



James Bruce Grotts

December 22, 1935 - February 19, 2022

Services for James Bruce Grotts, 86, of Tyler, Texas (formally of Dallas, Texas) will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas with Rev. Scott Wiley officiating.

James Grotts passed away Saturday, February 19, 2022 in Tyler, TX. He was born December 22, 1935 in Bradford, Arkansas to Oren Benjamin Grotts and Jacqueline Frizzell Grotts.

James was a member of the Church of Christ. He graduated from North Texas State University with a PhD in Counseling Psychology. Before his retirement, he held the position of Director of Counseling with the Agape Counseling Center in Flint Township, Michigan. He spent his life in the service of others as a psychologist and minister.

James is survived by his loving family including his wife of 64 years, Lou Grotts; son Oren Bruce Grotts and daughter-in-law April Nelson; daughter Raelene Grotts and son-in-law Kevin Craig; grandchildren Amanda Ponte, Nathan Palmatier (wife Jennifer Palmatier), and Lacy Craig; great grandchildren Riley, Jameson, Camden and Harper (Ponte), Sawyer and Emmy (Palmatier); sister, Rowena (Grotts) Eldridge; sister, Barbara (Grotts) Sullivan and husband Rick Sullivan; brother Harold Grotts and wife Ginger Grotts.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jo Marie Wiley and his brothers, Benjamin Jack Grotts and Gary Lee Grotts.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Service

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Bruce Grots



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 23, 2022 at 09:38 AM

SU

“ Such vivid memories of the Grots family when they lived on Oliver Street in Corunna, Michigan. I was a little girl, but I remember my brother, Ken, saying goodbye to Bruce in the parking lot at the M-21 church of Christ. We were so sad when the family moved away. Rest In Peace and rise in glory. You were God’s servant and touched many lives.

Susie Stewart

Susie - March 18, 2022 at 08:31 PM

BS

“ Jim was the preacher at the M-21 Church of Christ n Corunna, Michigan during my teens. I remember him as wise, intelligent, and uplifting. He officiated at my wedding to Vivian Hale in 1967. He must have done it right as we're still married.

Bob Stewart - March 16, 2022 at 06:31 PM

KG

“ My husband and I were added to the M21 church of Christ when Jim was preaching there in the late 60's. His preaching was the best a new Christian family could ever wish for. M21 was the first place my infant kids ever went to church and are faithful to this day and are teaching their kids and their grandkids. I remember when Jim would reach out and point, he showed us he had a crooked arm from a broken arm he had in his youth. In a sermon he had about evolution, he took a clock completely apart and put all the pieces in a shoe box. Then he shook it up and said evolution was like expecting the clock to put itself together by just random shaking it. My Jim took him a bunch of catfish and he liked them. We still have the book he wrote! See photos. The Jim and Lou Grotts family will always be part of the beginning of our Christian walk. They are unforgettable. And Jim is where we all hope to be some day! In Christian love, Jim and Kathy Griffin, our two kids, Ford and Frankie and families.



Kathy Griffin - March 16, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of James Bruce Grotts.



February 25, 2022 at 12:45 PM

CS

“ Uncle Jim, my memories of you are filled with happiness and sorrow. You were an amazing uncle but you also performed not only weddings for our family but also funerals. You performed my dad's funeral which was amazing but I remember you stating that that was the last, your heart couldn't take it anymore. You and my dad had something special although not always seeing eye to eye. I appreciate you, I love you and I respect you as the man you are and were. My hearts goes out to Aunt Lou, Raelene, Bruce and the hundreds if not thousands of people that you impacted in your life. Fly free and strong and pain free and know that you were loved deeply.

Chris Simpson - February 23, 2022 at 09:19 PM

CF

“ Chris & Family and Mike & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Bruce Grotts.



Chris & Family and Mike & family - February 23, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 23, 2022 at 09:31 AM