



## James Carns

October 11, 1939 - January 26, 2009

Services for James Richard Carns, 69, Tyler, will be held on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. David Dykes officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Carns passed away on January 26, 2009 in Tyler. Mr. Carns was born on October 11, 1939 in Coffeyville, KS to the parents of Gail Carns and Mildred "Mickey" Wilbanks. He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. Mr. Carns graduated from Tyler High in 1958 and graduated from East Texas State University in 1970 and from Dallas Institute of Funeral Services in 1990. He was a market manager with Brookshire Grocery Company and currently worked for the USDA as a meat inspector. Mr. Carns is survived by: his wife, Lavonne Carns; Sons: Sam Carns and wife Sonya of Immokalee, FL; Rick Carns and wife BJ of Tyler, TX; Ross Carns of Tyler, TX; and Darrell Kellam of Flint, TX; Daughters: Rebecca Pitts and husband Stephen of Tyler, TX and Dana Popkie and husband Joe of Flint, TX. Grandchildren include: Christopher Carns, Samantha Carns, Jack Carns, Austin Carns, Matthew Carns, Cameron Carns, Leigh Ann Smithart, Hallie Pitts, Candice Lewis, Carley Popkie and Preston Popkie. Siblings include: Brothers Ron Carns of Burney, TX and Larry Carns of Bullard, TX and Sister Janet Featherston and husband Jack of Bullard, TX. Pallbearers will be Stephen Pitts, Darrell Kellam, David Craft, Tim Pitts, Keith Ellis and Steve Carns. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jerry Nick, Robert Patino, and Jim Gunn.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00P.M. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703.

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *My heart goes out to your family in this difficult time. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

-----  
**Maggie Griffin** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *In school we called James, "Dick". He was a friend and I am saddened to read of his death.* ”

-----  
**Annetta Wells** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *James will always be remembered for his wit , humor and his loving spirit. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go to his loving wife and my best friend Lavonne.* ”

-----  
**Joe and Nancy Hunt** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Dickie's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you all.* ”

-----  
**Brenda Carns** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *I am very saddened by Dick's passing and extend my heartfelt sympathy to all the many members of his family.* ”

-----  
**Charles Price** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *My prayer is that you find peace in your grief. Sincerely, Jo Ann Lyle* ”

-----  
**Kay Thompson Johnston** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are for Dick and his family at this time.*

Raymond Smith - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Was sadden to hear that is was Uncle Dickie we lost,my heart goes out to the family.Will keep you in my prayers.*

Cindy Carns - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *I love you, Becca! Hugs & kisses, Carrie*

paul/margaret turman - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *As his sister-in-law in our youth, I have many precious memories of Dickie. He was very special.*

*Sending my thoughts and prayers to/for each of you at this time of loss. May God bless each of you and envelop you with His love.*

Jorene - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Recently I had an inspiring conversation with Dick as we were planning our 50th Class Reunion and I wanted he and his wife to attend. We laughed and carried on about old high school memories and crazy events. I am sad to hear of this tragedy and I pray for all the family members and offer my assistance, if needed, to help you through this time.*

Barbara Eaton Dike - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *May God hold you and keep each of you in his care. I'm so saddened by your loss. Family and friends are in my prayers.*

---

**Peggy Brown** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *I am sorry to learn of your loss. I worked with Dick at TSTI in Waco in the Meat Processing Program. I admired his hard work and desire to advance and have often thought of him over the years.*

---

**Ken Ragle** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM