



James Lon Beatty

July 15, 1917 - January 24, 2014

James Lon Beatty was born in Portales, New Mexico on July 15, 1917 and passed away on January 24, 2014. Jim was the 3rd child of Leonedes and Myrtle Beatty.

He graduated from High School in Ashland, Oregon and immediately enlisted in the Army, in 1935. He was transferred to the Army Air Corp and was transferred to the Air Force when it was formed as a separate branch. He retired from the Air Force in 1962.

He married Melba Surber in December 1936. She preceded him in death in 1999. They had 3 children: Jerry (Karena) of Katy, Texas; Sandra of Artesia; and Gary (Sally) of Roswell. They had 6 grandchildren, several Great Grandchildren, and Great Great Grandchildren. He married Myrta Nan Vickers in 2001.

Jim was a 63 year member of Masonry, and the American Legion, and also the Military Officers Association of America.

Following his wishes there will be no services. Direct Cremation has taken place and his Cremains will be placed next to his wife Melba in South Park Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Lon Beatty*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your father...Jim was a great man. We became wonderful neighbors and I still treasure all of the lovely crocheted pot holders he gave to me made by Melba...she was super sweet to us... Jim would also bring us wonderful pecans from his tree already shelled and ready to eat. We were neighbors for sometime then in 2001 we purchased the home on Sequoia that he lived in and we still reside there til this day. I cant begin to tell you how nice he was to me and my boys..He loved coming over for their birthday parties and always giving them change for the ice cream truck when it came through. So sad for your loss. He will definitely be missed.*

*Sharon Lara and family
Roswell NM*

Sharon Lara - January 27, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We always enjoyed him at Eastern Star and have missed his presence. While we know you are going to miss him we also know that heaven is welcoming him home. You are in our prayers and our thoughts.*

*Rosy and Bill Starrett
Artesia Chapter # 18*

Bill and Rosy Starrett - January 27, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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“ I know you will miss this man in your lives. I enjoyed so much helping this gentleman when he came into the credit union. Before he left the south side of town I got to see him often and enjoyed many of his stories. I got a refrigerator magnet for four years in a row which was made by his lovely wife Melba. Thank you God for all the wonderful people you have pass through my life, Gary you and Sally are among those people. God bless you all celebrate Mr. Beatty's home going, and to be with the love of his life once again. Love you all.
Rita

Rita Fisher - January 26, 2014 at 07:32 PM