



James F. Humphries

March 9, 1926 - September 28, 2019

Rev. James “Jim” F. Humphries went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Tyler. A celebration of his life will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Pike Wisner and Rev. Stephen Akin officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. also at the Stewart Family Funeral Home. A private military burial will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery.

Jim Humphries was born March 9, 1926 in Savannah, Georgia, the son of James Madison Humphries and Anna Fagg Humphries. Jim came to know the Lord at the young age of 8 and was baptized on Sunday, August 5, 1934 at the Long Branch Baptist Church in Anderson, South Carolina. He graduated from Gaffney High School in Gaffney, SC in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the LST 807 in the Pacific theater of World War II. His tenure included battles at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His Naval uniform is preserved and can be viewed at the American Freedom Museum in Bullard, Texas.

Upon returning from the war, Jim enrolled at Furman University in Greenville, SC where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree. Upon graduation he began working for the Kellogg Corporation as a regional salesman in Lubbock, TX. It was in Lubbock where he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Lookingbill. After three short months of courtship, they married on Christmas Day, 1955 in Springdale, AR.

A few years later, Jim felt the Lord's call to Christian service, and enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth where he received a Master's of Divinity degree. It was during this time that Jim and Mary pastored their first church, in Loco, OK. In 1966 they answered the call to missions and stepped out in faith and moved with their three young children (ages 8, 3 and 6 mos.) to Saigon, Vietnam where Jim became pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church and ministered to the U.S. military members. They served on the foreign mission field for seven years before returning home in 1973. Jim continued to take the message of Christ all over the world with World Evangelism Foundation until 1977, when Jim and Mary were called to pastor First Baptist Church, San Marcos, where they served faithfully for 13 years. During his early retirement years, Jim and Mary were blessed to serve as interim pastor at churches in New Braunfels, Corpus Christi, Odessa, Frankston and Canton, Texas. Each place they served, God provided them with lifetime friendships that brought much joy to Jim's life. Jim never met a stranger, and his deep love for God and His people was felt by all who knew him.

Jim is preceded in death by his father, James Madison Humphries and his mother Anna Fagg Humphries. Survivors include: his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou Lookingbill Humphries of Tyler; his children, Matt Humphries (Stella) of Tyler, Mark Humphries (Laurie) of Tyler and Tracy Humphries Miller (Ben) of Denton; his sister, Ellen Bracewell (Don); and his brother Tom Humphries. Jim is also survived by seven grandchildren: Landry Humphries (Jeanne), Madison Lasse (Jon), Luke Humphries, Timothy Humphries, Jonathan Humphries, Jessica Miller and Jenny Miller; as well as one beautiful great-granddaughter, Hazel Mae Lasse.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church in Saigon, Vietnam (checks can be made payable to FBC, Tyler with a designation of Grace Baptist Church in the remitter).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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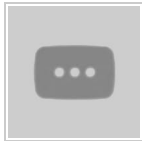
Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James F. Humphries



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 02, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Thank you Dr Humphries for the Bible teaching and preaching! You baptised me upon my statement of faith in Jesus Christ.

Nathan Johnson - December 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Emmanuel, Deborah, E & Leah Ankutse purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James F. Humphries.



Emmanuel, Deborah, E & Leah Ankutse - October 05, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ Prince of a guy & now with the Prince of Peace in Heaven! Such a couple he and Mary made serving the Lord. Will miss him as will all his family. Blessings, Dave and Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - October 04, 2019 at 10:05 AM

RB

“ I remember most the wonderful support Jim gave Mary during her time of leadership and work with the WMU. He was a good man and will be missed.

