



James O. Upchurch

June 5, 1924 - August 25, 2014

Services for James Oliver Upchurch, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Bob Logan officiating.

Mr. Upchurch passed away Monday, August 25, 2014 at his residence in Tyler. He was born June 5, 1924 in Corsicana to Claude Elmer and Martha Graves Thomas Upchurch.

Mr. Upchurch grew up in Tyler. He earned his chemical engineering degree from the University of Texas in three years and immediately joined the Navy. During WWII he served as a radar instructor. After serving his country, he went back to school for his masters degree and went to work for Humble Oil Company in New Orleans. He married his first wife Nancy Emma Brown in 1950, living in Houston and Dallas, and later moving to Amarillo to serve as Vice-president of Engineering for Mesa Petroleum. He retired in 1984 and moved to Kerrville where he met and married his second wife, Patricia Crossley Deen.

Mr. Upchurch was a selfless father, always doing for other people. He was an excellent carpenter who loved to help other people and could build or repair anything. Mr. Upchurch loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and loved having his many friends and family visit his cabin and ranch.

Mr. Upchurch was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife of 42 years Nancy Emma Brown Upchurch, and brother Claude Elmer Upchurch.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 20 years Patricia

Crossley Upchurch of Tyler; son James Alan Upchurch and wife Becky of San Antonio; daughter Nancy Ann Calloway and husband Terry of Albuquerque, NM; stepdaughter Amy Deen Westbrook and husband Bert of Lawrence, Kansas; stepson Patrick Deen and wife Jennifer of Tyler; grandchildren Katie Calloway Sueda, Carrie Calloway, Susan Upchurch Minicone, Emily Upchurch, Patrick Deen, Annabelle Deen, Thomas Westbrook, Sophie Westbrook, and Peter Westbrook; sister Josephine Upchurch Campbell and husband Donovan of Dallas; and sister-in-law Virginia Higgins Upchurch of Houston.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to Patricia and family and especially to Alan and Ann, who with their parents Nancy and Jim were our dear Amarillo neighbors. My late husband, Merrill Lynch First Vice-President - Investments, Wealth Management Advisor William G. (Bill) Landess, enjoyed his association with Jim, and together we treasured our friendship with all the members of the Upchurch family.

Claudette L. Landess

Claudette L. Landess - August 27, 2014 at 04:54 PM

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“ Virginia H. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James O. Upchurch.



Virginia H. - August 27, 2014 at 10:41 AM