



James Lynn Flannagan

November 1, 1930 - May 23, 2015

James “Jimmy” Lynn Flannagan, 84, of Bristol, Tennessee, passed peacefully on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Abingdon Health & Rehab Center after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his Father, James William Flannagan, his Mother, Anna Mae Brown Flannagan, his wife, Nancy Jane Adams Flannagan and a daughter, Margaret Anne “Peggy” Flannagan.

Jimmy was a 1948 Graduate of Tennessee High School where he played baseball and basketball for G.B. Pierce’s 1948 State runner-up team. Jimmy received his undergraduate degree in 1952 from King College and received his Master’s degree in education from E.T.S.U. in 1975.

Jimmy played 5 years of professional baseball for the New York Giants & New York Yankees minor league affiliate to include 1 year with the Class D Hickory Rebels of the North Carolina State League, 3 years with the Class D Bristol Twins of the Appalachian League, and 1 year with the Class B Sunbury Giants of the Interstate League and Class A Jacksonville Tars of the South Atlantic League.

Jimmy was a former employee of the Sullivan County School System and began his 30 year educator’s career as a teacher and coach of baseball & basketball for six years at Valley Pike Elementary School, teacher and coach of baseball & basketball for 3 years at Holston Valley Middle School before retiring in 1992 with 21 years as principal for Holston Valley Middle School. Jimmy was a member of the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church.

Jimmy is survived by a brother, Dr. William “Bill” M. Flannagan of Rome, Georgia, three sons, James Carroll Flannagan and wife Lydia of Bristol, Tennessee, Robert Lynn Flannagan and wife Diane of Bristol, Virginia, Timothy Stewart Flannagan and wife Julia of Bristol, Tennessee. One granddaughter, Lynnsey Dianna Flannagan of Bristol, Virginia, one grandson, Timothy James Flannagan of Bristol, Tennessee and a very special caregiver, Lisa Canter and family.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Oakley

Cook Funeral Home. The funeral service and committal will be held at 3:30 P.M. in the Heritage Chapel of Memories at Glenwood Cemetery with the Rev. John Markel officiating.

The family respectfully requests no visitors to the home at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Jimmy Lynn Flannagan may be sent to Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, 3012 Lee Highway, Bristol, VA. 24202 or a favorite charity.

Cemetery

Glenwood Cemetery
839 Bluff City Hwy
Bristol, TN,

Events

MAY 27 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

Oakley-Cook Funeral Home
2223 Volunteer Parkway , Bristol, TN, US, 37620

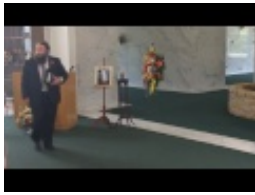
MAY 27 **Funeral Service** 03:30PM

Heritage Chapel of Memories
839 Bluff City Hwy, Bristol, TN, US

Comments



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Tim Flannagan - June 17 at 09:26 PM



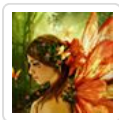
“ So sorry to hear about the loss of the best principal in the whole world always remember the big smile on his face and the kind words he always had to say. May God continue to bless you.
sincerely
Melissa Dickens Wise

Melissa Dickens Wise - June 03 at 08:10 PM



“ Bobby and family, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May you feel the presence of the Lord wrapped around you during your time of grief. God bless you all.

Janet Bassett Clark - May 30 at 09:45 AM



“ Delores Price lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



Delores Price - May 29 at 06:52 PM



“ Penny Hartman lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



penny hartman - May 29 at 09:58 AM



“ im so sorry for your loss Mr Flannagan was my favorite principle of all my school years he was mine at holston valley middle school he was also my dads teacher there he is sure gonna be missed god bless penny hartman



penny hartman - May 29 at 09:15 AM



“ Mr. Flannagan was the best teacher I ever had & I Thought The world of him. He Was one Fair Man & When He Told You Something You Better Know He Meant It. But Everyone listened to him. He Had A Sawed Off Boat Paddle With Small Holes In It & When He Connected He Slid It Wooe Wee Did You Know It But I still Would Get Tickled Just Couldnt Help It LOL Again He Was A Great Teacher I enjoyed His Class I Sure Hate To Hear He Passed Over But I Think We All Know He Is In A Better Place. MR Flannagan Rest In Peace God Bless You & All Your Family Dwight Price Penny Hartman' Dad Sure Will Miss You I Did Think Of You Often

