



James L Ritter

January 16, 1944 - November 23, 2012

A memorial service for James L. Ritter, 68, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Braaten of Our Savior's Lutheran church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Ritter passed away November 23, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 16, 1944 in San Rafael, CA. His parents were Clifford Wayne and Mary Margaret Ritter.

James served in the US Navy during Vietnam and received the Vietnam US Campaign Ribbon for his service. He also served as a police officer for the Lawton, OK police department for 12 years. A great life accomplishment for James was building his own home with his wife. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

James is survived by his loving family including his wife Betty Lynn Ritter of Tyler; children, James S. Ritter and wife Suzanne of Jacksonville, NC, Kimberly Sue Tarter and husband J.R. of Des Moines, IA, Ralph Ritter and wife Tiffany of Austin, Robert Ritter and wife Stephanie of Tyler, Craig A. Myers and wife Kimberly, Brian Myers and wife Dana, Michele Birdsong and Derick J. Myers, all of Tyler; siblings, Richard Ritter and wife Ruth, Paul Ritter all of OK, Kenneth Ritter and wife Donna of WA, Jeannie Purdum and husband Ray and Sherry Dunning, all of OK; and by 27 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude's' Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

NOV 27 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AM

“ You were a one of a kind! You are greatly missed! Sunday dinners will never be the same without you!

Angela R Mitchum - December 10, 2012 at 07:31 AM

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“ Angela R Mitchum lit a candle in memory of James L Ritter



Angela R Mitchum - December 10, 2012 at 07:29 AM

RB

“ I knew James when he was in Lawton on the police department there. I was on the fire department and retired recently. Jim was always a pleasure to be around. I have many fond memories of working along side him at fires , accident scenes, and EMS calls. He was one of the fun guys to be around. I rode with him on occasion and we would drink coffee at the coffee shop together regularly. He would stop in the fire station also and we would share stories and just have a good conversation frequently. I miss those days now and I miss Jim.

God Bless you ole buddy and God Bless your family and friends.

Lt. Randy Britton LFD retired

Randy Britton - December 04, 2012 at 09:52 AM

BM

“ As a boy, I lived in Oklahoma and Uncle Jim lived in New Mexico. My Mother would take my little brother and I to New Mexico for a family reunion. We would visit at this house, catch up with this family member and would always end up in Jim's garage building something amazing. To just sit back and watch him take a pile of stuff and turn it into something awesome was always worth watching. Almost always. The time he had grass sod planted...in the desert....on top of pure sand...in the heat of New Mexico... didn't work out to well.

Uncle Jim, You were one of a kind. Love you and will always miss you. See you later.

Bryan McKay - November 27, 2012 at 02:43 PM

AS

“ I am deeply grateful to have been able to meet such an amazing man with such a strong spirit for life!! Jim although I have only know you and Betty for a short time you have left such a impression in my heart I will never forget my time with you. I thank you for the example you have shown to me of not taking for granted each and everyday. Thank you for the stories you shared with me, you truly are an amazing person!!

Love Anna

Anna Steele - November 26, 2012 at 01:44 PM

DO

“ Betty and Family,
Our deepest sympathy is with you during this time. Jim was a great man and will be greatly missed.

The Bright Family

Donna - November 25, 2012 at 04:11 PM

CB

“ *My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*



Chris Bright - November 25, 2012 at 04:06 PM



“ *Dear Betty & Family ... Loved ones live on in words they said, in lives they have touched, and in the happiness we feel every time we remember them. Our Thoughts are with you with deepest sympathy, love & prayers.*

*CaringThoughts,
Arna, John & Kaitlyn
(The Pike Family)*



Arna Pike - November 25, 2012 at 12:44 PM

NB

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Nancy Cumings Beemer - November 24, 2012 at 06:07 PM