



## Mr. James Anthony Anasti

April 29, 1945 - January 1, 2021

James Anthony Anasti, 75, of Atlanta, Georgia, formerly of Columbia, died on Friday, January 1, 2021. Born in Fort Bragg, NC, on April 29, 1945, he was the son of the late, Albert Anthony and Lillian Louise Morgan Anasti. Jim Graduated from St. Peter's Catholic School and began his career as an EMT with Richland County. Later he worked for SC Highway Department as a dispatcher before being employed with SLED as a US Marshall. He also spent time with Forrest Acres Police Department and Richland County Sheriff's Department. Jim retired from the Richland County Coroners office after working under the direction of Cecil Wyles, Frank Barron and Gary Watts. In his free time, he loved to travel and be with friends and family.

Survivors include his sister, Gina Lee; brother-in-law, Pete Lee; nieces, Tonia Norris (Mike), Candace Pearson (Mike) and Christina Richardson (Jeremy); great-nephew, Cameron Davis (Camille); great-niece, Paisley Richardson; aunt, Lucky Byrd; as well as friends, Joe Gravelyn, Gary Watts, Daniel Lowe, and Sonny Clark; and a host of other dear friends.

A memorial service for Mr. Anasti will be held at 2 o'clock, Saturday, February 27th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Emory Midtown Hospital for their care to Jim in his recent decline.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Memorial Service**   **02:00AM**  
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Shives Funeral Home, Inc.

7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - February 26 at 10:55 AM

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“ I have been blessed to have known Jim since I was 14 years old. That is 49 years. Jim basically accepted me as one of his family and trust me that is a HUGE family. There are friends and there is family. With Jim it was always family that mattered. To characterize Jim is to tell you that he was a master story teller. Many of his stories were derived from his experiences as a law enforcement officer for some thirty years or so. I would love to recite some of those stories in this memorial but the statute of limitation may have not expired and to do so may implicate me to some degree so we won't go there!!!

Jim love people and loved to laugh. His laughter was infectious. If you are in this audience today rest assured whatever relationship that you have had with Jim it would be fair to say he loved you too and that you shared many laughs with Jim. Jim was a gentle soul that always tried to find the best in everybody that he came into contact with. That is what drew good people to Jim. He was a magnet for good people. Jim was secure in his faith and loved the Lord.

Jim's love of music was immense. He loved the "oldies" and I remember many times just spending time with Jim listening to the likes of the Drifters, the Sensational Epics, the Temptations and many more. The music that you are hearing here today were just a few of his favorite songs.

Jim loved his direct family and especially his little sister Gina. I remember meeting his Mom and Dad at their home on Pine Straw road as well as the resident Bulldog that he had at the time and thinking that Jim sure looked a lot like that Bulldog!!! No matter the distance between Jim and I there was always time to talk to each other on the telephone and one of many things that I will miss about Jim will be hearing him tell me "Well Babe, I love you, stay in touch" just before he hung up the phone. God rest your soul Jim, you were a true friend that I loved and I will always have many fond and happy memories of our many years of friendship.

Danny Lowe, CMSP  
Elko, Nevada  
2-25-2021

Danny Lowe - February 27 at 02:46 PM



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“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Shives Funeral Home** - February 27 at 01:34 PM

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“ I knew Jim in Europe, Thailand, Columbia, SC and in Atlanta. Our paths crossed often. Jim would always invite me to supper to meet his friends. He would make me feel welcome and share his wonderful action packed stories. He would keep us entertained with these colorful experiences from his life. Jim was always surrounded by a group of caring friends. We all miss him. R.I.P.

**Pierre Wilkins** - February 27 at 01:13 PM

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“ I first met him and Billy Womble in October 1970. Jim wanted to work as a Constable in my office serving Civil papers. I couldn't hire him as there was not any money in the budget. He said "That's just a Small Detail". He notified me that he would be starting on Monday, but Jim there's no money. He assured me it would be there and it was. That's the way Jim hired himself to be a Richland County Constable and we were friends for over 50 years.

**Michael Davis** - February 27 at 12:35 PM

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“ Jim was an outstanding man and good friend to so many. My mother the late Clara L. Bartlett introduced me to Jim when I was very young . I have so many memories of Jim , and his father Mr. Al and Joe Gravelyn. I am very grateful to Jim for all of his kindness and love he showed to my mother and myself over the years. Jim and I stayed in touch by Facebook over the last few years . As I got older I would ask Jim what he thought of something he always seemed to have the right answer. Friendships like these don't come along that easy these days. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

**Avery K. Bartlett** - February 26 at 01:29 PM

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“ Jim was a dear friend for over half a century.. We maintained our friendship across three continents and we shared a long history living overseas. I don't recall ever being in his presence without smiling and laughing at his foolishness. He was a born clown who found or created humor wherever he went. He is missed by me and many others.

Wayne Lineberger

**Wayne Lineberger** - February 23 at 11:36 PM

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“ Jim was a natural born Southern storyteller, who could hold court in any bar, restaurant or any other venue. He had good friends all over the world, since he lived in at least five different countries.

**Bob Witt** - February 22 at 04:26 PM

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“ A true friend from the past. I know you and Womble are sitting up in Heaven talking about those of us who are still here. Start planning a corner reunion for when we all get to Heaven what a party it will be. So many fond memories of days gone by. Will miss you greatly till we meet again. Tommy Thompson

**Tommy Thompson** - February 19 at 04:09 PM

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“ A Lifetime Friend, Loyal and True. Jim has found peace in eternity.

**Ron Cook Sr.** - February 09 at 02:46 PM

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“ Jim was a good and loyal friend for over forty years. He was always light hearted and a pleasure to be with. I know he is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will miss you my friend.  
Brenda & Richard Freeman

**Richard M. Freeman** - February 07 at 09:04 AM

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“ So sorry to read about Jim. May he rest in peace

Kathleen Callahan Fowlkes

**Kathleen C Fowlkes** - February 06 at 07:45 PM



“ I met Jim in the later 1960s when he was working as a Richland County Constable in the Waverly District for my late Father, Judge Jack Halloran. He and Billy Womble, the other constable always kept the staff laughing with many tales and stories. I was managing another local funeral home in 2013 and there was a local man who died that was a friend of Jim's. They brought Jim to the arrangement and that event turned into quite an experience with Jim's humor that Sunday morning. Rest in Peace. John B. Halloran

**John** - February 28 at 07:48 AM



“ I only knew jim for about 30 years.a wond er ful person and very considerate.i was planning to see him in atlanta last year, where my organization pomc.org was meeting.the event was canceled due to the pandemic.i do miss him very much.

**Michael salem** - March 18 at 07:49 AM