



James Morris

May 6, 2008

Memorial services for James Morris Lee, 67, Tyler, are scheduled for 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at Pollard United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Luna and Dr. James Reiter officiating. Arrangements are through Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler. Visitation for family and friends is 6:00-8:00 pm on Monday, May 5, 2008 at the funeral home. Dr. Lee died May 3 in Tyler at Hospice of East Texas. He was born September 3, 1940, in Waxahachie, Texas, to James B. and Stannie Lee. He grew up in Waxahachie and graduated from Waxahachie High School in 1958. He attended Texas Wesleyan College and Texas Tech University. In 1960, he married his high school sweetheart Shirley McElroy of Midlothian Texas and moved to Memphis, Tennessee where he attended Southern College of Optometry and received his Doctorate in 1963. He and Shirley moved to Henderson Texas in 1963 where he started his Optometric practice and they raised their family. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he served on various church boards and committees. He was also active with March of Dimes, Henderson Baseball Association, Optimist Club and Jaycees. After moving to Tyler in 1983, he joined a group practice with Dr. Gene Bennett where he continued his practice until recently. Dr. Lee truly loved his work and the relationships he formed over the years with his associates and patients. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was an avid golfer. He was a member of Pollard United Methodist Church. James was preceded in death by parents James B. and Stannie Lee and son, Jeff Lee. Survivors

include wife Shirley Lee, Tyler, sons and daughters-in-law Greg and Jolene Lee, John and Leigh Lee, Robert and Janice Lee, and daughter-in-law, Julie Lee all of Tyler. Grandchildren include Caitlin and Reagan Lee, Chase and Anna Lee, James Lee, Jacob Lee and Jordan and Payton Roberts. Also sister and brother-in-law Iris and Charley Wilson, Waxahachie, sisters-in-law and husbands Sandy and Steve McMillion, McKinney, Sherry and Charles Moudy, Arlington, and Shanna and Michael Pope, Plano. Dr. Lee is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and friends. Honorary Pallbearers are David Roberts, Dr. Jon Schreiber, Bill Wallis, Pat Marshall, Tom Perryman, Dr. Gene Bennett, and Jack Thompson. If desired, memorials may be made to Pollard United Methodist Church 3050 Copeland Road, Tyler, Texas 75701 or Hospice of East Texas 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Shirley,
Know that you and your family are in my prayers. Morris will truly be missed. I have been thinking about him yesterday and today and recalling all the wonderful memories of him. He was as you know a very precious jewel. And also somewhat of a comedian at times. I have many of those memories of him and his great sense of humor. Take care.

Patricia Murray - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Shirley, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Morris is at peace now and I hope you will find comfort in that. We love you.

Kathy McElroy Robinson - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dr. Lee has been my eye doctor the last 18 years. He was always pleasant and genteel, professional and caring. Please know I am praying for your family in these darkest of days.

R. Gentry - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Shirley, my dear cousin -

My heart is with you in this most painful time.

Know that I'm thinking of you and your sons with the hope that you are lifted by the memories of the life, love, and happiness you shared with Morris for almost 50 years even as his loss weighs so heavily on your heart.

I hope, too, that the love and presence of family and friends bring you some comfort and support.

Your cousin, Joe (and my wife, Amy)

Joe Andres - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Morris. I remember him as great fun and someone who laughed a lot. Although I hadn't seen him in many years, one's high school classmates are forever etched in the heart - Morris won't be forgotten.*

Doris Lewis Smith

Doris Nan Lewis Smith - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Our sympanthy and prayers are lifted for you and your family. May God bless you with strength, peace, and wisdom as you journey through this sad time in your life.*

Always,

Helen & Johnny Sims

Helen Sims - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Dr. Lee was a kind and gentle man. We were priviledged to have had our paths crossed. Linda, Lynn,Sally, Yolanda,and LaTonia*

ETMC RADIOLOGY PREP - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Shirley,*

We are thinking of you and all your family and send our love to you all. May the Lord bless you and comfort you in this time of great sadness.

Love,

Cousin Phillip

Phillip McAlpine - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *We loved eyedaddy very much. He was always the one crackin all the jokes. He was a very funny person, and we will always remember him and will miss him very much!*

We Love you eyedaddy!

Love,

caitlin

reagan

anna Lee

caitlin,reagan,anna Lee - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I WILL MISS DR LEE HE WAS MY EYE DOCTOR FOR OVER 10 YEARS WE HAD A LOT OF GOOD TALKS WHEN HE WOULD CHECK MY EYES I ALLWAYS ENJOYED SEEING HIM WHEN I WENT FOR A EYE CHECKUP HE ALLWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND HE LOVED HIS JOB.HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSEDMARTIN CHAPMAN

martin chapman - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Shirley,

We were so sorry to hear about Morris. I know this has been a very difficult year for you and your family. I want you to know that we send our love and that you are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Scott and Tammy

Scott and Tammy McElroy - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dr. Lee was my eye doctor for several years. He was a very thorough professional who was always warm and caring to me. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Ross Whitney - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *John and Lee Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know your loved one, but I know how strong and courageous a man he was from conversations with John. He is now in a place where the air is clean and fresh and he can breathe easy in the prescence of the Lord.*

My prayer is that you feel the love and strength of the Lord Jesus Christ during this difficult time.

Kelly Oosterhoudt

Kelly Oosterhoudt - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have wonderful Sunday afternoon memories of Dr Lee.*

Shana Steele - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *The Lee family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Shannen Riley - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ Dearest Shirley, Greg, Jolene, John, Leigh, Robert, Janice, Julie and all of "Eyedaddy's" Grands!

Psalm 46:1 has been my comfort for many weeks now. It says, "God, you are my refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." You have all suffered seemingly insurmountable burdens over the past year and half and yet, I see such strength, such courage and such love that can only come from our good friend and Savior, Jesus. I am comforted to know that as we walk together over the next days that HE will continue to journey with us and "supply ALL our needs according to HIS riches in glory!" I love each of you deeply and will always be here for each of you until God calls me home. BLESSINGS! Aunt Iris

Iris Wilson - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ John, It sounds like you had a great dad and that he was a wonderful person. I am very sorry about this huge loss for you and your family.
My sincere condolences,
Mary Hursin

Mary Hursin - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Shirley, you and Morris represent the happiest times in our lives in Henderson. Thank you for being our friends.
Love,
Ayree
Your sons are indications of what good people you are.

ayree stokes - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Robert - I was very saddened to hear about your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Stacy

Stacy Cunningham - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ A person is remembered most by what they leave behind. While I never had the the opportunity to meet Mr. Lee, he can be very proud of the legacy of his extended family and his son John Lee who I have had the pleasure of working with througout Mr. Lee's illness. John has been a strong and caring support to his mother and father and has handled each moment with dignity, love and respect. Warm Regards to the entire family.

Becky Quammen - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Shirley and family; Mark and I were so shocked to her about Dr. Lee. We have been out of town since 5/3 and just returned 5/11. We received many calls during our absence. We are so sorry that we could not be there for you and your family. I know that God was there with you and your family. We will see you soon.

Dr. Mark Lloyd - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM