



James "Jim" Secrest

August 7, 1923 - October 3, 2011

Funeral services for James LeRoy Secrest will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2011, at the Northside Church of Christ with Gene Goben officiating. Interment will be in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC.

James LeRoy Secrest, son of Lige and Gladys Marie (Fleming) Secrest, was born August 7, 1923 in Rosston, Oklahoma, and passed away October 3, 2011 at Waynoka, Oklahoma at the age of 88 years 1 month, and 26 days. James attended grade school and high school at Rosston, Oklahoma. He also attended Salt City Business College at Hutchinson, Kansas. He entered the Armed Services on January 4, 1943 and served in Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, Northern France and Central Europe under General George S. Patton, Commander General of the 3rd Army during which time he earned the Silver Star. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas on November 29, 1945.

James and Thelma Mae Foote were united in marriage on April 16, 1946 at Ashland, Kansas. They made their home in Rosston and Laverne, Oklahoma for a time before moving to Hutchinson, Kansas where Jim attended Salt City Business College and worked for Cessna Aircraft Company. He started work for the A.T.& S.F. Railroad in June 1950 at Hutchinson. He was a Track Welder. He and his family traveled on the railroads Northern District, which included Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, until moving to Waynoka. He worked in Waynoka until retiring August 7, 1984, after 34 years

of service.

Upon their retirement Jim and Thelma moved to Kimberling City, Missouri where they worked at Silver Dollar City for four years, moving back to Waynoka in 1989.

Jim was a member of the Northside Church of Christ in Waynoka. He served as a Deacon and then as an Elder and had been the church treasurer since the congregation began.

Jim and Thelma celebrated 65 years of marriage on April 16, 2011.

Jim loved the Lord and his family and friends at church. He looked forward to spending eternity with them. He also loved his physical family and since he was an only child he considered it great joy to spend time with his large family.

Preceding him in death were his daughter Gayle, and daughter-in-law Jo, Jim is survived by, his wife Thelma, four children, Jimmie of Ardmore, Bill and wife Debbie of Seiling, Dan and wife Kelly of Westminster, Colorado, Larry and wife Jill of Stillwater, and son-in-law Bob Sutherland of Waynoka, 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northside Church of Christ Mission Fund, or the Local EMS Chapter. .

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Secrest*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I read in the paper where we lost Gayle and I was so sad and today I found Mr. Secrest obit..I am sad but know these two dear people are in heaven with our Lord. Mr and Mrs Secrest welcomed me into their as a teenage friend of Gayles...I adored these people. My father and mother were good friends of jim and Thelma,Rev and Mrs J.R.Lawson. Gayle and Jim are now visiting with mother and daddy in heaven. Kay*

Kay Lawson Jarvis - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Was so sorry to hear of Jim&s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Thelma and family. Duane & Patsy Bouse*

Patsy Bouse - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thelma and family, so sorry to hear of Jim&s passing. He will be truly missed.
My thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless.*

Lorraine - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dearest Thelma & family, Please accept our deepest sympathies and know that you are all included in our prayers. We pray that God will give you the necessary strength to deal with your grief and make the painful adjustments in your lives. The Secret family continues to hold a very special place in my heart. I deeply regret that I cannot be there.

Yours in the Master&s service, Pat

Patrick Andrews - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Thelma and Family: Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family in the loss of Jim. We know that he will truly be missed, he was always so pleasant to visit with.*

Larry and Carolyn Woods

Carolyn Woods - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are sorry to hear of Jim&s passing. May God comfort you in you time of sorrow.*

Rex and Carolyn Baird - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Jim was a wonderful Christian example. Our sympathy and love to all of his precious family.*

Clyde and Debbie High - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Thelma and family, I was so sorry to hear of Jim&s passing.Jim was one of my favorite people in Waynoka...I will never forget the fun we had playing cards with him. I will also never forget his smile and laugh. I know you will all miss him as all of Waynoka will.*

Karen Payne - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Dear Thelma and loved ones, Our hearts and prayers are with you. Jim was always playful and fun-loving. He will be missed. He made an impact on us and those he touched in life. We are thinking of you and missing you. Chris & Bud Aylett and daughters, Valerie, Julie and Kristie*

Aylett family - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *So sorry to hear Jim passed, I didnt have the privalegde to know him as Rob did, but do know the Pitcher family thought highly of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Secrest family...*

Rob Pitcher - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Jim was my very first little league baseball coach - a good, good man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Randy Stevens - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM