



James "Jim" Russell Young

May 16, 2018

James Russell "Jim" Young, born on August 9, 1939 in Richwood, WV to James Stillman and Evalena Rader Young passed away on Wednesday May 16, 2018.

He graduated from Richwood High School in 1957 where he was an excellent and popular student. He was selected to Boys State and many other awards and honors. He excelled in athletics, especially football and basketball. After graduation he attended Greenbrier Military Academy on a basketball scholarship, followed by a basketball scholarship to William and Mary College. He followed that by serving in the United States Marine Corps. Jim Young played in the renowned Charleston Basketball Summer League where he made the All-Star team and played with such famous players as Jerry West, Chris Smith, Gary Justice, Bob Ayersman and Rod Thorn. Jim obtained his Master's degree from Marshall University. He became a Professor of Geography at Fairmont State College where he was extremely liked and respected by his students and colleagues. He served on the Fairmont State Athletic Board including Director of the Board several times. He was offered an assistant coaching position by basketball head coach Joe Retton, but turned it down to remain in teaching. He did however serve in team/player scouting and player evaluation. He retired from Fairmont State after 49 years of teaching. Jim's knowledge about sports was encyclopedic and he would often call radio shows. He greatly enjoyed going to local meetings of the

Legends and tirelessly travelling to local and ACC football and basketball games.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carolyn Ramsey Young; his son, Stefan Kristoph Young and wife, Swathi Young; grandson, Krishna Young, who was his pride and joy; his brother, William Stillman Young of Alabama and his wife Charlotte and nephew, Randy Young. He will be missed by Dave Gillispie, Gary Justice, John Stewart, Jack Wright, Frank Gardinia and so many other dear friends. He will also be missed by his pets; Greta, Samantha and Sasha.

Special thanks to HospiceCare and to all those who helped make this time easier and his life more exciting.

Visitation will be from 10am-12:00pm Saturday May 19, 2018 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans. The funeral service will follow at 12:00pm at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

The family encourages that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W, Charleston, WV 25387.

You may share memories of Jim on his tribute page by visiting ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans, WV is honored to serve the Young family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325
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Funeral Service

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Russell Young*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - June 07, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ *I will forever miss Jim because he was a special human being. One of those people you never forget because of the way he treated you. Jim and I played football and basketball at Richwood H. S. and after graduation we spent a year as room mates at Greenbrier Military School. After Greenbrier our paths never crossed much but we would occasionally make contact. He was always a good friend. What a wonderful person!!*
John Hunter

John Hunter - May 23, 2018 at 07:45 PM

JK

“ A most sincere condolence to Jim's family. I was fortunate to grow up on Jim's street in Richwood, WV and our Fathers worked together at the local lumber company. Someone else mentioned the basketball court at the end of our street and that's where Jim, his brother as well as other neighborhood guys "held court" most days. Those "older" guys took many of us "under their wing" just as he did later at Fairmont State. Most of my age were 3-4 years younger and more of a nuisance than anything else BUT Jim and those guys ALWAYS made time for us younger guys. They taught us way more than the finer points of basketball - we just weren't mature enough to understand what they did for us. Jim and Bill learned well from their parents who were just outstanding people. It is interesting that the 3 small streets in the Milltown area of Richwood had Marine Corps veterans because the Corps has always been about what you can do for the Corps and NOT what it owes you. All the tributes posted for Jim indicate that he kept right on giving to society and not taking from it. Thank you, Jim, for all you did for me in my formative years. Joe Kessler RHS Class of 1960.

Joe Kessler - May 20, 2018 at 12:50 PM

WR

“ Mr. Young was a terrific professor and such a great friend to the people of the Kanawha Valley. I have such great memories of his laugh and practical jokes played on Stan Groves, Doc Haines, Joe Larry and all of his many friends at FSC. Wendy Radcliff 1987-1991

Wendy Radcliff - May 19, 2018 at 07:56 PM

JS

“ JOHN D. STEWART purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James "Jim" Russell Young.



JOHN D. STEWART - May 18, 2018 at 05:52 PM

HJ

“ Jim Young was the best of the best! Always there to help! I had 3 Geography classes from him at Fairmont St. He was a mentor to me. He was my friend! He taught me how to study. I'm so grateful for his guidance, without his help I would not enjoy the life I have today. Thank you Jim! RIP God if you are listening, please take Jim into your kingdom. I know for a fact he was a good and faithful servant. Hugh Johnson.

