



## James B. "Jim" Edwards

April 27, 1935 - June 27, 2018

"Jim" James Benjamin Edwards died on June 27th 2018 in Columbia, SC at the age of 83. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on April 27, 1935 to "Tobe" James Thomas and Louise Francis Edwards. "BoBo" graduated from Fayette County High School, Georgia (1953) where he lettered in Football and Basketball and was inducted into their Sports Hall of Fame in March 2013. He served eight years with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1954-62) as an enlisted Marine.

Dr. Edwards was an Accounting MBA and PhD graduate of Business Administration from the University of Georgia (1971) and Sigma Chi. He taught countless students over the years as an instructor at the University of Tennessee, Nashville (1964-1966), an instructor at David Lipscomb University (1963-1966), and as a Professor of Accounting and Business Administration at the University of South Carolina from 1971-2016. During his four decade tenure at South Carolina he helped create the leading International School of Business and received three School of Accounting Faculty Distinguished Service awards, a Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award and a graduate level scholarship named in his honor.

Dr. Edwards held numerous professional certifications (CPA, CMA, CGMA, CIA, CCP, CCA), and was a former managing partner of several CPA firms, Vice-President and board member of General Data Service Inc., board member of Atlanta Bible Camp, Georgia Christian Foundation, Spring Valley Country Club, Co-Founder and Treasurer of Spring Valley Education Foundation and consultant for the office of the South Carolina Attorney General and Comptroller. He published more than 100 articles in academic and professional journals, receiving eight national awards for excellence and lifetime achievement recognition in Marquis Who's Who In Finance and Business, In Finance and Industry, In American Education, In the South and Southwest, In America, and In The World, and also listed in The International Directory of Distinguished Leadership. However, his favorite publication was his recent book THE FINAL WORD – published by iUniverse, 2016.

Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father, teacher, avid golfer, coach and faithful member of the Palmetto Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years Virginia Ann (Reagin) Edwards, sons James B. Edwards II, and Chad Reagin Edwards, daughters Calli Ann Wilson, and Judy Clair Turbeville, grandchildren Reagin West Edwards, William Lee Wilson, Caroline Pearl Turbeville, Reese Woodson Edwards and son-in-law William Lee Wilson.

The family will receive friends from 3-5pm, Saturday, June 30th at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia SC.

His favorite charities are The Southeastern Children's Home, PO Box 339, 115 Children's Way, Duncan, SC 29334 and The Epilepsy Foundation, PO Box 96546, Washington, DC 20077-7222.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Visitation**                      03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel  
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - June 28, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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“ Jim was probably the hardest worker in accounting academe. Most of the comments I just read came from his thankful students. However, he was always be remembered for his serious efforts to make accounting education in all South Carolina universities the best in the nation. Meyer Drucker

**Meyer Drucker** - July 02, 2018 at 07:54 PM

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“ Dr. Edwards was the best professor I ever had and one of the finest men I've ever known. While he was endlessly fussing at his students about how "your momma doesn't work here" or "you have to work harder - be like Yogi Bear, better than the average bear," you knew it was the loving correction you'd receive from a parent. He wasn't going to accept less than our best but he loved us and cared about our eternal souls. He allowed me to leave a class early, all semester even though I was barely passing, to visit my dying grandfather during the last ICU visit of the day. During this, I was struggling with my faith, which had previously been quite strong, because I had never lost anyone I loved. Every single class, he would start by inviting everyone to the Bible study he lead, while looking straight at me, because he didn't care if I failed his class but he cared if I lost my faith. Several years ago, I had the privilege of seeing him at Woodley's Garden Center and telling him how much he meant to me and that he had an everlasting impact on my walk with God and Christ. I will always be grateful to him and think of him whenever I see Yogi Bear. To his family, I am deeply sorry for the grief you have as you adjust to his passing to Heaven. I will keep you all in my daily prayers - Dr. Edwards was the best.

**Betsy Lott (Class of 1997)** - June 30, 2018 at 06:54 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



June 29, 2018 at 03:43 PM

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“ Rest In Peace good friend and colleague. You will be missed. Evelyn and Gary Luoma



**Gary Luima** - June 29, 2018 at 12:16 PM

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“ Jim was a special person who was loved by many. He had a unique combination of wit, charm, caring, and spiritual leadership. His love and support to his family is unmatched. His mentoring and guidance to the many soldiers at Fort Jackson is a testament to his love of God and country. The lives of the thousands of students he taught were changed for the better. Our loss is heaven's gain.

**Missy and Rich White** - June 29, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



June 29, 2018 at 11:17 AM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



June 29, 2018 at 08:28 AM

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“ Jim has been a valued friend for over 30 years. We never lived close but we were close. One of the most important topics Jim shared with me over the years was how much he admired and loved his wife, children and grandchildren. I want to thank his family for sharing Jim with me.

**TOM E PRYOR** - June 29, 2018 at 06:50 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



June 28, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



June 28, 2018 at 04:48 PM

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“ Dennis Wade purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



Dennis Wade - June 28, 2018 at 03:29 PM

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“ Clay Douglas (former accounting student) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



Clay Douglas (former accounting student) - June 28, 2018 at 01:32 PM

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“ Hexagon PPM Friends purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of James B. "Jim" Edwards.



Hexagon PPM Friends - June 28, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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“ Dr. Edwards was a great accounting professor but an even greater human being! My sincere condolences.

Clay Douglas (former accounting student)

Clay Douglas - June 28, 2018 at 12:40 PM

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“ Jim Edwards excelled at everything he attempted. He was one of the best accounting teachers ever at USC. In addition to a Ph.D. in accounting from UGA, Jim held 6 professional accounting designations and was truly an accounting expert. Jim was a man of God and served his church in many ways including Bible studies for recruits at Fort Jackson. Last year, he wrote a book (The Final Word) explaining his faith. If Jim gave you his word about anything, you can bet he kept it. Jim was one of my closest friends. There is no doubt where he is now; he just changed addresses. Jim, all of us who knew you are going to miss you like you can't imagine. Jim, you left the world a much better place.

Oliver Wood

**Oliver Wood** - June 27, 2018 at 08:57 PM