



James Bennett

March 12, 1922 - July 3, 2009

James E. Bennett passed away on July 1, 2009 in Huntsville, Texas. He was born in Crockett, Texas on March 12, 1922 to Robert Daniel Bennett "Dan" and Jenny Viola Bennett (Oldham.) He was preceded in death by parents, brothers: John D. Bennett, J.B. Bennett, Efton Bennett, and sister, Loretta Bennett Henry. Survivors include wife, Oma Gant Bennett; brothers, Quincy Bennett and wife Barbara of Dodge Center, Minnesota; Donald Bennett and wife Billie of Latexo, Texas; A.D. Bennett "Bill" of Crockett, Texas and sister, Annie Bell Bennett Watson of Latexo, Texas. He is also survived by niece and husband Denise and Terry Vogler of Huntsville, Texas; Gayann and Bill Herring, and niece Elaine Heathcock and brother-in-law Y.B. Heathcock, all of Devine, Texas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews as well as great, and great-great-nieces and nephews. Mr. Bennett served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and then was a civil service worker for the U.S. Airforce Base in Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #23 in Glendale, Arizona for fifty years and in 2009 became a member of Masonic Lodge #21 in Crockett, Texas. The Bennett's lived in Salmon, Idaho for several years where they enjoyed camping and fishing in the Salmon River. They also enjoyed traveling extensively in North America in their earlier years. He was a wood carver and spent many hours on gifts for all of his friends and family. Services will be July 3, 2009, 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas with Rev. Gary Garrison, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas, officiating. Interment will be on July 3,

2009, 3:00 PM at McNeil Cemetery near Luling, Texas with Rev. Charles Lee Woodward, pastor of McNeil Baptist Church officiating. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Bennett*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Aunt Oma, you probably don't remember me, but I was JB's stepdaughter, Mollie, I remember when I was a little kid that you and Uncle Jim came to Texas to visit one summer, and I also remember that you were at Daddy's funeral service in 1991. I didn't know that Uncle Jim lived in Texas and didn't know that he had passed away until I read it yesterday in the Crockett, paper. Had we known we would have been there for his service. I just wanted you to know that I am so very sorry for your loss. I'm sure Uncle Jim was a lot like Daddy and he is going to be missed for a long time, by a lot of people. May God comfort you and the family and bring smiles to your heart with a lot of good memories of Uncle Jim. My prayers are with all of you. Please feel free to email me my email addy is dockyanigel@msn.com. I would love to hear from you.*

Love and Blessings
Mollie and Ron McCoy

Mollie & Ron McCoy - July 06, 2009 at 12:51 PM

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“ To Oma and the rest of the James Bennett Family. You all have our deepest sympathy in the passing of a great man. We didn't have the pleasure of knowing Jim & Oma a long time, but we adopted them as our parents. They were great neighbors of ours in AZ. Jim was always proud of his woodcarvings, as he should have been. They were beautiful. I won't forget the time I convinced him to enter some of his carvings into the Verde Valley Fair. Oma also entered some of her baked goods. They came away with blue ribbons and money because they both were winners. They were tickled when I delivered their ribbons and money to them. My family and I feel so gifted to have had the chance to meet and know them. We loved them dearly. Gonna miss Jim and waving at him everyday as we drove by their house. He would sit out in the garage in short sleeves even in winter when it got very cold. I know he is at peace and can rest now. Oma, I love you and wish I could have been there for you. Really miss seeing you, too. To all of the family, thank you for sharing your brother, uncle, etc. with us!!! You are all in our prayers.

Sandy Wunderlich & Family - July 04, 2009 at 09:30 PM

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“ Jim and I worked together 6 days a week for a year helping to build a Southern Baptist Church in Salmon, Idaho. He always had the coffee pot going on the wood stove in the work shed. It was good "boiled" coffee! He always had a story to tell, too, about something he had run into over the years. I remember him telling about his trip to Alaska and cooking on a Coleman stove on the tailgate of the pickup. He would keep the mosquitoes swatted away from Oma while she did the cooking. Jim wasn't perfect, just like the rest of us, but he was always there when you needed a friend. Jim made a lot of trips back and forth from Arizona to Idaho and he always talked about stopping at Big Rock Candy Mountain in Utah. The church and it's welfare in Salmon was always a big concern of both Jim and Oma. They supported it for many years with their time and finances. They were always willing to help if there was a need. They were extra and loving grandparents for many kids over the years. They were adventurous also. One year while visiting us in West Yellowstone we all rode snowmobiles to Old Faithful for a Christmas Day picnic. On the way back, Jim hit a frozen buffalo "chip" in the road and flipped the snowmobile him and Oma were riding into the ditch and dislocated Oma's shoulder!! What a painful few hours Oma spent getting to the Rexburg hospital. If the truth was known I don't think Oma ever completely forgave him for that little escapade in the snow. Jim will be missed by us all, but not forgotten!

Simon Bowland - July 02, 2009 at 10:22 PM

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“ Jim Bennett was a true friend and a good Christian brother-in-Christ. He and Oma had a welcoming and loving home that we were able to visit many times. Jim really enjoyed taking everyone to see the Grand Canyon and I will never forget the awesome story of the day they hiked to the bottom of the canyon on The Kaibab Trail when they were very young and had only lived in Arizona a short time. Oma got heat cramps and got really sick from soaking her feet in the cold river at the bottom and they had to spend the night in a small cabin. They only had a couple of candy bars to eat and they ran out of water before they got to the top the next morning. The Lord was watching out for them because some other hikers came down the hill and shared water so they could make it to the top. They never tried that again! They had a lot of great stories about their trips to Alaska and other parts of the country. They were a very important part of our church family in Salmon and they took part in everything they could. They always loved kids and kept track of so many children they knew over the years! Jim gave our youngest son his old camping cook set and it is still valued today as a special gift and keepsake! Jim traveled so many miles to always be present for the kids graduations and weddings. He gave us all so much support and love over the years. I feel blessed to have known him!!

Susan Bowland - July 02, 2009 at 08:44 PM

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“ Mr. & Mrs. Vogler, My prayers are with you and the Bennett family during your time of sorrow.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - July 02, 2009 at 07:53 PM