



James Vernon "Jim" Garrett, Jr.

April 10, 1940 - July 1, 2011

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James Vernon "Jim" Garrett, Jr., was born on April 10, 1940, in Texarkana, Arkansas, to James Vernon Garrett, Sr. and Quida Hughes Garrett. On Friday, July 1, 2011, Jim passed in Huntsville, Texas at age 71.

Graduated from high school in Bossier, Louisiana in 1958; attended Kilgore Jr. College, Northwestern Louisiana State and University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana and received his B. S. degree on June 3, 1963. Jim joined the U.S. Air Force in September, 1963; went to OTS in San Antonio at Lackland Air Force Base where after 90 days got a First Lieutenant Commission . His first orders were to Biloxi, Mississippi where he went to Air Traffic Control School. He went on to Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan, where he was made Captain and was voted one of top 10% outstanding young Lieutenants in PACAF. After getting his Regular Commission, there were four First Lieutenants and one Captain working for him because he was running Approach Control in and out of Okinawa, where he served for thirty-nine months. Jim returned to Tinker Air Force Base in Mid-West City, Oklahoma and served there for a year.

Jim moved to Houston and attended University of Houston where he received his law degree in twenty-five months and was in the top 10% of his class; was

offered a position Harris County D.A. Office under Carrol Vance in 1971; attended Sam Houston State University and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence; went into private practice in 1974. He became Criminal Justice Coordinator in 1985 for Harris County and moved into the First Magistrate Judge for Harris County in 1987 and remained there until retirement in 2005.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kate (Roberts) Garrett; three daughters, Veronica Lynn Auger and husband, Ed Foley, Rebecca Dawn Garrett and Mary Beth Johnson and Kimberly Ann Helms and husband, Roy Smith Helms, Jr.; granddaughter, Chelsea Brieanne Taylor and her father, Shannon Taylor; grandsons, Garrett Houston Helms and Hunter James Helms; brother Hughes Bentley Garrett and wife, Shirley; sister, Mary Carolyn Jackson and Husband, Everitte Jackson; adopted daughters, Angela Waltman, Lisa McCarter, Valerie Thornhill, Regina Delgado and Dee Robuck.

Mr. Garrett, Jr., will lie in state on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. Family will receive friends Tuesday, July 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Center Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst, Texas.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James Vernon "Jim" Garrett, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Judge Garrett's families - it's been my privileged to served The Judge @ PCH . He was always kind and generous to me - He was my mentor . Judge Garrett is a wonderful human being . The world just loss a great man . I will miss him deeply .*

Lan Vo-Nguyen - July 15, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ *Aunt Kate,
What can I say about Uncle Jim that hasn't already been said by so many others? He had such an array of great qualities that he carried with an emince amount of pride, and anyone lucky enough to have met him knows just that. I have always enjoyed and admired Uncle Jim's laid-back demeanor, caring attitude, and profound wisdom. He displayed a relentless amount love and devotion towards you with absolute sincerity, and was one of a few GREAT men in this world. May he rest in peace and live in our hearts forever. I love you very much and I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Love Always,
Brandy Elias*

Brandy Elias - July 07, 2011 at 05:06 PM

LM

“ Jim was a true Texas gentleman. I spent many a late night at Probable Cause court where Jim presided. Jim's calm demeanor and even temperment made everyone from the defendant charged, to the Deputy handling the defendant, to the prosecutor handling the case feel comfortable because he was in charge. He was fair, honest and a man of his word. He will really be missed and he left a great legacy for his loved ones. Our prayers are with his family at this time of sorrow.

Lyn McClellan - July 07, 2011 at 05:02 PM

KW

“ Dear Veronica,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He seemed like such a great man. He has achieved some great things in his life! Celebrate them! Every time you'd talk about him, you would light up. May your happy memories of him and all the caring thoughts of others comfort you now and always! Take care of yourself and we will catch up soon!

