

James S. Hardy

September 2, 1931 - February 6, 2021

A memorial service for James S. Hardy, 89, of Tyler will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating. The service will be live-streamed and available for viewing, use the link below for additional details. A private interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

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Mr. Hardy passed away Saturday, February 6, 2021 in Tyler. He was born September 2, 1931 in Sherman to Harrell and Mary Stewart Hardy.

Jim was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, member and former president of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives and Texas Economic Development Council, a member of Chamber Professionals of East Texas, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, International Economic Development Council, Leadership Tyler, and Sister Cities. He also worked as a volunteer for the AARP Tax Aide program for 20 years. A graduate of Austin College in Sherman Texas, Jim worked 35 years in Chamber of Commerce organizations in Texas, most recently as the of Chief Executive Officer with the

Tyler Chamber of Commerce.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Harrell and Mary Stewart Hardy. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Ruth Hardy; daughters, Susan Steele, Carolyn Rowley and Beverly Kennington; sons-in-law, James Steele, Michael Rowley and Rusty Kennington; grandchildren, Meg and John Rowley and Jim and Katy Kennington.

If desired, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, 230 W Rusk St, Tyler Texas 75701 (<https://onrealm.org/fpctyler/-/give/now>) or The Humane Society's Pets Fur People, PO Box 6151, Tyler, TX 75711 (<https://petsfurpeople.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Tyler, TX

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
230 Rusk St.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James S. Hardy



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 11, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Rowley - February 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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I'm sure dad had her help clean these fish. That's a lot of fish for one day!

Carolyn Rowley - February 12, 2021 at 03:45 PM

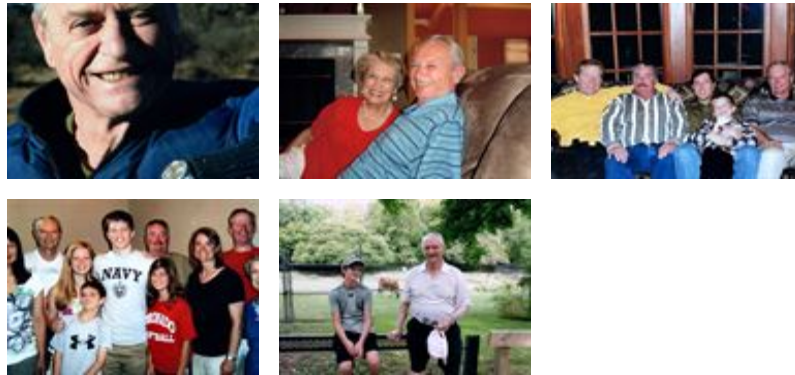
JR

“ On behalf of The Ranni Family I would like to send our deepest condolences.
We are thinking of you.

Jeannine Ranni - February 12, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 11, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James S. Hardy.



February 11, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *I want to pass on to the family of Jim Hardy that Jim was a great mentor to many, many Texas Chamber Executives and Economic Developers of which I am one influenced by Jim's advice and wisdom. He was a wise and thoughtful leader of economic development and leaves a wonderful legacy. Pam Mundo, CEcD*

Pamela Mundo - February 10, 2021 at 06:52 PM

NW

“ *What a wonderful mentor and friend! Jim Hardy will always be remembered in the chamber/economic development field of business. Always helpful and kind. The first time I met Jim, he was dressed in a Batman suit at an annual Chamber event which was on Halloween. From that day forward, he has brought joy and smiles to the hearts and minds of many people. His legacy lives on through his family and we are blessed to know Carolyn. The fruit off of that tree didn't fall far. We loved Jim and we love her. Prayers of peace and comfort to the family and friends.*

Nancy Windham - February 10, 2021 at 06:35 PM

FC

“ *from Henry Company purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James S. Hardy.*



from Henry Company - February 10, 2021 at 12:33 PM

VW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

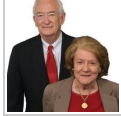


Vicki Washburn - February 09, 2021 at 03:08 PM

VW

So sad to hear of Jim's passing. What a great guy, and a wonderful friend, fishing/hunting buddy to my dad. Our thoughts are with your family during this sad time.

Vicki Washburn - February 09, 2021 at 03:17 PM



The picture of Jim & Vicki is priceless & he is still as handsome as ever. Know home thru the Chamber in Tyler & always friendly & charming. Carolyn/Dave Bain

Carolyn Bain - February 11, 2021 at 01:17 PM

RH

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jim would stop me on the street and give me some news about hobbies I was involved in. He was so personable and we will all miss him.*

Robert and Tamara Haynes

Robert and Tamara Haynes - February 09, 2021 at 10:15 AM