Dwight Price - May 29 at 09:07 PM



“ Mr. Flannagan was my favorite principal, when I was in school. He would listen to any problem u had. And he always tried to help you. He knew every student by their name and he knew all about each any everyone of us. He is missed deeply. And the news saden me as I'm sure it has so many. He has touched alot of lives. Keeping the family in my prayers.

Tammy Thomas Redmond - May 28 at 03:42 PM



“ Many wonderful memories of Mr. Flannagan - from our school days as well as when our children was in school. Such a wonderful person! Always there for the kids! Our thoughts and prayers.

Thomas and Faye Thacker
(Karen Thacker Stevens and Kevin Thacker)

Thacker - May 27 at 01:04 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - May 27 at 11:30 AM



“ Susan Morton lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



Susan Morton - May 27 at 10:30 AM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - May 27 at 09:59 AM



“ Mr. Flannagan was the best Principal. I remember my days at HVMS with him and Big O. I wish kids today could experience school the way we did. Thanks for the wonderful memories .

Brenda Jones Abelseth - May 27 at 09:56 AM



“ For the family he will never be forgot by so many



Wendy Jones Houseright - May 27 at 09:49 AM



“ He was a great principal and a friend all his students he will surely be missed

Wendy Jones Houseright - May 27 at 09:45 AM



“ Jim, Bob and Tim,
I'm away this week but wanted to send my thoughts and prayers for you all. Praying for strength and Gods peace in your time of loss. Your Dad was one of a kind and he was always great to us kids growing up and will be missed. Heaven gained a great angel!
Your friend, Mark Mervis

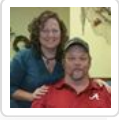
mark mervis - May 27 at 07:26 AM



“ I grew up living next door to Jimmy, Bill and their mom and dad. A young boy could not have nicer neighbors than the Flannagans. I have so many wonderful memories of each of them and their kindness and friendliness to a little boy. I am sure Jimmy touched many lives during his life and passed along the Flannagan's beautiful spirit to each.

Mike Hodgson

Mike Hodgson - May 27 at 06:42 AM



“ Was a very kind and compassionate man. He was my principal at Holston Valley Middle school. Great man & friend, will never forget his kindness.



Sheri Jones-Carmody - May 26 at 10:43 PM



“ Mr. Flannagan was my principal at Holston Valley. He was the best principal! We all loved him!

Elizabeth Keith - May 26 at 09:12 PM



“ My first coach ever. I thought he was the greatest. If not for him, I would have never played football. When we were at Valley Pike signing up for our classes at the new Holston Valley Junior High, he told me if I did not play football I had to be in the band. No way was I going to be in the band on my street. LOL At that time, if that man had told me to fight a bear, I would have tried it. A lot of respect always...In my mind he will always be living....Special man!

Lonnie Blevins - May 26 at 08:24 PM



“ Kathy Guenther lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



Kathy Guenther - May 26 at 07:52 PM



“ I just loved Mr. Flannagan. He was a great principal, one of the best I had. He sure is going to be missed.

Charlotte Rosenbalm Anderson - May 26 at 07:16 PM



“ Charlotte Rosenbalm Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



Charlotte Rosenbalm Anderson - May 26 at 07:14 PM



“ Mr. Flannagan was the best principal ever! I loved my time with him at HVMS. Always looked forward to seeing him in those polyester pants 🤪. He loved each and every student like they were his own. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man.
Sincerely,
Amber (Perry) Simcox

Amber simcox - May 26 at 06:52 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Flannigan. He was my principal when I went to HVMS from 1987-1990 and I remember him being a friend to all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and may God comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Tony Shaffer - May 26 at 06:28 PM



“ There must have been a thousand boys like me that crossed his path; nondescript, unremarkable, without a lot of inspiration. I could've picked any one of thousands of voices greater and more superior than my own to tell me that I was nobody. Mr. Flannagan told me I was somebody. It took a few decades, but finally the filament began to glow and the light came on--He was right. Everybody's somebody. God loves us all-- in all of our unique and odd little ways. Thanks for that.
I remember being shocked once when observing the Staff versus the varsity basketball team game. Bird could knock down some 3's. Good shooter.

