



James McWhorter

August 13, 1940 - March 22, 2012

Services for James Olan McWhorter, 71, of Flint, will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at 11:00 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bullard with Bishop Brent Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. McWhorter passed away Thursday, March 22, 2012, after a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer. He was born August 13, 1940 in Gilmer to Neal Odell "Jack" and Verma Wreatha Smith McWhorter. James was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bullard. He graduated from New Diana High School, Kilgore Junior College and Texas A&M University and was a Chemical Engineer. James held the position of Principal Process Engineer with Chicago Bridge and Iron (CB&I), where he was employed for over 30 years. During his nearly 50-year career, he worked throughout the US and in over 22 different countries. He enjoyed his travels and loved sharing his knowledge with others, particularly, new engineers. James was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Karen L. McWhorter; and sister, Alverine McWhorter. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Bonnie Kay Stripland McWhorter; son, Scott Wayne McWhorter and wife Jettie of Flint; daughter, Julie Kay Hardie and husband John of Houston; grandchildren, Krystle Lindhjem and husband Rune of Trondheim, Norway, Austin McWhorter of Flint, and Jack and Jamie Hardie of Houston; sister, Faye Tefteller of Gilmer; and numerous other loving relatives and lifelong friends. Pallbearers will be Bill Tullis, Boyd Hamilton, Gene Tannery, Joe

Reaves, Martel Shuttlesworth, and Vernon Stanley. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 23, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I knew Jim as a great Dad to Karen. A family man, a loving, kind and supportive Dad. He and his wife were a welcoming family to me, and they had a beautiful house and yard and flowers. I worked with Jims daughter at a medical facility in Tyler TX. He was a man of strength and so intelligent, yet so relatable and personable. I loved this entire family. My condolences to Bonnie and her extended Family. God got a great one. Laurie



laurie - November 23, 2020 at 12:20 PM

ER

“ Jim was a great and generous man, that I learned alot from. I will never forget what you taught me. My sympathy to the family.

Eric - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Great Engineer to work with, and I know he will be missed by his workmates and especially by his family. He is in the hands of God now, and at rest.

James and Sylvia Morgan - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Julie has been a dear friend of mine for many years and we've shared joy and sorrow as lifelong friends often do. I only had the opportunity to meet Mr. McWhorter in person on two occasions, but I've grown to know him through the stories, pictures and memories she has shared about her family. The best way I know to honor and celebrate the life of James McWhorter is to lift his family up in prayer and ask God to give them strength of heart, peace of mind and the comfort of knowing the love they have for each other is everlasting.

Sherry E. Bryant - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Bonnie,
I was saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. Through the years working with him and listening to his morning chats in my office, I learned a lot about his strong moral character. He was a great mentor at the workplace and whenever one helped him through a problem he always responded with "you are a gentleman and a scholar". I will miss his gentlemanly ways and his scholarly advice. My prayers and condolences are with you and your family.
Les Emig

Les Emig - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bonnie, I wish to extend my sincere condolences to you in the loss of your Husband and my old friend James. James and I were friends for a short while and he was a good friend and co-worker. I thought of him sometimes and wondered how he was doing. I knew that he lived in the Tyler area and I always wanted to look him up, but never seemed to take the time. God bless you and yours.

Jimmy Marler - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I am so very sorry that you have lost one so dear. May the empty spot in your life be filled with the many precious memories of your lives together. He is not gone as long as his memory lives on.*

Martha Norman - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Prayers sent up for all the family and friends.*

Clayton Kitzmann - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM