



Dr. James H. Pesnell

August 12, 1938 - December 1, 2020

Dr. James Henry Pesnell peacefully passed away surrounded by family and friends on December 1, 2020.

Services for Dr. Pesnell will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. David O. Dykes officiating. Visitation will be at 1 pm with a memorial service following at 2 pm.

Dr. Pesnell was born August 12, 1938 in Waco to Harry Pesnell and Ruth Blacklock Pesnell.

After graduating from Baylor University, Jim attended medical school at UTMB in Galveston. His internship and residency were at Methodist Hospital in Dallas where he was chief intern and chief resident. Jim was a Board-Certified Doctor of Internal Medicine and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a physician in the US Army. Dr. Pesnell had a love for practicing medicine and practiced in Smith County for more than 20 years.

His favorite things to do were to practice medicine and travel with his family. Jim's hobbies were running, snow skiing and scuba diving. Dr. Pesnell also had a love for music and was a longtime supporter of the East Texas Symphony. He supported many local and national charities that included St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital.

Dr. Pesnell was a lifetime member of the AMA and the AMA 50 Year Club, as well as a lifetime member of the TMA and the TMA 50 Year Club. He was a Fellow of Internal Medicine, a member of the American Board of Medical Specialists, a member of the American College of Physicians, a member of the Baylor University Heritage Club, a member of AOA Medical Honor Society and a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In addition to his many medical honors and associations, he was well respected by the local medical community.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda Prince Pesnell. He is also survived by his children: Chris Pesnell, Diane Sims, Phillip Pesnell, David Pesnell and Donna Pesnell and their families that include 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Additionally, he is survived by brothers, Tom Pesnell and John Pesnell; and sisters, June Sharon and Joyce Ruchuig; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dr. Pesnell was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ruth Pesnell; and sister, Winifred Ann Martin.

The family would especially like to thank Gary Duffy, his longtime companion and friend for more than three years, and all of his other devoted caregivers, nurses, doctors, and support staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”
Numbers 6:24-26

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Linda, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Judy Shamburger*

Judy Shamburger - December 12, 2020 at 02:01 AM

DP

“ *Precious Great Grandson Blake*



debra pesnell - December 06, 2020 at 01:29 PM

DP

“ *Diane (Firstborn) and her husband JD. plus Phillip, oldest son with his wife Debbie and daughter Whitney*



debra pesnell - December 03, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DP

“ *Pesnell children and spouses and Jim's granddaughter*



debra pesnell - December 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DP

“ *Donna and Diane and Phillip and Donna*



debra pesnell - December 03, 2020 at 08:04 PM

AM

“ *All our love, Susie and Margie. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. James H. Pesnell.*



All our love, Susie and Margie. - December 03, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ James was always so friendly & gracious when I would see him at the Symphony PLUS
 Linda was always a doll and so supportive. She will miss him. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

 Carolyn Bain - December 03, 2020 at 05:17 PM



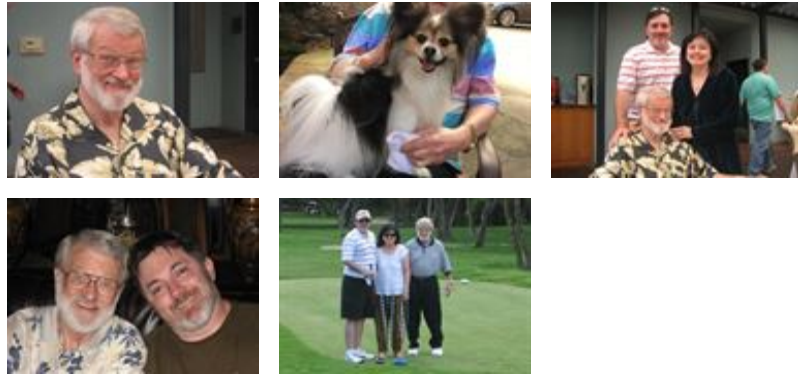
“ Children: Diane Sims, Phillip Pesnell, Donna Pesnell and David Pesnell



 debra pesnell - December 03, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



 Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JT

“ *Very sad to learn of Jim’s passing. We became friends in Galveston when he was working as lab tech at St Mary’s Infirmary. I was the night shift nurse so I saw him when he came to do the early a.m. blood draws. He was fast and efficient. I was thrilled when he came to Tyler. He was my mother’s doctor and we were both very saddened when he had his accident. God’s blessings on all your family . May his soul Rest In Peace.*

Jean Templeton - December 03, 2020 at 01:53 PM

DS

Jean, he told me of the pranks he pulled on y’all in the lab! Diane Pesnell Sims

diane pesnell sims - December 03, 2020 at 02:54 PM

MV

He was our family doctor in Jacksonville. He and his family always sat in the pew in front of my mom and dad at central baptist church. He was a wonderful man.

mary sherman vardaman - December 27, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DS

“ *I love my daddy so very much. He was a caring, loving, amazing man. A man of God! Loved helping and healing his patients through God’s hands.*

God bless all the people in his life that he had the privilege to touch.

Love you Daddy!!

diane pesnell sims - December 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM

JM

So heartbroken for all of you. May he Rest In Peace . Junella McClusky

Junella McClusky - December 02, 2020 at 08:03 PM

MM

Diane, I am so saddened to read in todays Tyler paper about the passing of your father. I had the opportunity of working with him at Travis Clinic in Jacksonville until his move to Tyler. He was always so kind to me, not only as a co-worker in the clinic, but also as my personal physician. It was a great loss for Jacksonville when he moved his practice to Tyler, but I know that many of his patients here continued under his care, driving to Tyler to see him. He was not only an extremely caring physician, he was also wise and possessed an amazing fountain of medical knowledge and acumen. May God bless you and all his family at this sad time and during the difficult days that lie ahead as you mourn his loss He touched countless lives in such a positive way, mine included, for which I am grateful. Mary Alice Bone

Mary A. Bone, M.D. - December 04, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DM

“*Linda, Chris and family you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May God comfort you as only he can. Jim was a special person and we were privileged to call him our friend. We rejoice that he is completely healed now and walking on streets of gold and we can all see him again some day!*
We are sending our love and sympathy,
Jim and Donna McCallum

Donna McCallum - December 02, 2020 at 01:08 AM