



## James David Carter

October 30, 1925 - January 10, 2016

Memorial Services for James D. Carter, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 1:00 PM at Pollard United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Rhoads and his grandson Dr. Randy Carter officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Carter passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016 in Tyler.

He was born October 30, 1925 in Coolidge, Texas to Gus and Lula Belle Day Carter.

Service and education were extremely important to James. He came from the humblest of beginnings, raised on a farm in Coolidge, Texas and graduated from Hubbard High School. He met Polly Ralson, the love of his life, at Luby's in Dallas in mid 1943. He served as a Radio Man on the US Navy LST #487 in the Pacific Theater during World War II. James married Polly in January of 1946. He attended Southern Methodist University for a short time. James began his career at Humble Pipeline Company, and retired in 1985 from ExxonMobil after 40 years of service. He was past Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and a little league baseball coach. These were some of his many contributions to the community. James and Polly moved to Tyler in 1993 to be near family, where he volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Salvation Army.

James was a member of Pollard United Methodist Church where he was an usher. He held many leadership roles in the Methodist Church during his lifetime.

James was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

He is survived by his loving family, including his wife of 70 years, Polly Carter of Tyler; daughter, Lois Marie Meeks and husband Dan of Wimberly; son

David W. Carter and wife Mary Ann of Spring Branch, Texas, Ed Carter and wife Cheryl of Houston, Robert L. Carter and wife Tina of Crosbyton, Texas;

grandchildren, Randy Carter, Ryan Carter, Kelly Harkins, Kelly Goddard,

Matthew Carter, Trent Carter, Christine Carter, Brandi Carter and Shauna Beth Carter; sixteen great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be made to Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway, Tyler, 75702 or charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pollard United Methodist Church  
3030 Copeland Rd.  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our memories are so many of James and Polly as Houston neighbors. James and the guys combining to put up fences, on a really hot day, of course his expertise led the way. Shared fun evenings of dominos and whatever. Times of relaxing under our pine trees. There are too many to put here. We have missed those times. Love him and Polly. Our deepest condolences to all his loved ones. The Joseph Miano family.

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**Joseph Miano Family** - January 13, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James David Carter.



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January 11, 2016 at 11:14 PM

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“ I remember my grandpa fixing bicycles for the Salvation Army in his shed in the back of their house in Tyler and going on Easter egg hunts at his and grandmas house every time I was able to spend Easter with them as a kid. Also, grandpa was a big Dallas Cowboys fan and all the kids and grandkids would always try to get them to go for their respective college teams during Texas football match ups. He loved grandma so much and I can never remember him neglecting to help her prepare meals and clean up afterward when I visited their house. He was always working to improve his home and the people in his life. Love and miss him always.

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**Trent Carter** - January 11, 2016 at 08:36 PM