Kathy Werley - July 07, 2011 at 03:43 PM

MH

“ Work with Veronica - Did not know Veronica's Dad but always heard such wonderful things - was contemporary of my Dad in the USAF in the early 60's - our thoughts and prayers are with you all

Sincerely,
Mark Hinkel

mark hinkel - July 06, 2011 at 04:58 PM

JD

“ Our Good Shepherd allows us to cross paths with unforgettable people from time to time. Jim was one of them (as well as yourself)! We'll never forget what yall did for us to make our transition from TN to TX easier. Why, we have reminders all through our house! Mr. Jim will be remembered for his kindness and generosity to people he didn't even know. We will continue to pray that the God of all comfort will ease your pain and loneliness as you face the days ahead. We loved Jim and will miss him, and we love you!

Jerry & Joyce Dickey - July 06, 2011 at 08:52 AM

SB

“ Judge Garrett, no matter how late into the night, or how troubled, or poor or ragged the person-- no matter how misguided or time consuming the question--- would always take time and care to deal with each person with dignity and respect. Not an easy task with the high volume and late hour. He really, really cared about people, people and it showed. People who were powerless and had nothing to offer. A remarkable person and a someone I was proud to call my friend. My sincerest condolences for your loss.

*Steve Baldassano
Asst Dist Atty*

Steve Baldassano - July 05, 2011 at 04:15 PM

KW

“ Jim was a delightful man to work with over the years in Probable Cause court. He was always kind and thoughtful. I can still hear his wonderful laugh. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers. Kaylynn Williford

Kaylynn Williford - July 05, 2011 at 04:03 PM

DF

“ Judge Garrett was a very well respected man. I would like to say thank you to the family for sharing him with us here at the Sheriffs Office for so many years. He is the reason that I am in the Courts Division today he believed in me and gave me the opportunity. God Bless You, Judge Garrett and Thank you again!

Deputy Kirk J. Fretty - July 05, 2011 at 02:36 PM

AG

“ Ms. Kate, I thought the world of Judge Garrett. He was the finest and fair man I knew while working with him at the probable cause court. Things changed when he left. He was never afraid to stand up when needed to. I will truly miss our talks and his laugh. He always called me Anna Banana. I know he is at peace and will watch over the rest of us.

Anna Gonzales - July 05, 2011 at 10:05 AM

DH

“ Kate, I was so saddened when Mark called me to tell me about Jim's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time and I do know what you are going through and the sadness that you are feeling. You and Jim have always been so kind to me and have always made me feel so comfortable when I have been around you. I know that he will be missed. I also know that he is with God and He will give you strength to move forward. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you, Delsya

Delsya Harmon - July 03, 2011 at 06:37 PM

SW

“ *Katie,
Please know that my thoughts are with you during this time. I will see you as soon as I can get back to Dodge.*

*Fondly,
Shirley Wells and Family*

Shirley Wells - July 03, 2011 at 05:29 PM

MP

“ *Dearest Kate,
There are no words that could convey how sorry we are that Jim has passed away. Please know that he as well as you were in our prayers daily. Please feel free to call on us at any time if you need someone to talk with. You and Jim were always like extended family to us. We will never forget how good the two of you were for us in so many ways.*

*Love to you.
Michael and Hannie Pursley*

Michael & Hannie Pursley - July 01, 2011 at 11:16 PM

JH

“ *We never saw Jim when he wasn't kind, thoughtful of others and funny. Even though, because of the distance, we didn't get to know Jim well we felt like we did. We felt comfortable with him and I think that is because he was always friendly, had a smile for us, and showed true interest in whatever it was we were doing at the time. Kate, may God and the love you share with your family be your strength. We hope you know that we are but two of the caring hearts who share in your sorrow.*

Johnny & Carolyn Hunter - July 01, 2011 at 09:45 PM

MJ

“ *Mr. Garrett was one of the finest human beings we knew. We loved him dearly and we will miss his presence. I am so thankful J.R. got to see and speak with him during a recent trip to Bryan. God Bless you Kate during this sad time, and for eternity. We love you. Mark and J.R. Yours and Jim Garrett's Adopted Sons.*

Mark and J.R. - July 01, 2011 at 05:06 PM

JJ

“ *We loved Jim so much and will miss his smiling face. We feel very priviledged to have known him and loved him. Kate, we love you and are here for you what ever you may need.*

Jerre, Sherre, and Jim - July 01, 2011 at 03:27 PM