



James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor

June 10, 1972 - June 6, 2018

Big Stone Gap, VA

James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor, 45, passed away on Wednesday (June 6, 2018) at his home.

Jimabe, as he was affectionately known, was a life-long resident of Big Stone Gap. He was a 1990 graduate of Powell Valley High School and a 1994 graduate of Clinch Valley College. He was a Science Teacher at Appalachia High School, Powell Valley High School and Union High School for the past eleven years. With great pride, Jimabe wrote a workbook on geology that was published and used across the Commonwealth of Virginia in classroom instruction. He served on the state committee for S. O. L. Earth Science Curriculum & Development. Jimabe was known as the "Weatherman of Union High." Jimabe was an avid Powell Valley High School Viking and Union High School Bear fan and supporter.

Jimabe loved hunting and fishing, thoroughly enjoying his annual Canadian trips with his family. He was an honorary member of the Dogwood Garden Club in Big Stone Gap.

He is survived by his wife of ten years, Alison Cantrell Fleenor; his daughter, Laurel Delaney Fleenor, of the home; his parents, Dr. Lawrence J. Fleenor, Jr.

and Betty Johnson Fleenor of Big Stone Gap; brother, Steven Fleenor and wife, Andrea, of Freeport, ME; nephews, Bryce and Wyatt Fleenor; and an aunt, Lois Smith of Coeburn, VA.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church (203 E. 1st St., S.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will follow at 8:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary with the Rev. Ronnie Mutter and Greg Townsend, Minister, officiating.

Committal services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will meet at Trinity U.M.C. by 10:20 a.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Bill Cawood, Steven Fleenor, Andy White, Eric Hicks, Gary Hall, Dan Roop, Mike Goforth and Dennis Ashley.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Fleenor family.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
203 E. 1st St., S.
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Service

JUN 8. 8:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
203 E. 1st St., S.
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Funeral Procession

JUN 9. 10:20 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
203 E. 1st St., S.
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Committal Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens
5650 Powell Valley Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you.*

Herman and Pat Scardo

Herman and Pat Scardo - June 15, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *Kimberly Harvey lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor*



Kimberly Harvey - June 12, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ *He was one of the nicest most friendly guy I know. He was loved by all his students. I know he lived Alison and Laurel with all he had. He will be greatly missed by all. My prayers goes out to his family. Rip Mr. Fleenor*

Kimberly Harvey - June 12, 2018 at 08:13 PM

BH

“ I was very sorry to learn of Mr. Fleenor's passing. He was a wonderful man who was very devoted to his family. He was also a wonderful teacher making science interesting for all his students. He will be sorely missed. His family in is my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Hass - June 09, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor.



June 08, 2018 at 03:33 PM

JC

“ Jaime Watts Crossland lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor



Jaime Watts Crossland - June 08, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor.



June 08, 2018 at 01:30 PM

LR

“ Was in band with him a couple of years at Powell Valley. Always been a great guy.. Prayers going up to his family to bring peace and comfort..

Lori Rutherford - June 08, 2018 at 12:39 PM

LP

“ Lois W. Porter lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor



Lois W. Porter - June 08, 2018 at 12:30 PM

LG

“ Lois Garrison lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor



lois garrison - June 08, 2018 at 11:16 AM

CG

“ A true 'southern gentleman"

Charlotte Griffin - June 08, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ *Charlotte Griffin lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor*



Charlotte Griffin - June 08, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor.*



June 08, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor.*



June 08, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ *I was and am sorry to hear of his passing. His class always was my favorite. My prayers go out to the family.*



Allan N Brittanie Campbell - June 08, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JK

“ A special person and educator--will be missed by many--prayers for family💕



Jim & Jamie Kelly - June 08, 2018 at 08:13 AM

MR

“ Jimabe and I have been friends for as long as I can remember. That is what makes this goodbye extremely hard..He was a dear friend, with an amazing wit and sense of humor..He had an amazing smile and laugh that was infectious..He will be greatly missed by all of his fellow classmates PV Class of 90...Alison, Laurel and all of the family my heart grieves with you..You all are in my thoughts and prayers...❤️



Missy Renfro - June 08, 2018 at 12:28 AM

BK

“ Jimabe was a wonderful man always had a big smile and cheerful greeting for his friends. My prayers for his family, love to all. My heart breaks he was a dear friend. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him. RIP my friend.

