



# Dr. Harry James Free

SEP 16, 1934 - OCT 24, 2021



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**D**r. Harry James “Jim” Free  
September 16, 1934 – October 24, 2021

Born in Ludlow, KY, graduated from Simon Kenton HS, moved to FL with family to attend UF, played clarinet in the Gator Marching Band, Member of first graduating class of UF Medical School in 1960, the same year he married Carole, an RN, who he met at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, served two years as Captain in the USAF in AZ, member of the team that developed Gatorade (the name Jim suggested), practiced internal medicine for 30 years in Clearwater, FL admitting through Morton Plant Hospital, an attentive doctor who served his patients and was devoted to his family. Jim was deeply committed to his community and his Faith. He was an active member and Elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church and volunteer at the Clearwater Free Clinic.

Jim’s joy was his family and friends. He leaves behind, Carole, his best friend and treasured wife of 61 years, his brother Harvey (Jeanne), three grown children, Diane (Chuck) Hanlon, Tom and Doug (Tabitha) Free and nine beloved grandchildren. We are confident that we will see him again and until then we will miss him dearly and celebrate a great man and a very generous life, very well lived.

Memorial Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater at 1:00 Sunday November 7, 2021. Please wear something Orange and Blue.

The Family requests that in lieu of flowers a memorial gift may be made to continue Dad's work in Macular Degeneration research and to support local free medical clinics. Link below:

<https://mygiving.secure.force.com/GXDonateNow?id=a0U6S00000ZFUYIUAP>



# Events

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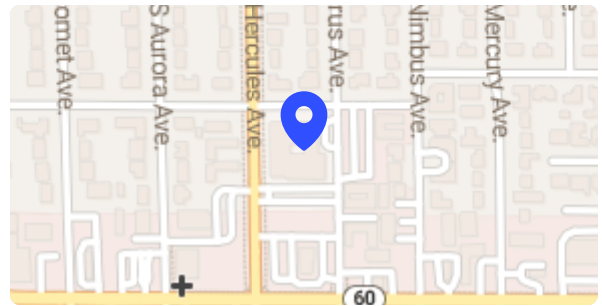
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## Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, November 7, 2021

 1:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
2001 Rainbow Blvd, Clearwater FL 33765





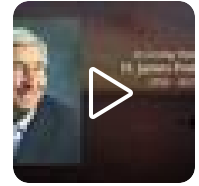
## Tribute Wall

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**Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Video**.



November 5 at 11:18 AM



**Michael David Huey** posted:

I'm so sorry that I'm just now finding out about this. Jim was a client of mine for a couple years. a really great guy. I'm so sorry for your loss

December 29 at 5:09 PM



**Loren Roby** posted:

We are sorry to hear of your loss. Many others share in your loss. I am lucky to have known Dr. Free. What a gentleman! Loren Roby and family.

November 9 at 10:08 AM



**Gail And Jd Berkler** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, however, not only for the family loss but also for those of us who loved this man who was so giving and sharing. We will miss you Jim and until we meet again we will remember you and our special times together. Gail and JD Berkler

November 7 at 8:09 AM



**Ralph And Doris Lillard** posted:

The Free Family has our deepest sympathy on Jim passing. Jim was so kind, gentle and generous. These computers do not have enough storage capacity to store all the good things Jim has done and stood for. We always looked forward to seeing Jim and Carol at the Family reunion . He will be greatly missed by all.

November 7 at 7:40 AM



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**Stacy Pagos Haller** posted:

Please accept our deepest condolences as you mourn and honor the passing of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Dr. Free's commitment to science, care for others, and philanthropy is a legacy that will continue to improve peoples' lives. May his memory be eternal. Stacy Pagos Haller President & CEO BrightFocus Foundation

November 5 at 11:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Free family.



November 4 at 10:50 AM



**Desire Street Ministries** posted:

Our sincere condolences for the loss of Dr. Free. His life and impact were deep and wide, and we were so grateful for his friendship. Your family remains in our prayers for the peace, grace and love of Christ to comfort you through these days. God bless you. Danny Wuerffel and the Desire Street Ministries family

November 4 at 9:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Free family.



November 4 at 5:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Free family.



November 3 at 7:39 AM



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MS

**Mike Singer** posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Free Family. Dr. Free's support of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco has helped make possible free healthcare for Pasco County residents with limited income and no health insurance. We thank Dr. Free and the Free Family Foundation for all they have done for our patients. Mike Singer and the Board, Volunteers and Staff of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco.

November 3 at 7:09 AM

JT

**Jesse Turtle** posted:

Dr. Free touched so many lives. May his spirit continue to live through your family and continue to inspire our community. Jesse Turtle St. Petersburg College Foundation

November 2 at 5:17 AM

JD

**John Dormois** posted:

I will always appreciate the kind welcoming Jim gave me as I entered medical practice in Clearwater in 1975. Fresh from completing my training, I had little experience with the private practice of medicine. It would quickly become apparent that there was a certain resistance to new physicians as this represented competition. Jim did not see the world that way. He was open, warm, thoughtful, and inclusive. I was always honored to be asked to consult on his patients as I knew his only reason for requesting an opinion was to benefit his patient. As I later explored the formal study of ethics, I could look back at Jim and recognize those virtues most essential to the good physician: honesty, fidelity to trust, truthfulness, empathy, and compassion. I sincerely hope that the teaching I do to premed students, as well as medical students, mirrors the qualities I saw and admired in Jim. John C. Dormois, MD, MDiv Tampa

November 1 at 7:45 AM

BH

**Brian Hofland** posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Free family. We have been incredibly proud to find a partner in Dr. Free, and the Free family, in the fight to find treatments and cures for AMD. His legacy and his contributions to the world are inspiring. He will be missed. Brian Hofland, PhD, President, Research to Prevent Blindness

November 1 at 7:17 AM



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**J Wayne Phillips , Md** posted:

Our sincere condolences to Carol and family. Dr Free will be remembered by us as the consummate gentleman. He graciously helped me as the new guy in town when I began my allergy practice in 1979 with referrals and introductions. Of course I reciprocated to one of the finest Internists in the state. They don't come any better than this wonderful person. We all have a fantastic spokesman in heaven. Blessings to Jim and family, Bridget and Wayne Phillips

November 1 at 3:32 AM



**Jacqueline Nickson Cotman** posted:

To The Bereaved Family of Dr. Free, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Dr. Free and his wife Carol at the University of Florida's 60th Anniversary of his historic graduation. It was the Ancient Egyptians who said that if we should keep the names of the deceased on the tongues of the living then it would seem as though they have not departed this good earth. My husband, Dr. Earl Cotman, himself a UF Medical College graduate ten years after Dr. Free says at all of our family funerals that, " We never ever have to think of our loved ones as having passed!" Prayers help to heal from grieving. Do grieve as long as is necessary. With the passage of some time, life once again will seem normal. Respectfully, Jacqueline N. Cotman, a member of THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION and member of The White House Office of Public Engagement .

October 31 at 5:47 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Free family.



October 29 at 11:21 AM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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