Hugh Johnson - May 18, 2018 at 03:04 PM

GK

“ Though I did not have him as an instructor, I greatly admired Mr. Young. In addition to stopping by his classroom, I would talk to him at the Nickel and other spots on campus. I don't know if he ever mentioned me, but I am the guy that knew the winner of every World Series ever played. I understand he was a Dodger fan. He was a truly wonderful person.

Gary Kerns - May 18, 2018 at 02:55 PM

SL

“ I not only knew Doc Young from my hometown of St. Albans, but at Fairmont State as well. Doc Young always had a smile on his face and brought laughter and joy to many conversations! I will miss seeing him jog through the neighborhood or riding his scooter. No matter what, he always stopped to talk. He will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Susan Logsdon

Susan Logsdon - May 18, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Russell Young.



May 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

TA

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Young's passing. He was probably my favorite professor at Fairmont State and I think I took about every course he offered. He was so knowledgeable, kind and approachable. He had a unique way of delivering his lecture that always kept my attention. My sincere condolences.

Tom Arnett

Tom Arnett - May 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

NR

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Jim Young. He was a incredible colleague and teacher. Personally, he was an inspiration and role model that I still try to emulate. When I arrived at Fairmont State in 2006, I was worried about my commute from Pittsburgh; Jim told me not to worry about it...he had been commuting 2 hours and 45 minutes, one way, for over 4 decades! He would plan his lessons on the trip and would always come in with a good mood and a very positive attitude that would be infectious among his students and colleagues.

He was a Cowboys fan but God will forgive him for that!

*May his Memory be Eternal,
Ned Radulovich*

Ned Radulovich - May 18, 2018 at 10:12 AM

RB

“ Jim will be greatly missed by many here at FSU, I had the privilege of having him as a student . He was the best; he simply loved teaching, his career; loved life and his family.

Forty Nine years of teaching is a legacy here; many friendships, many lives changed. Some days, you would see he and Joe Larry run on campus; such good buddies. He certainly had a knowledge for sports and loved them all.

This is such devastating news and my husband and my prayers go out to you Carolyn and Stephan son, whom he was so proud and loved very much.

*May Jim rest in peace.
Rosemary Bonasso*

Rosemary Bonasso - May 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM

RP

“ A wonderful human being. Always positive and having a kind word .
A friend and colleague. A colleague I will always remember. Ron
pearse

Ronald Pearse - May 17, 2018 at 10:46 PM

TM

“ Growing up in Richwood, Jim Young was a big part of my life. We
first met at Milltown School in the 6th grade and graduated
Richwood High School class of 1957. In all those years we ran
around together, played ball, talked about girls, went swimming and
did all the things that teenagers do. This included John Stewart,
Jerry Cutlip, myself and Jim. I recall going to Jim's house on Sat
and watching college football on tv , just him and I and his mother
giving us homemade candy. We use to play one on one basketball
at the outdoor court at Milltown School at night, 100 point games
and I won one game out of many, many games 100 to 98. Now that
I think about it, I think he let me win that game because he got tired
of beating me. When the four of us got together for our 50th high
school reunion, we took a photo and I have that in my office at
home so I will see Jim every day the rest of my life. I made a point
in a joint email to the four of us, Jim was our role model, both as a
young man and as an adult. John and Jerry both agreed. Through
the years I've met many a lot of people, both at work and sociably,
and I can honestly say that Jim Young ranks at the very top of the
list as one excellent human being. May he rest in peace. Tom
Murphy

tom murphy - May 17, 2018 at 09:38 PM

BP

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a good friend and neighbor of my dad when they lived on Bard Ave. I will keep his family in my prayers but because of a previous commitment will be unable to attend. As coach at Nicolas County High School, I never held it against him because he graduated from Richwood.

Butch Powell - May 17, 2018 at 08:52 PM

TL

“ Mr. Young was my geography teacher at Fairmont State College. Pretty sure it was 1979 when I had his class. Wonderful man and teacher!!! Truly enjoyed his class. Rest In Peace.

