



## Jim Dale Stanberry

February 19, 1933 - May 25, 2017

Jim Dale Stanberry was born Feb.19, 1933 in Wewoka, Oklahoma. He passed away on May 25, 2017 in Houston, TX surrounded by “his” girls.

Jim graduated from Wewoka High School in 1951, where he lettered in football as well as wrestling and shotput. He continued his education at the University of Tulsa where he met his college sweetheart, Karol Jene Davis. They were married March 3, 1953, and together raised 4 children.

He later graduated from Northeastern University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1958 with a Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Education with a major in mathematics and minor in Physics and Chemistry. Compelled to learn more he went back to school and eventually graduated from The University of Oklahoma in August of 1964 with a masters of Natural Sciences and a major in Mathematics.

In 1947 Jim began a long and committed military career spanning over 40 years. He used his long background in education to teach at military academies, serve in the National Guard and work at the Pentagon.

In his daily civilian life Jim taught Junior High Mathematics as well as High School Chemistry and Physics. In addition to teaching full time he was the coach for the football team. He performed the same duties for the Oklahoma Military Academy Junior College in Claremore, OK. Jim was also an avid MARS member as well as an instructor and licenser for Ham Radio operators. He was in Law Enforcement for the State of Oklahoma and worked many years for the ABLE Commission.

He is preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Myrtle, his brother’s Leonard, Lee and Jack, his son Jimmy, daughter-in-law Linda, and grandson Brian Sigman.

He is survived by his loving wife Karol, daughters Debbie Griffon and husband David, Diane Stewart and husband James, and Melissa Ball, along with 14 grandchildren, Christen Amanis and husband Nic, James G. Stewart and wife Valerie, Meagan Stewart, Andrew Stewart, Elizabeth Buchanan and husband Mike, Benjamin Griffon, Jennifer Daniels and husband Will, Tommy Lee Ball and wife Tahlia, and Taylor Max Ball. Jim is also survived by his 12 great-grand children: Nick, Brooklyn, and Zander Sigman, Jesse Humphrey, Madison and Dylan Thurman, Beckam Amanis, Ethan Stewart, and Christian, Evan, Delaney and Leah Daniels.

Jim was a man of integrity, always honest, friendly, faithful and fair. He loved his wife beyond measure and his family meant the world to him. Jim enjoyed his neighbors, football, and making memories playing Mexican Dominoes. He had a quiet sense of humor and a touch of stubbornness.

Jim was deeply loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed.

Jim's viewing will be 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Thursday at Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM Thursday, June 1, 2017 in the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Chaplain Forrest Kirk officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at 1:00 PM in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with David Griffon, Benjamin Griffon, James Stewart, Andrew Stewart, Tommy Ball, Taylor Ball, Nic Amanis and Nicholas Sigman serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are James G Stewart, Jesse Humphrey, Dylan Thurman, Mike Buchanon, Christian Daniels and Evan Daniels.

Fort Sill's Army Honors Detail will perform full Military Honors.

The Family of Jim Dale Stanberry has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
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## Service

JUN 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Dale Stanberry*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KC

“ *When I was having trouble with mathematics, Jim was hired to tutor me through the eighth grade. As it turned out, he also tutored me about life and duty. In 1960 at 17, I joined the local National Guard unit, something I probably would not have considered without his leadership. Whether as a tutor or a coach on the sidelines, he brought out the best in all of us. God speed thy good and faithful servant. Ken Chesnutt, Holdenville*

Ken Chesnutt - May 31, 2017 at 09:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.*



May 31, 2017 at 02:47 PM

BR

“ *Bobbie & Orville Rose lit a candle in memory of Jim Dale Stanberry*



Bobbie & Orville Rose - May 31, 2017 at 07:49 AM

PS

“ *Pops Jim....Thank you for always including me in the family, making feel welcome and wanted as one of your girls....you were an amazing father, husband and served our nation proud in the armed services...It comforts me to know you are not in pain and that you are watching over me, your precious Carol, and your girls...RIP my other Pops and we will see you again someday...*



Pam Simmons - May 30, 2017 at 10:51 PM

CA

“ Papa from Edgemere Drive waking up to the smell of coffee and you dressed in your Army dress suit, the summers with my friends in Henretta - killing( running away from ) snakes, to the visits to Houston with my hubby and kiddos--you were and always will be my hero. Honest, noble, dedicated and true. I love you PApa, ❤️Christen Dawn

Christen Dawn Amanis - May 30, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.



May 30, 2017 at 05:06 PM

RW

“ Russ, Nancy and Dianna Woods purchased the Lovely One Sp athiphyllum Plant for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.



Russ, Nancy and Dianna Woods - May 29, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.



May 28, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.



May 28, 2017 at 07:05 PM

PM

“ *Karol I shall always remember you and Jim very very fondly. You both have meant so much to me and taught me so much while you were in Rockport. I know we all must face this time in our life but I feel Jim did so much good while he was here it will mean a lot during his time of judgement. I cannot measure how much he did for so many here. I missed you both so much when you moved but you neither have ever left my mind.* Polly Mirkovich in Aransas Pass, Texas

Polly Mirkovich - May 27, 2017 at 07:11 PM

DF

“ *DEBBIE, ED CROWN AND THE ENTIRE CARTRIGHT FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jim Dale Stanberry.*



DEBBIE, ED CROWN AND THE ENTIRE CARTRIGHT FAMILY - May 27, 2017 at 01:28 PM

PS

“ *Pops Jim Stanberry, what a kind and gentle soul you were...I have many memories of spending the time at your home and I always was made to feel like part of the family by all...therefore I am! God Speed to you and it comforts me to know you are watching over your girls, my sisters...and sweet Mom Stanberry. Rest in Peace and until we meet again...much love and respect...It was my honor to know you sir!*



Pam Barker Simmons - May 26, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ *Thank you Dad for always being a good role model, a loving and caring father and for always being there for me. I miss you terribly and will miss watching football with you and fishing, camping, and just sitting in silence next to you. I love you now and forever. Be at peace and give love and hugs to all our loved ones who are with you now. Keep an eye on us. We will be with you soon. Your baby girl, Missy*



Melissa Stanberry Ball - May 26, 2017 at 12:55 PM