



Dr. James E Mills III

September 25, 1949 - November 4, 2015

MILLS – Dr. James Edward Mills III, 66, of Fairhope, Alabama died suddenly on 4 November 2015.

Dr. Mills was pre-deceased by his mother, Georgia Thweatt Mills and father, James Edward Mills, Jr. both of Birmingham, and a sister, Katherine Mills Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife Teresa Thrash Mills, children William Woodward Mills, and James Edward Mills IV, sister, Georgia Mills Snow, brother-in-law Ronald Snow, brother-in-law William Flournoy Hamilton II, nephew William Flournoy Hamilton III, niece Kappi Hamilton Naftel, brother-in-law Billy Thrash, sister-in-law Adrienne Walker Thrash, niece Jamie Thrash Rux, nephew Cary Thrash, and niece Martee Thrash Glass.

Dr. Mills was born September 25, 1949 and grew up in Birmingham, AL, attended Mountain Brook High School and graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a B.S. in History and a B.S. in Biology. He received his D.M.D from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1981.

Dr. Mills' successful dental practice in Daphne, Alabama, was much admired by patients throughout Mobile & Baldwin Counties. Members of his staff, to whom he was "Jim," attest to his kindness and, where a patient's circumstances required it, his compassion and generosity.

That generosity was epitomized during Jim's life by his donation to his much-loved sister Kappy of one of his kidneys, thereby giving to her many more years of healthy life.

Most often mentioned about Jim, by friends and family alike, was his smile. “He always wore the biggest grin . . . and it was infectious! That smile would light up a room . . . ,” said one of his friends. Another said, “Jim could always find something to laugh about.”

One of Jim’s relatives remarked that “. . . Jim was very passionate about life, and whatever he undertook to do, he put his heart into. It might have been touring the country racing stock cars with son Billy, or helping to launch son Jimmy’s professional mixed martial arts career and later guiding him to medical school.

He loved his Labradors Hixon & Lucy and always loved animals.

Family members and a few very close, life-long friends paid their final respects to Dr. James Edward Mills III at a small service conducted at the family home in Fairhope on Sunday, November 8, 2015.

Arrangements by Cason Funeral Service, Foley, AL.