Rosalie Beck - October 03, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 03, 2019 at 12:46 PM



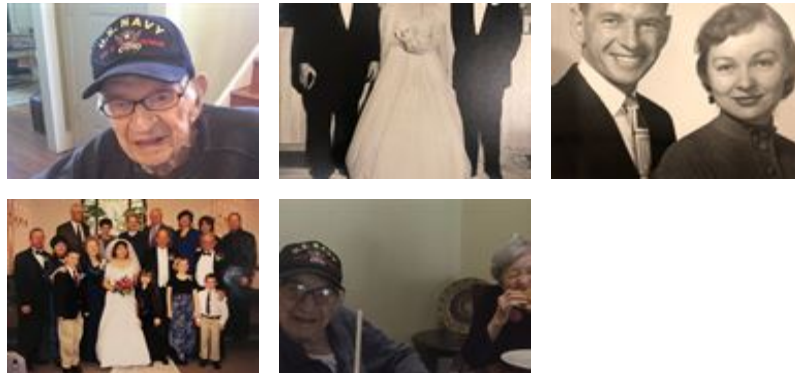
“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James F. Humphries.



October 02, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ 127 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 02, 2019 at 10:17 AM

SJ

“ *Rachel and I were Baptist missionaries in Vietnam from 1962-1975. We were there when Jim and Mary were called to serve the International Church in Saigon. Jim was a good pastor with a good relationship with military men and their families. I remember him as kind and compassionate and a good father, even as Mary was a good mother. Jim was a good preacher, faithful to the Word of God. After they left the mission field they were constantly concerned for Vietnam. They continued their relationship with many of the military men who served in Vietnam and led them to help fund a number of helpful projects in Vietnam. We grieve the loss of Jim Humphries but comforted to know that he is free from all the health issues and is now in the very presence of the Lord!*

Sam and Rachel James - October 01, 2019 at 09:48 PM

BA

“ *Mary, I am praying for you and your children during these days. Heaven is richer today because your loved one is there. May you feel God's Grace as you chart a new way of doing life. My love comes to you.*

Betty Arrell - October 01, 2019 at 01:59 PM

DK

“ *Dean and Georgia Kornegay purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James F. Humphries.*



Dean and Georgia Kornegay - September 30, 2019 at 07:29 PM

SS

“ *One of the finest men I have ever known. A true man of God who meant very much to me when I needed most.*
Snuffy Smith

Snuffy Smith - September 30, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Humphries.*



September 30, 2019 at 09:19 AM

NS

“ *Brother Jim meant so much to our family. He was not only our pastor, but our good friend. Loved his stories he told in his sermons about your family's time in Vietnam, his family stories, calling Mary by another name, losing his slacks in a water fight at Glorieta...fun guy, and our family loved all of you so much.*

Nancy Sue Smith - September 28, 2019 at 07:54 PM

JH

I have such special memories of Brother Jim. He's the pastor who baptized my children and me on a sweet Sunday morning. I loved his sermons and his friendship like I loved Mary teaching the ladies about hospitality and serving in the church kitchen. They both raised their family well, and they raised us well. ❤️ May God continue to bless this wonderful family until they all gather with Jim at the feet of Jesus.

Julie Hoffman - September 29, 2019 at 12:26 AM

CE

I feel that Brother Jim is at the feet of Jesus telling him stories of his time in Viet Nam as a missionary. Cecil and I also have wonderful memories of his and Mary's time here at First Baptist Church, San Marcos. He baptized our son and Mary taught me what it meant to be a good hostess and wife. I remember his faithfulness to the family from Viet Nam and helping them to settle here. Rest in the arms of Jesus, Brother Jim.

Charlotte and Cecil Evans

Charlotte Kyzar Evans - September 30, 2019 at 01:16 PM

WM

When Brother Jim came to First Baptist, San Marcos, the church had gone several years without ordaining any deacons. Brother Jim changed that and I was fortunately one of the new deacons. That was a very meaningful time in my life. Rest in peace, Bro Jim!

Wayne Moore

Wayne Moore - September 30, 2019 at 05:55 PM

DC

What a wonderful person Jim Humphries was. He and his entire family are dedicated to doing the Lord's work. We will miss Jim. His family will be in our prayers.

David and Betty Couch

David and Betty Couch - October 01, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LM

We remember Jim and Mary's wonderful ministry at Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon and also remember the two Prayer Pilgrimages back to Vietnam. Jim's missionary calling never wavered.

Lewis and Toni Myers

lewis myers - October 02, 2019 at 09:08 AM