



## James H. Hairston

July 10, 1929 - September 14, 2025

James Haskell Hairston, 96, husband of the late Freida Wooten Hairston, passed away September 14, 2025.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, son of the late Albert L. and Margie Smith Hairston, he was a U.S. Army Veteran, a retired employee of Penn National Insurance Company, and a member of Fairview Baptist Church where he served as a life deacon.

Surviving are a daughter, Vickie H. McGee (Jim) of Greer; two sons, Jimmy Hairston (Patsy) of Taylors and Greg Hairston (Crystal) of Greer; four grandchildren, Megan McGee, Jessica Hairston, Melissa McGee, and Mary Beth McGee Rush (Philip); three great-grandchildren, Braden Hairston, Levi Rush, and Silas Rush; two step-grandchildren, Heather Kalk (David) and Owen Bruce (Michelle); and five step-great-grandchildren, Audrey Kalk, Gracie Bruce, Kae Bruce, Logan Jordan, and Khloe Miller.

He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Hairston, a sister, Helen Pinson, and a granddaughter, Stephanie Hairston.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Fairview Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Brad Lynch, Dr. Bob Atwell, and Dr. Gene Lockaby. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors.

Honorary escort will be the James Crocker Sunday School Class of Fairview Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 12:00-1:15 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2025, at

Fairview Baptist Church.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church Foundation for the Future, 1300 Locust Hill Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651 or Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, South Carolina 29652.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1300 Locust Hill Road  
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## Service

SEP **18**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Mr. Hairston always made my day when he came into our office. He always put a smile on my face and I will never forget him. My prayers are with all of you!*  
*Shannon McCarter*

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**shannon mccarter** - September 19, 2025 at 01:25 PM

RM

“ *James and I were best friends for many years - we knew each other for close to 70 years. I will never forget the annual trips to Cherry Grove Beach when our children were young, and many other trips with Freida and Margie. Also the many years serving together at Fairview Baptist. The last few years when we couldn't visit often we stayed in touch by phone. I will greatly miss him, but look forward to seeing him in Heaven one day. His family is in my thoughts and prayers. With much sympathy,*  
*Richard Medlock*

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**Richard Medlock** - September 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

DB

“ *Sorry to learn of the passing of Uncle "Bubber". Our sympathy to the family. Donna and Chuck Babb*

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**Donna Babb** - September 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM

RE

“ *Such a great uncle and a sweet man! Vickie, Jimmy, Greg and families, you had a great father and mother! Prayers for all of you!*



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**Rita Ellenburg** - September 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CD

“ Vicki, Jimmy and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad’s passing. I was in Pigeon Forge last week and thought of him and how he always asked me when I was going back up to Pigeon Forge and to make sure I visited often while I still could. I loved him and your Mom and I know he has been lonely without her. Sending you prayers, love and big hugs in your time of sorrow.  
Cindy Davis (Ingles Markets)

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**Cindy M Davis** - September 15, 2025 at 10:38 PM

AA

“ Greg, Crystal, and Jessica, It saddened my heart to hear about your father. He was a sweet, kind, and gentle man. Hold onto Jesus for comfort and peace. Praying earnestly for you and your family.  
Angie AshmoreKruse



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**Angie AshmoreKruse** - September 15, 2025 at 10:36 PM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of James Hairston



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**Mertie Taylor** - September 15, 2025 at 09:48 PM

JP

“ *If anyone deserves a tribute wall it's Mr. Hairston. When we first started at Fairview Baptist Church he was one of the first to see that we felt welcomed. He always greeted me with a smile and a heartfelt handshake. Have the utmost respect and appreciation for Mr. James. To his family, I know that you know where he is and he is waiting to greet us when we get to Heaven. It's a special feeling knowing it's not goodbye, it's see you later. Thanks for the opportunity of knowing him. He will be missed.*

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**jeff Pitman** - September 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM

CM

“ *"Uncle Bubber" ... one of the finest men I have ever known. Heaven just gained a jewel of a man. You will be missed terribly. Rest In Peace Bubber.*

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**Chet McAbee** - September 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM