



James Edwin Guffey

June 30, 1933 - November 10, 2016

James Edwin Guffey age 83 of Dayton and formerly of Athens died at his home early Thursday morning, November 10, 2016. James was born in Olympia, WA on June 30, 1933. He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma (Schultze) Guffey, father, Lewis Guffey, stepmother Ella Mae (Reese) Guffey, daughter, Catherine (Guffey) Simpson and brother, William Lyle Guffey. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Hawkins Guffey of Dayton, TN; sister, Susan Guffey Plaster (Allen) of Smyrna, Georgia; brother, Marvin Guffey (Marjorie) of Athens, TN; granddaughters, Felicia Simpson Clapp (Alan) of Knoxville, TN; and Alexis Simpson of Athens, TN.

He was a graduate of McMinn High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Tennessee Wesleyan College and then his Master of Arts in Education from Union College in Barbourville, KY.

Jim served his country with the US Army with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean Conflict and then was a school teacher for many years in McMinn County school system at E.K. Baker, Claxton and Riceville schools. He also received awards for maintaining the Guffey-Shell Cemetery in Athens and his volunteer work at Riceville Elementary and E.K. Baker schools. Jim had been a UT football season ticket holder for 45 years.

Jim lived in Athens for many years where he was a member of the Central Baptist Church. In 1997 he moved to Dayton where he became a member of the New Union Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Jim will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm in the

funeral home chapel with his pastors Rev. Rob Armstrong and Dr. Danny Ruehling officiating. He will be laid to rest in Buttram Cemetery with military honors followed by a white dove release.

Please share your memories of Jim on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

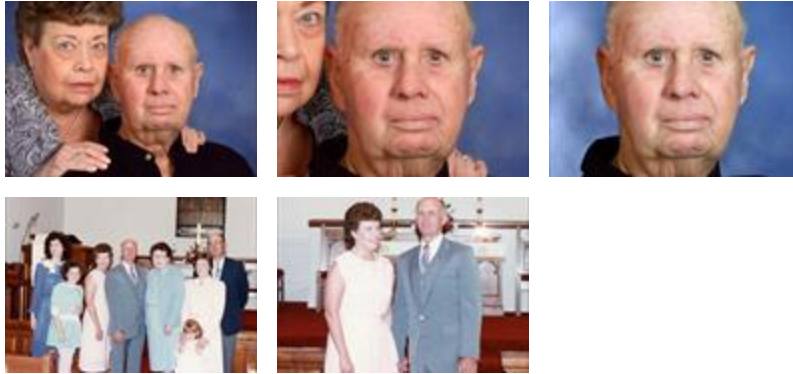
Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to either the New Union Baptist Church or to the Women at the Well Ministry, 881 County Road 655, Athens, TN 37303.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Sunday afternoon after 1:00pm.

Tribute Wall



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2023 at 12:17 PM

MW

“ *Jim was a wonderful friend and coworker at Riceville Elementary. He worked diligently in the classroom, and also on the school grounds. Even after he retired, you could look out the window and see him working to maintain the appearance and cleanliness of the school. Jim was truly a Christian man who lived by example.*

*Thoughts and prayers,
Martha C. Woods*

Martha Woods - November 15, 2016 at 10:22 PM

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Martha Woods - November 15, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MD

“ Mr. Guffey was our principal and teacher at Claxton Elementary School in McMinn county for several years. He loved and encouraged his students. He was always concerned and helpful, he also brought his sense of humor and love of God and life into his daily walk. He will be missed. May God comfort and give his family peace and healing as they walk through this loss. Love and Blessings, Martha Hammond Dodge Class on 1974

Martha Hammond Dodge - November 15, 2016 at 08:49 AM

GG

“ I went to MCHS for 4 years with Jim. He was one of the most conscientious, hard working, humble persons in my life. It was/is an honor to know him see him soon over THERE. george galloway, jr

george galloway - November 15, 2016 at 07:32 AM

PD

“ Mr. Guffey was my principal at the Claxton Elementary School. He was an excellent principal, teacher, and friend. His daughter Cathy, and son Art, also were students, at Claxton with him. I talked with Mr. Guffey a couple of years ago and it was like no time had been lost. He was a gentleman and I believe lived out his Christian faith.

May God comfort you, his family and his friends. Blessings, Perry Duncan and classmates from Claxton Elementary School.

Perry Duncan - November 14, 2016 at 06:54 PM

WA

“ Jim was a blessing to work with at Riceville School. He was a man that definitely shared his faith with the way he lived. I'm so blessed to have known him.

Wayne W. Allmon

Wayne W. Allmon - November 14, 2016 at 01:26 PM

BS

“ Jim was a wonderful Christian, enjoyed his friendship, My prayers an Honorable Man My Prayers are for the Family Burton Stanley Sr.

Burton Stanley - November 14, 2016 at 11:42 AM

GM

“ Pat,

Kay and I are sorry to hear about your loss of Jim We will remember you in our prayers.

Greg McKibben

Greg McKibben - November 14, 2016 at 10:49 AM

VH

“ *Mr. Guffey was a wonderful teacher and friend. He was always so kind to his students and fellow teachers . Well done faithful servant.
Velva and Jerry Howell*

Velva Howell - November 13, 2016 at 06:05 PM

DT

“ *Pat,
Ray and I are so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. We want to let you know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Ray and Deby Talley*

Deby and Ray Talley - November 13, 2016 at 12:46 PM

SD

“ *Pat.....We want to express our sincere condolences to you. Jim was a great friend and neighbor. He would do anything for anybody. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sue and Glen Davis*

Sue Davis - November 12, 2016 at 12:34 AM

CS

“ Jim was an integral part of the Riceville School Family when I joined it in 1979. I will treasure the times that we worked together. One memory of Jim that still touches my heart is when my youngest daughter was hospitalized and very ill. She was just a baby, and I was so worried, even after she was released from the hospital. Jim told me that he would put her on the prayer board at Central Baptist Church, which he did. Although many other groups and churches had prayers going up for her, his offer meant so much to me. Those prayers were answered. Today she is a young wife, mother, and teacher at Riceville School. I will be forever grateful for those added prayers for her, and the gift of his friendship to me. I am so sorry for your loss, but be comforted in knowing that the gift of his prayers, friendship, and guidance lit a light for so many he met along his way on earth

Carolyn Swafford

Carolyn Swafford - November 11, 2016 at 10:46 PM

SF

“ Sister Susan and Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of James Edwin Guffey.



Sister Susan and Family - November 11, 2016 at 02:47 PM