

David Hodges' mother's name is Mary, as I thought, and not Margaret. Her full maiden name was Mary Buck Lawton - born 09/06/1913.

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**61-year-old author
Jim Kilgo dies**

Author Jim Kilgo, who wrote "Daughter of My People," died Sunday in Athens, Ga., as friends sang hymns outside his hospital room. He was 61.

Kilgo, of Darlington, had been battling cancer more than 10 years and had been in intensive care for nearly a week.

He was a professor at the University of Georgia from 1967 to 1999.

Kilgo published "Daughter of My People" in 1998, and it later won the Townsend Prize for Fiction.

Set in rural South Carolina in the early 20th century, the novel explores race, ties to the land and familial bonds in the post-Civil War South.

This notice appeared here in The Sun News.

The Post And Courier December 11, 2002

Jim's mother, Caroline Maner Lawton Kilgo, was born 05/28/1919. She married, 06/22/1940, John Simpson Kilgo - born 02/09/1912 - and I do not have his date of death.

KILGO, James

ATHENS, GA - Dr. James Kilgo, 61, of 345 Milledge Heights, died Sunday, December 8, 2002.

A native of Darlington, SC, Dr. Kilgo was a son of Caroline Lawton Kilgo of Darlington, SC and the late John Simpson Kilgo. He received his BA degree from Wofford College and his MA and PhD from Tulane University. He came to the University of Georgia English Department in 1967 where he was head of Creative Writing from 1994 to 1996. He was an Honoratus Professor, receiving five outstanding Honors Professor Awards and the Sandy Beaver Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was the author of "Deep Enough for Ivory Bills," "Inheritance of Horses," "Daughter of My People" (for which he won the Townsend Prize for Fiction), "The Hand-Carved Creche" and "Colors of Africa" (to be published in March 2003). His works also appeared in various literary journals and anthologies. He retired as a Professor in 1999. He was a member of St. James United Methodist Church since 1968 where he was Sunday School teacher in the Aldersgate Class for over 30 years. He served in various positions at his church and other Christian organizations.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Jane G. Kilgo of Athens; son and daughter-in-law, John C. and Susan Kilgo of Aiken, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Jane and Michael Joyce of Maryville, TN; daughter, Ann G. Kilgo of Athens; sister and brother-in-law, Caroline K. and Peter Tierney of Dallas, TX; sister, Maizie K. Belser of Seneca, SC; brother and sister-in-law, John S. and Carolyn Kilgo of Greenville, SC; and grandchildren, Caroline M. Kilgo and Marya A. Joyce.

Memorial services will be held 2 PM Wednesday at St. James United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kent Reynolds and the Rev. Jerry Varnado officiating. Interment will be 2 PM Thursday at Grove Hill Cemetery, Darlington, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. James UMC Mission Fund, 111 West Lake Drive, Athens, GA 30606.

BERNSTEIN FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements.