



James Boyd 'Jim' Carnagey

November 8, 1942 - August 27, 2023

James Boyd 'Jim' Carnagey, 80, of Fort Gibson, was born November 8, 1942, to Kenneth and Lois (Stevenson) Carnagey in Hominy, OK, and peacefully passed August 27, 2023, in Muskogee, OK.

After graduating high school, Jim furthered his education at Northeastern State University and Tulsa University Law School graduating with his Law Degree. Jim served his clients as an attorney and tax accountant in Fort Gibson, served as the City Attorney for the town of Fort Gibson for many years, and also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Muskogee County. He sat on the Board of Directors at Fort Gibson State Bank. Jim met and later married the love of his life, Ruth Jo Cookson, on August 6, 1967, in Fort Gibson and they were married for over 54 years before her passing in 2022. He was in the United States Air Force and a proud member of Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20 in Fort Gibson, and the American Bar Association. Jim was also a lifetime member of the Northeastern State University and Oklahoma State University alumni association. He enjoyed classic cars and storytelling. Jim loved to cheer on his favorite football teams, the Dallas Cowboys and the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Recently, he took great pleasure in sitting outside with a good book and enjoying the weather. Jim's greatest love was spending time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Kara West and husband John of Fort Gibson; grandchildren, Jake West and Peyton West, both of Fort Gibson; sister, Susan

Woodward of Tulsa, OK; in-laws, Jimmy Dee and Loretta Cook of Cushing, OK; Joe and Sandra Cookson of Fort Gibson, OK; Tom and Monica Cookson of San Diego, CA; David and Brenda White of Dallas, TX; and Gary and Dana Cookson of Oologah, OK; many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Lois Carnagey; wife, Ruth Carnagey; brother, Bob Carnagey; brother-in-law, 'Woody' Woodward; and sister-in-law, Kelly Carnagey.

The family of James Boyd Carnagey would like to thank the staffs at Northeastern Health System in Tahlequah, St. Francis in Muskogee, Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Muskogee, and Cornerstone Healthcare Group in Muskogee for their amazing care.

In lieu of flowers, his family request memorial contributions in Jim's name to Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20, 201 SE Railroad St., Fort Gibson, OK 74434.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at South Ridge Baptist Church in Fort Gibson at 2:00PM, Thursday, August 31, 2023, with Brother Larry Moore officiating.

The family of James Boyd Carnagey has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

South Ridge Baptist Church
320 E Bengé Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Jim and I grew up together. Went through grade school, junior high, and high school. Even joined the Air Force together. I am proud of our friendship and his success in life. I will always remember him, his mom and dad, for the caring they gave me and my family. Rest in peace, buddy!

David J. German - July 08, 2024 at 12:41 AM

KL

“ Jim was the sweetest man. Our office was very lucky to cross paths with him. We will miss our conversations. He was incredibly intelligent and easy to talk to. We will miss you, Jim! -Limitless Physical Therapy, Ft. Gibson

Katie Lubbers - August 30, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey



James Harris - August 29, 2023 at 10:33 PM

DW

“ While working for Judge Thygesen I became acquainted with Jim. He spoke so fondly of his wife, daughter and grandchildren. I really enjoyed listening to him tell about his family vacations. He was truly a fine gentleman.

Debbie Whittiker - August 29, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JF

“ Our family will always remember Jim as a good friend & helper
He will be greatly missed Kara, I'm TRULY sorry for your loss... May God Bless you ALL
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Judy Drake & Family - August 29, 2023 at 05:47 PM

TK

“ Tiffany Kaopio lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey



Tiffany Kaopio - August 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM

BS

“ So thankful to have known Jim. He will be missed.



Barry Steveson - August 29, 2023 at 05:14 PM

PC

“ PLEASANT HEALTH CARE CENTER lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey



PLEASANT VALLEY HEALTH CARE CENTER - August 29, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DS

“ *Dr.Coy staff lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey*



Dr.Coy and staff - August 29, 2023 at 02:23 PM

BH

“ *Berry Beverly Harris lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey*



Berry and Beverly Harris - August 28, 2023 at 11:30 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey*



Eunice Brown - August 28, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JP

“ *Joy Parker lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey*



Joy Parker - August 28, 2023 at 01:26 AM

JK

“ Jim was such a good man willing to help others. My heart felt condolences to his family I know it's a huge loss for all of us but things will be a little brighter in heaven. Holding onto the many wonderful memories he left with everyone can get us thru until the day when we are all reunited with him. 🙏

Jeanette and Joe Karnes - August 27, 2023 at 06:16 PM

JK

“ Jeanette Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of James Carnagey



Jeanette and Joe Karnes - August 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM