



James Edgar Parrish

August 19, 1938 - January 7, 2024

James Edgar Parrish, 85, of Dewey, passed away on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at his home.

James was born August 19, 1938, in Horatio, Arkansas, to John and Willie (Kesterson) Parrish. He graduated high school in Enloe, Texas, and then joined the National Guard, serving from 1955-1958.

James moved to Texas and went to work in the cotton fields where he met his wife, Betty. In 1958, they moved from Texas to Silex, Missouri, where he worked crushing rock. He also worked for various farmers hauling hay, cattle and logs. In the early sixties, he began working at Harbison Walker, a brick plant in Vandalia, Missouri. He later worked at Hercules Chemical plant, driving a truck. In 1966, he started to work for Uregas and was plant manager in Winfield, MO. In 1973, he was promoted to District Manager and transferred to Eureka, Missouri. In 1975, he became regional manager and moved to Springfield.

James and Betty owned the Eolia True Value Hardware store in Eolia, Missouri, from 1976 to 1995. James co-owned Action Communications from 2007 until his death.

James was saved in March 1973 and sanctified in April 1983. He was called into the ministry and pastored churches in Whiteside, Missouri, Vandalia,

Missouri, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Barnsdall, Oklahoma, until his health declined.

He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, and other outdoor activities. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

James is survived by his wife, Betty, of 67 loving years; three children, Patricia Hollenbeck of Bartlesville, Belinda Ellsworth and husband Larry of Eolia, Missouri, and Jim Parrish and wife Sarah of Barnsdall; four grandchildren, Ardie Ellsworth of Bowling Green, Missouri, Jesse Ellsworth of Warrenton, Missouri, David Jackson and wife Jessica of Andover, Kansas, and Stephanie Holden and husband Larry of Pawhuska; 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren and his brother, Thomas (Sammye) Parrish.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Nathan Jackson; brothers, Donald Parrish, and Doyle Parrish; sister, Margarite Clayton; and 3 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to help cover funeral expenses.

James' family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006, 918-333-7665. Visitation will also be held from 10-8 that same day.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel with Reverend Sammy Lorton and Reverend Jerry Schenck officiating. Interment will be held at Eolia Cemetery in Eolia, Missouri. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyF

uneralHome.com.

Previous Events

ALL DAY VISITATION

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family and Friends Gathering

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edgar Parrish*



Davis Family Funeral Home - January 10, 2024 at 09:04 AM

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*So sorry for your loss.
Michele Barchak (Sarah & Susan's mom)*

Michele Barchak - September 30, 2024 at 01:21 AM

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*So sorry for your loss.
Michele Sarah & Susan's mom)*

Michele Barchak - September 30, 2024 at 01:25 AM

DC

“ *I only met James a couple years ago, but my son knows him and family and James took on my son prayed for my son love my son treated him as if it was one of his own, and I will always be grateful for that. Kenneth loved James.*

Donna Cox - January 10, 2024 at 03:12 PM

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carter Davis - January 10, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AT

“ *Ann Tierney lit a candle in memory of James Edgar Parrish*



Ann Tierney - January 09, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edgar Parrish.*



January 08, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edgar Parrish.*



January 08, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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“ American Botanicals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Parrish.

American Botanicals - January 08, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edgar Parrish.



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