Tracey Linn - May 17, 2018 at 08:49 PM

TH

“ I had Jim for Geography at FSC. He was a tremendous teacher I would see him at sporting events post graduation and wven many years later he always remembered my name. Such a great man who will leave a void

tony huffman - May 17, 2018 at 08:18 PM

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“ Mr. Young was my favorite teacher at Fairmont State College. He taught me so much and I now pass that onto my students in my classroom. He was an amazing person and would always take the time to speak to me no matter where we met on campus. He always told us to read the directions before starting assignments. Thank goodness I followed his directions because on my final exam I read the directions which stated, “Read all questions before answering any questions.” As I read through the entire test the last one simply stated, “Don’t do any questions just write your name on your paper and turn it in for a 100%!” At first I was thinking could this be true. I looked at him and he gave me that smile so I knew it was the real deal. After writing my name on my paper I walked up to hand it in. He reached out his hand and shook mine. Still smiling he said thanks for being in my class. My response was, No sir thank you for being a great teacher! The world has lost an amazing teacher. Thank you Mr. Young for inspiring me to be the teacher I am today. ❤️



Leslie Lively Fairmont State Grad 1995 - May 17, 2018 at 07:18 PM

NR

“ What a personable man who was a friend to anyone that met him. We know he will be missed terribly. We are sending our sincere sympathy to Carolyn, Stefan, and family.

Nannette Reger - May 17, 2018 at 05:18 PM

JR

“ I fondly remember all our lunch time visits at the mall. I particularly remember all his stories of teaching and his interests in sports. Our mutual friend Dan Hose was a part of much of this fellowship. RIP.

john robertson - May 17, 2018 at 04:49 PM

NM

“ As a colleague of Jim's at Fairmont State, I remember him as a true gentleman. I am sad to hear of his passing and know that he will be missed.

Nancy McClure - May 17, 2018 at 04:27 PM

NR

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Nannette Reger - May 17, 2018 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ Judy and I send our deepest regrets during this trying time. Jim and I certainly had many, many wonderful times during our times at Fairmont State and after. It is very hard for me to accept the fact that he is gone. He will surely be missed. If i can ever be of assistance to you, Carolyn and Stefan, whom I have never met but surely have heard lots of things about him from Jim, please do not hesitate to call me.

Dave Cooper

Dave Cooper - May 17, 2018 at 02:48 PM

BS

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss. You and yours are in our prayers. Jim Young was a legend. I have been at Fairmont State since I was a young kid - and I am now a Professor here. Every athletic season Jim would stop by and give me a calendar of all the games around the country. I had Jim as a Professor - Geography 210 - great professor and class! He would always put some bonus question on the exams that were strictly from the book that we would not know - we studied the notes - I would make up basketball answers to the bonus - like - "code name for Dean Smith's 4-corners." One bonus was which President was on a \$50 dollar bill - I had no idea - but one of our classmates drove a beer truck for a local distributor and had a \$50 bill in his pocket - he passed it around so we got it correct. May God Bless you and yours and I am sorry my schedule will not allow me to attend the services.

Budd Sapp - May 17, 2018 at 02:01 PM

DN

“ Jim was a dear friend and colleague of ours at Fairmont State. He was such a class act! He always had a smile on his face and was so welcoming and kind. We loved talking to him about his family, pets and sports. The world was a better and more beautiful place with Jim in it. You will never be forgotten my friend!
Diana and Greg Noone

Diana and Greg Noone - May 17, 2018 at 11:38 AM

MB

“ My condolences to the Young family. I played basketball for the "heated rival NCHS" and competed against Jim. He was a great competitor and a very good player, in addition to being a great person.
Mike Bell

Mike Bell - May 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM

HJ

“ Jim Young was a hero of mine! When I first came to Fairmont St we connected because of our love for Richwood High and the sports teams we were both apart of all be it 10 years apart. Jim took me under his wings at Fairmont, he became a mentor to me and helped me to navigate the college experience. He taught me not only Geography but how to study and introduced me to great people he associated with there. Ironically, when Jim was a high school student at Richwood High my Father, Ralph Johnson, had Jim in class and coached him in football and 🏀 basketball. If not for Jim I would not be enjoying the life I enjoy today! I am forever grateful for his friendship and his guiding me through some difficult times. We played a lot of ono on one at the old Colebank Gym and even tho I was 20 and a cocky 20 year old and was an all state player basketball player, he brought me back to earth, I don't remember ever beating him one on one! We must have played a hundred times. He could shoot that ball! I loved Jim Young! He was the best of the best!!!! God if you are listening please take Jim in to your kingdom, he was one of the finest human beings that walked on your earth. RIP Jim. Your friend, Hugh Johnson.

Hugh Johnson - May 17, 2018 at 08:37 AM

 Tim Paxton

“ I miss sharing time with Jim & Carolyn at Chik- Fillet and seeing him on neighborhood walks. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with family and friends-Tim Paxton

Tim Paxton - May 17, 2018 at 08:25 AM