Brenda Kelly - June 07, 2018 at 10:32 PM

HW

“ When Mr. Flennor called my name off the role on the first day of freshman year he said “Oh no, I know that name and she has to be trouble” and immediately smiled at me. From then on out he was always a very close teacher and friend of mine. Without his guidance and wisdom, Union High School would have not been the same for me. He was very involved in not only academics, but also social and sporting events as well. I also think he was a meteorologist in another life, because his predictions were never wrong. No matter where I seen Mr. Flennor, he would always take the time to say hello to me and ask me how I was doing. He was such a gentleman and truly a great role model. I sincerely send my condolences and prayers to Alison and Laurel. This world lost a great man, teacher, friend, husband, and father.

Haven White - June 07, 2018 at 10:18 PM

HW

Mr.Fleenor* I'm so sorry. My phone autocorrected it.

Haven White - June 07, 2018 at 10:20 PM

SF

“ Sending prayers of comfort for Jimabe’s family, Alison and Laurel. I have fond memories of Jimabe from high school. He always had a huge smile on his face and loved to joke around. RIP friend.



Susan Baker Fuller - June 07, 2018 at 10:14 PM

SJ

“ *Saundra Garrett Johnson lit a candle in memory of James Hawley "Jimabe" Fleenor*



Saundra Garrett Johnson - June 07, 2018 at 09:58 PM

SJ

“ *Truly one of the best people I was so blessed to know. Lifelong friends, high school graduates, and teacher to my children and not just a teacher but one of the very best that left a lasting impact , a forever Viking, and beloved Bear gone way to soon. Your smile will always be the first thing I remember when I think of you, I know it will shine on with your beautiful Laurel. Much love and prayers to Alison, Laurel, and your family.* 🙏🙏🙏

Saundra Garrett Johnson - June 07, 2018 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ *The world lost a great man today. Mr. Fleenor was a smart man, great father/husband, and a friend to everyone. I was lucky enough to get to know him this past semester as my Zoology teacher. He was one of the very best at his job and as many of you know, predicting the weather. I've never had a teacher with such a good personality and sense of humor like him. Every day he never failed to ask everyone how they were doing and always had a smile on his face while doing what he loved. I'll miss making endless jokes with him in the front row of his classroom. UHS will never be the same without him. Rest easy, Mr.Fleenor* ❤️ *Landry Baker*

Landry Baker - June 07, 2018 at 09:03 PM

AH

“ *Mr Fleenor was a great man and a amazing science teacher. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew.*

Anna Huff - June 07, 2018 at 08:49 PM

GM

“ *We're very sad to hear of Jimabe's passing. We will forever have great memories of Jimabe for his hunting and fishing trips with his Canadian "family" in Gelert, and our hearts go out to you all. Alison & Delaney, Larry and Betty, Steven, Andrea & family. With much love, Gene & Erin McElwain & family.*

Gene McElwain - June 07, 2018 at 03:02 PM

DO

I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Jimabe. We knew him and Steven well from coming to the clinic. We like to cut up with both of them when they came to the clinic to see Dr Balu or their dad, as young boys. I made Dr Fleenor a beautiful Bulldog Aphagan from blue, gold and white when I worked at the Clinic, because he went to Appalachia High School. When he and his brother Steven came to the clinic one day, I ask them how they liked the Aphagan and they said, we burn it and started laughing. Of course they were full fledged Vikings. They were so funny and would cut up with us all the time. I'm so sorry to hear of Jimabe's passing, way too soon. I say this because I understand the devastating pain of losing a child. We lost our only daughter Candy Elkins, who at one time worked for Dr Fleenor. She went to be with the Lord at the age of 41, after a 13 year battle with MS. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dr Fleenor, Betty, Steven and all his family!

Darlene Owsley - June 07, 2018 at 05:10 PM



I was stunned to hear Jimabe had passed. He was a great friend and I feel truly privileged to have known him. I'll be praying for the family.

Mary Williams - June 07, 2018 at 07:08 PM

LG

*my heart hurts for his family and friends ,prayers gout to u all.lois
garrison*

lois garrison - June 08, 2018 at 11:24 AM