



James D. Wicks

June 5, 1937 - February 19, 2019

Services for James D. Wicks, 81, of Tyler will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at University Church of Christ with Brother Neal Thurman officiating. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Waresville Cemetery in Utopia, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Wicks passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in Tyler. He was born June 5, 1937 in Clovis, New Mexico to Gordon Wicks and Mavis Shinn Wicks.

James Wicks was a member of the Utopia Church of Christ, the American Chemical Society (for 50 years), Alpha Chi, and Kappa Delta Pi. He served as chairman of the East Texas section of the American Chemical Society and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and later with a Master's degree from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. James was the first chemistry instructor employed by Tyler Junior College in 1963. During his 38-year career, he served as coordinator and director of TJC chemistry program.

James Wicks' influence as an instructor has reached far and wide as many of his former students have gone on to become nurses, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, and veterinarians. Mr. Wicks loved to teach the science of creation but more importantly, he loved to teach about the Creator. A former student Jim Deason once said, "He's a fine man and a very wise man. More than just

education, he has a biblical perspective on science and shares that with students from the first day of class.” Not only did James teach in a college setting, he loved to teach about his Lord and Savior through personal Bible studies, Bible classes, and from the pulpit. James served as a faithful deacon, elder, and minister for many years

James Wicks is preceded in death by his father, Gordon Wicks and by his mother, Mavis Wicks Snow. James is survived by his wife of 61 years, Willa; son, David Wicks and his wife Ginny of Tyler; son, Tim Wicks of Bella Vista, Arkansas; and daughter, Debbie VanWinkle and her husband Ted of Heber Springs, Arkansas. He is also survived by two brothers, Frank Wicks and Gene Wicks and his wife Vicky, all of Clovis, New Mexico; and by seven grandchildren: Joshua, Jon, Timothy, Kelsi, James, Lena, and Johnny; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Joshua VanWinkle, Jon VanWinkle, Timothy Wicks, James Wicks, Johnny Wicks, Jared Hodges, and Jacob Farley.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Memorial donations can be made to Medina Children’s Home: 21300 State Highway 16 N, Medina, TX 78055.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

University Church of Christ
University Blvd.
Tyler, TX

Graveside Service

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Waresville Cemetery
FM 187 S. of Utopia
Utopia, TX 78884

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James D. Wicks*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 21, 2019 at 01:51 PM

SA

So sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family. Sharon.

Sharon Adams - February 22, 2019 at 04:41 PM

JY

“ *David and Debbie,
My prayers for your families.
Jane Ann Young-Maloney*

Jane Ann Young-Maloney - February 26, 2019 at 02:19 PM

HH

“ *Tim,
We are so sorry about the loss of your dear father from this earthly life. He will be missed by his family and many friends. Although he is no longer on this earth, he will live forever within the hearts of all the people who knew and loved him. The memories you made together will be treasures to cherish forever.
Knowing you as one of my students and as one of your Academic Decathlon coaches at Robert E. Lee in Tyler has provided me with happy memories also.*

May God comfort you and your families,

*Hedwig and John Hardie
Knippa, Texas*

Hedwig Hardie - February 26, 2019 at 11:31 AM

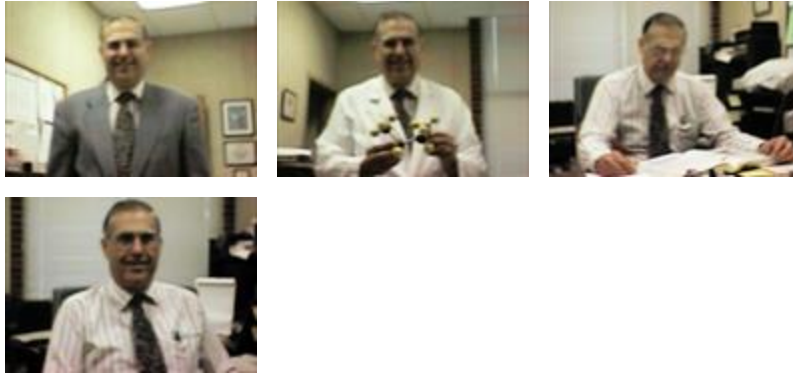
JM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I loved and greatly respected Mr. Wicks. I hope Mom and Dad were there to welcome him home.
Condolences from our family to yours.
John Mayer and family.*

John Mayer - February 23, 2019 at 01:06 AM

BH

“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Byron Howell - February 21, 2019 at 05:41 PM

TD

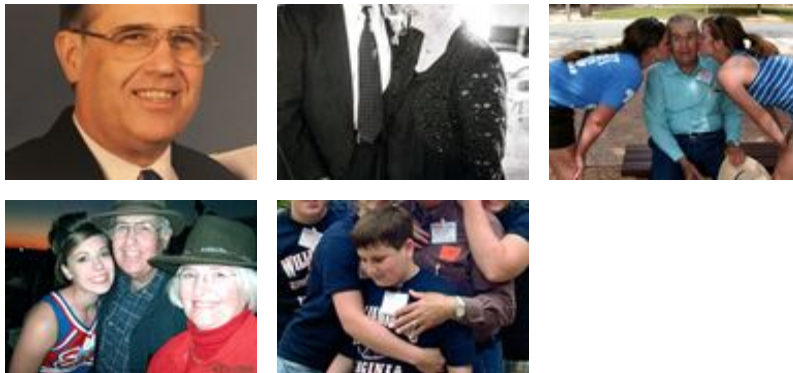
“ TJC Chemistry Department purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James D. Wicks.



TJC Chemistry Department - February 21, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 21, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.



February 20, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.



February 20, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.



February 20, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.



February 20, 2019 at 06:15 PM

YF

“ *Your Walmart Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of James D. Wicks.*



Your Walmart Family - February 20, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.*



February 20, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.*



February 20, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.*



February 20, 2019 at 04:15 PM

GF

“ *Goode Family; Ortiz Family; Graham Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James D. Wicks.*



Goode Family; Ortiz Family; Graham Family - February 20, 2019 at 04:10 PM

DF

“ *David Ivins & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James D. Wicks.*



David Ivins & Family - February 20, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James D. Wicks.*



February 20, 2019 at 07:05 AM