



James "Jim" L. Chappell

April 13, 1929 - January 3, 2019

James Lavern 'Jim' Chappell, 89, of Tahlequah was born April 13, 1929 in Wichita, Kansas to Freeland and Bertha (Ganus) Chappell and peacefully passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019 in the Jack C Montgomery Veteran's Hospital in Muskogee.

James attended school in Liberty, OK and joined the United States Navy on August 29, 1946, receiving an honorable discharge on October 6, 1947. In 1963-1973, Jim worked for the Kennedy Space Center on launch pads and the Vertical Assembly Building. Jim was a plumber/pipefitter for the VA Medical Center in Muskogee and served as President of the AFGE Union when he retired in 1994. Jim was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Lodge in Merritt Island, FL.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Christine Chappell and sister, Betty Slavin.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Genie of the home; daughter, Cheri Brandi of Orlando, FL; granddaughters, Kelly Felton of Clearwater Beach, FL. and Lindsey Ray Moskaluk of Orlando, FL; grandson, James William Moskaluk III; great-grandsons, Lincoln Maverick Myers and Nixson Merrick Myers all of Orlando, FL.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, January 9, 2019 in the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home with family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A service celebrating Jim's life will be held at 11:30AM Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend

Delbert Hawpe officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Shawn Slavin, Eric Slavin, Jeff McDaniel, Ged Wright, Clifford Ritchie, Gary Drain and Joe Grayson serving as casket bearers. Military honors will be observed.

The family of James Lavern Chappell has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

JAN **10**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" L. Chappell

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ I worked with Genie. Heard such great things about Mr. Jim.
Sending my condolences and love.

Stephanie Ragsdale - May 01, 2019 at 11:41 PM

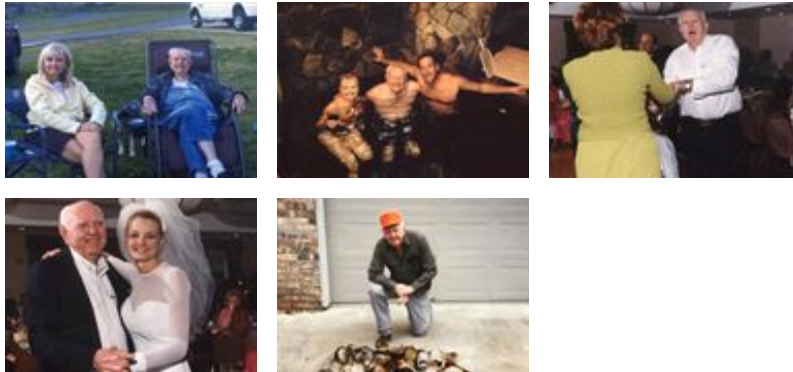


“ I will always remember him with a smile and union spirit. God Bless.
Prayers

Dee Dunn - January 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - January 08, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Chappell.



January 08, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Chappell.



January 07, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Chappell.



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“ I had the privilege of working with Jim at the VA Medical Center. I was in Human Resources and he was an exceptional adversary...but he cared and worked hard for the employees while he was the President of AFGE. I eventually left Human Resources and became Executive Vice President of AFGE after Jim retired. I used Jim's leadership and tenacity to represent the employees. He was the best President of AFGE that has ever been at the VA Medical Center.

Hr. Cris Ford

H.R. Cris Ford - January 07, 2019 at 06:25 PM



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January 07, 2019 at 02:25 PM

GW

“ Ged & Kay Wright purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" L. Chappell.



Ged & Kay Wright - January 07, 2019 at 10:03 AM

RG

“ *Ruthmary Gosnell purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" L. Chappell.*



Ruthmary Gosnell - January 05, 2019 at 05:05 PM