



James Franklin Merrell Jr.

December 9, 1923 - August 27, 2013

Services for James Franklin Merrell, Jr., 89, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, August 30, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Rice officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

A private entombment will be held at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery Mausoleum in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Merrell passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in Tyler.

He was born December 9, 1923 in Wharton to James Franklin Sr. and Arlena Pickard Merrell.

James was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and longtime leader at Broadway Baptist Church in Houston.

He graduated from Rice University and served in the United States Army during WWII.

James was retired from Sinclair/Arco/BP.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Merrell was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara M. Winters.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 66 years, George Anna "Janny" Merrell of Tyler; son, Gene Alan Merrell and wife Carolynne; daughter, Jill Hardin and husband Steve; grandchildren, Christopher Legg, Kristin Thoma, Anna Grace Hardin and Gideon Hardin and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorials in honor of James F. Merrell, Jr. may be made to GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, Attn: Mission Dignity, 2401 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas 75201 or www.MissionDignitySBC.org.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG 30. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad to hear of James passing. Janny and James are such a wonderful couple. Anyone who knew them would agree that they truly lived by the word of God. RIP peace Uncle James. Bless you Aunt Janny. Many years and miles have passed but the memories will remain forever.



Karen Rice - September 03, 2013 at 05:51 PM

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“ Mr. Merrell~ kind, generous, loving, selfless, godly, quiet, thought provoking, clever, hard-working. All these and more describe Mr. Merrell. But for me, mostly, the very best neighbor ever. For at least 10 years David & I have lived across the street from "The Merrell's". I looked forward to our Saturday morning conversations while gardening. I cherish every moment spent with Mr. & Mrs. Merrell. They both have left such a lasting impression on our entire family. Always encouraging our children to live for Jesus and follow after their dreams. Such a wonderful example of a godly marriage. Truly, heavens gain is our loss. You will forever be missed!

Robin Adams - August 30, 2013 at 09:05 AM

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“ Worked for Arco Refinery in the 1970's and Jim was one of my bosses. When one of our sons was killed in a plane crash in 1990, Jim and Janny were some of the first people who came to our home to pray and comfort us. You could never have better friends than these two!

Don and Sue Burke - August 29, 2013 at 12:33 PM