



James Calvin Grissom

January 20, 1924 - February 17, 2019

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January 12, 1924 – February 17, 2019

James Calvin Grissom passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at the age of 95 at the Carriage Inn in Huntsville, Texas, his home for the last 3 ½ years. A visitation with friends and relatives will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville on Saturday, February 23, from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Services will be held at 2:30pm on Sunday, February 24, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery. The Rev Floyd Hoke will officiate.

James was born in Richards, Texas where he met Billie Marie Johnson. He always said it was “love at first sight”. They were married on December 25, 1942, in Trinity, Texas. The next day James left for the US Navy without telling his parents he was married. That as a job left for Billie. James spent the first part of his service in San Diego, California. Billie joined him in San Diego until he was assigned sea duty. In early 1945 he was assigned to the USS Chauncey, a Fletcher class destroyer. The Chauncey was part of Task Force 58 sent to bomb the Japanese home islands in March of 1945. She later returned to participate in more air raids on Japan in the Pacific War’s final month.

James worked at the Shell Refinery in Deer Park, Texas for 40 years, retiring in 1982. He and Billie lived in Pasadena and Deer Park while working at Shell, but returned to Richards following his retirement. He was a deacon at the Richards Baptist Church and church treasurer for 17 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason at Pasadena Lodge #1155 since 1957.

James was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Billie, his parents, Thomas C. and Edna Foster Grissom, and his brother, Col. Thomas Cecil Grissom (US Army retired).

James is survived by son James Grissom and wife Elizabeth of Spring, Texas; son Robert Grissom and wife Martha, of Dripping Springs, Texas; daughter Gail Grissom Lott of Houston, Texas; daughter Kay Grissom Murphy of Madisonville, Texas; sister-in-law Betty Phillips of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Condolences may be made @ www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **23.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Service

FEB **24.** 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Calvin Grissom*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I have the privilege of being James' pastor the past few years at Carriage Inn. James never missed church unless he absolutely could not be with us. His dedication to the Lord, to the Church, and to his family is a beautiful things to watch. These past few months, I've witnessed the very same dedication to him from his children. Their loving support of him is nothing short of Divine. While James is already missed, his Christ centered legacy has been on full display these past few months.*

By the way, James was a member of our church's "Holy Roller" club. Each Sunday, he rolled himself to church from assisted living, in his wheelchair. A precious thing to watch.

Pastor Ken

Kenneth Bugh - February 23, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Calvin Grissom.*



February 22, 2019 at 02:22 PM

LM

“ Love, Betty Phillips and Carol & Mike Molloy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Calvin Grissom.



Love, Betty Phillips and Carol & Mike Molloy - February 22, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Calvin Grissom.



February 21, 2019 at 04:16 PM

RF

“ Rick and Sally Foster purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of James Calvin Grissom.



Rick and Sally Foster - February 21, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Calvin Grissom.



February 20, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Calvin Grissom.* ”



February 20, 2019 at 08:41 PM