



James Tarver

February 12, 1938 - June 25, 2007

Dr. James Dotson Tarver was born in Lampasas, Texas on February 12, 1938. He passed away Friday morning, June 22, 2007 at Conroe Regional Medical Center in Conroe, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea Tarver, daughter Ruth Tarver, daughter Rachel Tucker, son-in-law Randy Tucker and step-grandson Cole Tucker. He is also survived by his brother, William (Bill) Addison Tarver and sister-in-law Elaine Johnston Tarver, niece Karen Tarver Shively and husband Chris, and nephew, Mark William Tarver. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Betty and Cloyd Phillips, niece Beth Phillips, and nephew Colin Phillips, his wife Lori and their family, along with numerous family and friends. James was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Addison Tarver and father W.J. (Jim) Tarver. James graduated from The University of Texas @ Austin and UT Dental School. He was a member of SAR, the Masonic Valley Lodge No. 175 A.F. and A.M. and Order of the Eastern Star of Burnet, Texas. He and his wife have lived in Huntsville since 1964. He retired as a dentist with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the University of Texas Medical School after 32 years of practice. James was a loving husband, brother and father and will be missed by all of his family and friends. He is with his loving father in Heaven. Services will be held Monday, June 25, 2007 at 10:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. Visitation will be Sunday, June 24 from 4:00 – 6:00pm at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be Tuesday, June 26 at 2:00pm in Burnet, Texas. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian

Church – Huntsville, the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Memorial condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ James Tarver

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Dorothea, Rachel and Ruth, Words cannot describe how much the four of you have always meant to us. I could not ask for a more thoughtful and kind sister and two lovely nieces. We are so sad that you and the girls are having to face the loss of James. May you find peace knowing that he is in a better place and with his beloved parents and extended family. His bright smile will always shine down on the three of you. All our love, Betty Joan and Cloyd

Betty and Cloyd Phillips - July 08, 2007 at 05:49 PM



“ My father told me of your recent loss and I just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mika (Scott) Spears - July 07, 2007 at 06:57 PM



“ Dorothea, Rachel and Ruth, I was so sorry to here about Mr. Tarver. I know that he will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. I will always remember our visits when I would deliver your Avon. And watching your daughters grow from little girls to beautiful young ladies. Dorothea I remember our last visit at the Post Office in Huntsville a while back. I love you guys and miss our visits. If there is anything I can do please let me know. I as still living in Shelbyville but try to come to Huntsville as often as possible. Know that you are in my prayers. May God Bless and Keep You Always. Love, Sandy

Sandy Kyle Risinger - July 05, 2007 at 05:34 PM

KA

“ *Ruth, Mrs. Tarver, and Rachel, we send our condolences. We will be praying for you guys. Remember, he's in a better place now and he is with you guys as well, all the time.*

Kevin & Anne Anderson - July 03, 2007 at 10:44 PM

EL

“ *Dear Rachel and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Needless to say, I understand the pain that you are feeling. I don't think we're ever really ready to say goodbye to our parents. I'm praying for you, your mom, and your sister and sending lots of love your way.*
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Marks LeMay - July 03, 2007 at 08:27 PM

RM

“ *Rachel and Family, we are sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.*

Rebecca McFeron - July 02, 2007 at 06:11 PM

MF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My father always said the nicest things about Dr. Tarver. I only met him once years ago, but I could see what my dad meant.*

May your loving and happy memories help you through this time.

Maureen (Maloney) Forehan (Shannon's sister)

Maureen Forehan - June 27, 2007 at 11:32 AM

LH

“ *Dorothea, Ruth, and Rachel, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Leonard and Linda Haley - June 26, 2007 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your wonderful family is a true testament as to what a special man Mr. Tarver was.*

Jana Wright Bethel - June 26, 2007 at 12:01 PM

AS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. May his precious memories fill your loneliness and the hand of God touch your heart.*

Anthony Williams & UTMB-CMC Staff - June 26, 2007 at 09:29 AM

JH

“ *Dorthea, Rachel and Ruth,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Tarver was such a great man and so pleasant to work with. The first time I met him was 22 years ago when I went to work at the Wynne Dental Clinic. Immediately I felt like he had been a life-long friend. He always had a smile and made everyone feel important.

Our prayers are with you and family.

Rick and Jan Hatfield

Jan and Rick Hatfield - June 26, 2007 at 08:21 AM

DD

“ *I always admired and respected Dr. Tarver, and counted him as a good friend. He will be missed!*

David T. Spence, D.D.S. - June 25, 2007 at 08:16 PM

MH

“ *Dorothea, Rachel, and Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson - June 25, 2007 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ *Dorothea and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours though this most difficult time. May his loving memory be with you.*

Dalia Harrelson - June 25, 2007 at 05:15 PM

SY

“ *Ruth,
My heart and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
GOD Bless*

Sheila Yezak - June 25, 2007 at 04:31 PM

SO

“ Dorothea, Rachel & Ruth,
As I reflect on the ten years in which I was Doc's Dental Assistant at Goree, I can honestly say that he was the most remarkable man I have ever known. He was a friend in the truest sense of the word. I can not recall him ever having an unkind word to say of anyone, no matter what the circumstances, he managed to find the good in all. Having known all of you for almost 25 years, my life has been blessed. I will miss Doc so very much but know that he is well with our Lord. I love you all! Sharon

Sharon "Sherry" Odom - June 25, 2007 at 01:27 PM

DW

“ Rachel and Family,
We were so sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love,
Randy and Debbie Williams

Debbie Williams - June 25, 2007 at 01:14 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with all of you.

