



Mr. James Alfred Norvell

September 14, 1922 - July 6, 2014

James A. Norvell, 91, of Great Bend, KS, died Sunday morning in Bartlesville, OK. James spent his last few months at his son Brian's Bartlesville home.

James Alfred Norvell was born the son of Ross and Georgie Fry Norvell on September 14, 1922, in Piney, AR. James grew up in various places until entering the U.S. Navy during WWII. During his service he served on various vessels and was present for the Allied Invasion of France. After his military service James went to western Kansas to do farm work. He soon ended up in the oilfields as a roughneck and worked with DAMAC Corp and Pickrell Drilling. James was united in marriage with Sandra Kay Russell on August 12, 1960, in Great Bend where they made their lifelong home. Sandra preceded him in death on August 14, 2004, after 44 years of marriage.

James was a hard worker and a good provider for his family. He was an accomplished gardener and he specialized in tomatoes, growing many prize-winning tomatoes. Pepe the dog was his loyal companion and they shared countless hours together.

James is survived by his three children Katherine Hughes and Robert of Urbana, MO, Jim Allen Norvell and Darlene of Great Bend, KS, and Brian Norvell and Dena of Bartlesville; one brother Dave Norvell of Tulsa; one sister Virginia Houser of Tonganoxie, KS; eight grandchildren and three great

grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers Willard Allen and Ross Norvell, three sisters Ruth Schuster, Mary Steven and Nadine Riley, and one grandson Michael Norvell.

Viewing with family present will be held on Friday at the First Assembly of God in Great Bend, KS from 11:30 – 12:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Great Bend Public Library, Attn: Library Director, 1409 Williams, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2014, at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Parr officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home in Dewey, OK. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with James' family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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“ Dear Family, I am so sorry that you had lost your Father and Grandpa. Death is an enemy of all mankind that's why our Heavenly Father Jehovah made this promise is Revelation 21:3-5. Only He has the power to do away with death forever. This will comfort you in the days ahead.

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