



James Randall Russell

January 23, 1928 - August 17, 2015

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James Randall Russell, 87, of Lubbock, passed away August 17, 2015. He was born January 23, 1928 in Richland Springs, TX to the late James Albert Russell and Ova Alice Lord.

Jim was reared in the Humble Oil Company Camp outside of Kermit, TX, graduated from Kermit High School in 1945, attended Texas A&M University for one semester before enlisting in the Army Air Corps (USAF) in 1946. He served in the 1117th Special Air Missions Squadron and the 1100th Special Air Missions Group as a Radio Operator Mechanic flying with Generals Arnold, Marshall and Clark. He was honorably discharged in 1949 with the rank of Sergeant. He also served in the Air Force Reserves from 1949 to 1953 as an Airman First Class. Jim graduated from Texas Tech University in 1958. He worked for the City of Lubbock as a draftsman in the utilities department, then went to work for Texas Tech University for 29 ½ years serving as Associate Director of Building Maintenance before his retirement in 1992.

Jim married Alarah Pierce of Post, Tx on August 27, 1954 in Lubbock. He was a longtime member of First Christian Church where he served on the Board of Elders.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Leslie Ruppert and husband Tom of McKinney, TX, and Valerie Russell of Plano, TX; and a sister, Vanette Cochran of Denver City, TX. He is preceded in death by Alarah Pierce

Russell, his wife; his parents; and sister, Loye Harris of Sherman, TX.
Viewing will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Sanders Funeral Home on Main Street.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church at 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 22, 2015. A private graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church of Lubbock or the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.
Lubbock, TX 79407

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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

First Christian Church
2323 Broadway
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Sanctuary Choir-Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano TX purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of James Randall Russell.*



Sanctuary Choir-Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano TX -
August 21, 2015 at 06:29 PM

WS

“ *Westwood Faculty & Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Randall Russell.*



Westwood Faculty & Staff - August 21, 2015 at 04:47 PM

AH

“ *Amy Hicklin lit a candle in memory of James Randall Russell*



Amy Hicklin - August 19, 2015 at 11:29 AM

AH

“ Dear Valerie and Leslie,
I hope you are comforted by knowing he is not in pain and he is happy and whole again with your Mom. I so enjoyed meeting your parents and especially that Thanksgiving I got to spend with your entire family. Fond memories! I wish you love, peace and comfort.
Love, Amy Hicklin

Amy Hicklin - August 19, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Randall Russell.



August 19, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Randall Russell.



August 19, 2015 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ Dear Valerie and Leslie,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I never had the pleasure of knowing your dad, but have heard sweet things from Valerie about him.
Please know you are both in my prayers.
I wish I could be there with you.
Love, Lorrie Covington

Lorrie Covington - August 19, 2015 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Valerie. Please know I am praying for you and your family for strength at this time.

Robin moffett - August 19, 2015 at 08:17 AM

RO

“ I always enjoyed talking with Jim about different things . We had lots of things in comon .

We talked a lot about Texas Tech and what he did while he worked there.

Kidded around about A&M and just had a good time with it.

I'll miss him , but I look forward to seeing you again Jim .



Rodney Owen - August 19, 2015 at 07:57 AM

CN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Valerie, but it's comforting to know your dad and mom are together again, whole and healthy, and celebrating life together in His kingdom. As parents, they want what's good and wholesome for you. Take heart in their on-going love and support and continue to make them proud of you, just as you are proud to have them in your life.

Love to you and your family.

LIPEO,

Cindy

Cindy Nuss - August 19, 2015 at 06:43 AM

CN

“ *Cindy Nuss lit a candle in memory of James Randall Russell*



Cindy Nuss - August 19, 2015 at 06:40 AM

MW

“ *Valerie and Leslie, we are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Marilyn*



marilyn walker - August 18, 2015 at 09:25 PM