CRYSTAL MONJARAS - June 25, 2007 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ Dorthea, Rachel, and Ruth our prayers and thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. If you need anything, please just call. We are so sorry for your loss. Bless you all.

Jobe & Beverly Wiggins - June 25, 2007 at 11:00 AM

SH

“ Rachel and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss.

Sharese & Lane Hurst - June 25, 2007 at 10:43 AM

JL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Judy and John Ludwig - June 25, 2007 at 08:07 AM

AC

“ *Rachel and family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that you and your family are covered in prayer during this time of mourning and sadness. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."(2 Thess.3:16)*

Alicia Caskey - June 24, 2007 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We know that James is enjoying his new life in heaven and will remain forever with you in your hearts, memories and laughter. Focus on keeping him alive with stories for generations to come! With Sincere Sympathy- Mary beth, Eric, Brett and Mary Anne Eckel*

The Eckel family - June 24, 2007 at 06:52 PM

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The Eckel family - June 24, 2007 at 06:50 PM

TM

“ Dorothea,
My heart goes out to you and your girls at this time. I know there is no comfort at times like these, but know that your family is loved and in my prayers.

Terry Marino - June 24, 2007 at 06:10 PM

VM

“ He is gone but will never be forgotten! Few people have touched the lives of so many as Doc. He was my friend, mentor, confident and advisor. Not to mention my partner in mischief! We will miss him, but keep him forever in our hearts.

Vivian Mimms - June 24, 2007 at 10:18 AM

BT

“ Rachel and family - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I will be thinking of you and your family and I will keep you in my prayers.

Beth Taylor - June 23, 2007 at 10:58 PM

SC

“ Dear Dorothy, Ruth, and Rachael- I am so sorry for your loss. Dr Tarver and I worked beside each other for years. He was a very special man to me. He was like an extra Dad in a lot of ways. He always had a smile for everyone! He was loved by many and will be missed terribly. Please keep in touch.

Sabrina Castleberry - June 23, 2007 at 08:49 PM

LP

“ Dear Rachel and family, We are so very sorry for your loss and there are no words that can help ease that pain. However, please take comfort in knowing that there are not only many thoughts and prayers being sent your way but also lots of love, in hopes that it will somehow help you through this difficult time. And though you will miss him so very much, take comfort in all of the good memories and in knowing that he is in the very best place of all and that you will one day be with him again.

Leah and Guy Paolini - June 23, 2007 at 05:58 PM

MA

“ Rachel and family, We are very sorry for your loss. We are out of town and are deeply saddened we will not be able to attend the services. We love you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marni & Moe Ary - June 23, 2007 at 02:39 PM

KR

“ Dorothea, Rachel and Ruth, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful husband and father! Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kay Reynolds - June 23, 2007 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Dorothea, Ruth & Rachel, we are thinking of you and your family at this time and you are all in our thoughts & prayers.

Mary Bowen & Kathy Schwope - June 23, 2007 at 10:52 AM

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“ James Tarver

Mary Bowen & Kathy Schwope - June 23, 2007 at 10:49 AM

KC

“ Dorothea, I am deeply saddened by your loss. I first met Dr. Tarver when I went to work for the Texas Department of Corrections in the early 1970's. He was a wonderful friend and mentor to me. I also remember his..."at least". When I would become frustrated with the system he was one I could always turn to without fear of reprisal and his comment would consistently be "AT LEAST". He will be missed! My prayers are with you and your daughters.

Karen Cruse

Karen Cruse - June 23, 2007 at 09:44 AM

SM

“ Dear Dorothea, Rachel, and Ruth,
I am so sad for your loss! Dr. Tarver was a wonderful, kind and humorous man who loved his work but loved his family even more. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry that I won't be able to be in TX for the service but know that I will be thinking of you.

God's blessings...

Shannon Bridget Maloney - June 23, 2007 at 09:27 AM

KN

“ Rachel,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kimberly Nickel - June 22, 2007 at 10:52 PM

DD

“ Dorothea, Rachel, and Ruth,

I wonder how many people realize what a brilliant, caring, Christian person we had in Dr. Tarver. No father could have been more proud of his daughters. He was unconventional in many ways, but thinking people can be like that...indeed, his response to being labeled "unconventional" would be to say, "At LEAST!" ... and then he would look at the ground, smiling, as he contemplated the compliment.

I will always remember him as a winner, a tolerant and wise mentor, a shining beacon of altruism in a mostly dark and malevolent bureaucracy, and a steadfast friend.

My prayers and thoughts are with you.

David O. Rathke, DDS - June 22, 2007 at 09:44 PM

NS

“ Rachel and family-

We are deeply saddened by your loss. We wish we could help ease the sorrow. Please accept our sympathy and let us know if you need anything at all.

Nicole and Damon Shelton - June 22, 2007 at 08:21 PM

AJ

“ Oh my, what a neat man and dentist. The dental community with TDCJ/UTMB loved him so much. So glad I was fortunate to know such a respectable and honored dentist. He is a LEGION in my book. I know you will miss him dearly.

May the Lord fill your emptiness with HIS love.

Anita Jones (dental hygienist)

Anita Jones - June 22, 2007 at 03:17 PM