Rest on friend--

Mark Cox - May 26 at 05:49 PM



“ Linda Bebber Rogers lit a candle in memory of James Lynn Flannagan



Linda Bebber Rogers - May 26 at 05:39 PM



“ I was at Holston Valley when Mr Flannagan was a teacher. I love him dearly . I am so sorry for your loss your family is in my thought and prayers.

Linda Bebber Rogers

Linda Bebber Rogers - May 26 at 05:38 PM



“ Big bird was one of his many nick names, but only out of love and respect for him. He will be missed.
Lonnie Bullins

Lonnie Bullins - May 26 at 04:57 PM



“ Mr. Flannagan was my 8th grade teacher at Valley Pike Elementary and Principal at Holston Valley. Great Teacher and Principal. I Loved and Respected This Man. Prayers for his family, you have a great loss.

Becky Gray - May 26 at 04:32 PM



“ Mr Flannagan was my principal when I attend Holston Valley Middle School. I loved having him as a principal. He was fair to everyone. He always greeted you with a smile, gave respect and expected respect in return. I many fond memories of him. He will surely be missed.

Peggy Pierce Hill

Peggy Pierce Hill - May 26 at 01:54 PM



“ Mr. Flannagan was my principal, when I taught at HVMS. I enjoyed so much my time with him. Isaiah 66:22 says , "For as the new heavens and new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me." says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. Death is not the end . It is the beginning of eternity. We will see our loved ones again. My thoughts and prays are with family and friends. God Bless!
Vicki Hubbs

Vicki Hubbs - May 26 at 11:51 AM



“ Mr. Flannagan, or "Big F" as I affectionately called him, was a great principal and a very good friend. He hired me many years ago as a teacher at Holston Valley. I think myself and many others he hired stayed at that school mainly because of him. I spent my teaching career with him until his retirement. We shared many wonderful times together. I never missed anyone as much when they retired as I did him. We have stayed in touch over the past years but not so much lately. I know his family cared deeply for him and is is very saddened by his passing. I feel the same. I offer my deepest sympathy to all of you.
David Odum, or "Big O" as he called me ...

David Odum - May 26 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Lynn Flannagan.



May 26 at 07:43 AM



“ Love and prayers to Jimmys family. I am a cousin to Jimmy. My mother Audrey Loyd was a sister to his dad. She told us so often of the times she use to stay with James and Anna and how she would babysit Jimmy and Billy. She is the last one still living in their family but is in a home now. May God comfort you as only he can.Linda Loyd Roark and family



“ Loved this man RIP Mr. Flannagan!

Nickie Stallard - May 25 at 08:47 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire family, may God provide you comfort in the days to come.
Your cousin,
Judy Loyd Badzinski

Judy Loyd Badzinski - May 25 at 06:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry that we can't be there in person.

Chip & Tiffany Flannagan

Chip Flannagan - May 25 at 11:15 AM



“ Sorry I will not be able to attend the service; my prayer and love are with you. Uncle Bill

William "Bill" Flannagan - May 25 at 09:36 AM



“ Mr Flanagan.."Bird" as we lovingly called him at Holston Valley Middle School was one of the finest men and best teacher/coach/principal/ role model I have ever known....I am saddened by his passing and praying for his family!

Pam Hayden Stanton - May 24 at 09:23 PM



“ Mr. Flannigan was a great principal. I will never forget hearing mine and several friends names called over the intercom as he told us to report to our Spanish class "immediatley if not sooner".

Leslie Gurley James - May 24 at 08:01 PM