, passed away on July 11th, 2025, at the age of 89. He was a beacon of wisdom, courage, and love, touching the lives of all who knew him. Born on March 1st, 1936, he lived a life marked by dedication to his family, his faith, and his passion for education and the great outdoors.

James leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, married to his wife, Judy Tomlin, of 66 years. His memory will be cherished by his son, Chuck (Patti) Tomlin of Fayetteville, GA; his daughter, Cindy (Jim) Ayers of Auburn, AL; his grandchildren, James Colby (Amanda) Tomlin, Kelly (Mike) Hirschfield, Alex Tomlin, Jackson Ayers, and Jordan Ayers. His great-grandchildren, Maddie Elaine Tomlin, Clark James Tomlin, Emma Colby Tomlin, and Hailey Rose Hirschfield. He is also survived by his siblings; Fran Tomlin Huddleston, Donnie Tomlin, Billy (Peggy) Tomlin, Nancy Tomlin Meadows, Bob (Leigh) Tomlin, and sister-in-law Charlotte (Billy) Kelly; along with numerous nieces and nephews and his sweet caretaker, Kim Johnson. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Howard Tomlin and Mary Lee Bell Tomlin.

An alumnus of Auburn University, Coach Tomlin earned both his Undergraduate and Master's degrees there. His career was a testament to his passion for physical education, sports, and nature. He began teaching P.E. at Auburn University and later became the head P.E. and the Athletic Director at ACJC, now known as CACC. His talent and knowledge led to being selected as Outstanding Young Educator by the Alexander City Jaycees. While James taught locally throughout the school year, he received teaching opportunities at Michigan State, where the family spent summers camping as he taught Outdoor Education. His influence extended beyond the classroom and into the lives of countless athletes and students.

James was a man of many virtues, embodying intelligence in his thoughtful approach to education and mentorship. A devout Christian, James was a deacon and lived in his faith through his actions and words, serving as a shining example of Christian values in every aspect of his life. His courage was evident not only in his competitive endeavors but also in his daily life, facing



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challenges with a steadfast heart. Above all, his loving nature created a warm and welcoming atmosphere that surrounded by his family, friends, and community.

James Tomlin's passion for sports and the outdoors went beyond education. In his free time, his love for bass fishing was more than just a hobby; it was a pursuit of excellence that saw him start BASS Masters of Alexander City and serve as its first president. His competitive spirit led him to a National Championship of BASS Masters, where he showcased his skills and sportsmanship. Throughout his life, he won multiple awards in both club and professional bass fishing competitions, always demonstrating the qualities that those close to him admired.

As we bid farewell to Mr. James G. Tomlin, we remember a man who lived a full and impactful life. He was a coach not only in title but action, guiding those around him with a steady hand and a kind heart. Coach Tomlin's legacy will live on through the many lives he touched, the knowledge he imparted, and the outdoors he so dearly loved. His was a life well-lived, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Langley Funeral home is honored to serve the family of James G. Tomlin.



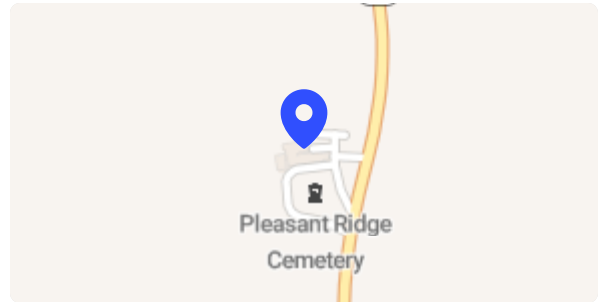
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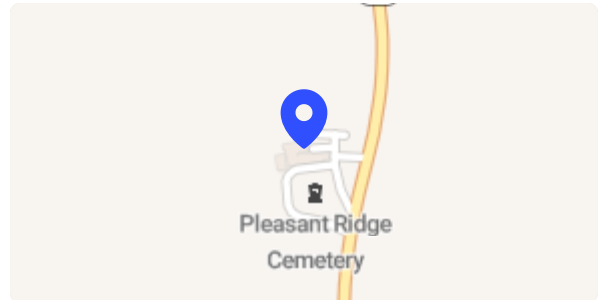
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, July 16, 2025
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT
- Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**  
3464 AL-49, Dadeville AL 36853



## Service

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LF

**Lisa Fail** posted:

I remember Coach Jim so fondly - always fun and young at heart! He touched a lot of lives and will live on in many, many memories! ❤️

July 16 at 4:49 AM

PE

**Phil Evers** posted:

I took a PE course under him at ACJC back in summer,1967. He really impressed me as a good man.

July 14 at 11:30 AM

PA

**Paul** August 26 at 10:15 PM

Just saw this obituary from July. I also remember coach from a PEb class I had back in 69. He as a energetic and worked with all students well Prayers for his family belated Paul Carmichael



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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