



## James Clyde Merritt

July 24, 1946 - July 14, 2014

James "Jim" Clyde Merritt, 68, of Bainbridge, GA, formerly of DeWitt, passed away Monday, July 14, 2014 at Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Medley officiating. Active pallbearers will be Charles Lashley, Brian Key, Troy Arthur, Tyler Hutchins, Gordon Hutchins, Wesley Powell, and Cary Dollar.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at Ivey Funeral Home. Online visitors may sign the guest register at [www.iveyfuneral.com](http://www.iveyfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 155, Bainbridge, GA 39818 or Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Graveside service will be 11:00 AM Saturday, July 19th at Merritt Cemetery, DeWitt under the direction of Essex Funeral Home. [essexfuneralhome.com](http://essexfuneralhome.com)

Mr. Merritt was born June 24, 1946 in Little Rock, AR, the son of William Clyde Merritt and Eunice Wheatley Merritt. Before moving to Bainbridge, he was a manager with Bunge Corporation in Selma, AL. In Bainbridge, Jim worked as an Extrusion Maintenance Supervisor with Amoco Fabrics for several years and retired as an advertising sales representative with The Post Searchlight. He was a member of First Baptist Church, a charter member of the Bainbridge Bass Club, the Walter C. Dancer Lodge #115 F. & A.M., and he was a Shriner. Mr. Merritt will be remembered for many things, his heart of gold, and how he would go out of his way to help others will remain at the top

of the list. He was an avid outdoors man, he loved to hunt, but his passion was fishing either with friends and family or competitively in local bass tournaments. Jim was proud of his heritage, especially the fact that he was a direct descendant of Davy Crockett.

Survivors include his wife and best friend of 41 years, Sarah Lee Merritt of Bainbridge, GA; his son, William Lee Merritt and his wife, Joanna, of Bainbridge, GA; his brother, Michael Wheatley Merritt and his wife, Diana, of Dewitt, AR; and his step- grandchildren, Hunter, and Ashton.