

# The Funeral Service for Jamie Carroll

November 1, 1913 - May 23, 2006

May 25, 2006

*In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

We need an anchor in this world, don't we? We need someone who can hear our ideas and plans – someone who has the wisdom to tell us what cannot be and, more important, what can.

Such people are rare. How blessed we are to have such a man among our friends. Jamie was an anchor for me – an anchor for so many of us.

I knew that I could share my ideas with Jamie; he would draw upon a lifetime of experience with the world, with business, with people and give me guidance. It wasn't always what I wanted to hear. It was what I needed to hear.

Most often Jamie's guidance was not "you can't do that" but "here's how you can," always delivered in a soft, quiet voice.

I have often wondered how often that soft, quiet voice has made things possible – caused things to be – in this church, in this city of Valdosta – in your lives and in mine – saying, "here's how you can."

Two things never perish: wisdom and memories. His wisdom and his memory will live always in our hearts.

*In His Holy Name.*