

James Othello "Jim" Greer

September 24, 1920 - February 9, 2015

James Othello "Jim" Greer, 94 died February 9, 2015 at his home in Hutto, Texas. Services will be 2:00 PM Monday, February 16, 2015 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Steve McMaster officiating, burial to follow at the Oak Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Serving as Pallbearers will be Clint Connolly, Scott Holden, Jerry Holden, Rowe Greer, Roby Crump, Glenn Harrison, and Wayne Hanselka.

Jim was born on September 24, 1920 on the John Sauls Ranch in Coke County, near Robert Lee, Texas to Jim and Mary Jane (May) Landers Greer. When he was 9, his mother died after a long illness. His sister, Ruth became the homemaker at only 13 years old, and tended to her young brother. The following year, his Dad, Ruth and he moved to the Tommy Roberts dairy north of Austin.

His Dad married Ruby Harrison in 1931, and Ruth no longer had to be the mother and housekeeper. When Jim was about 14, he left home and began to work for his various uncles. He would hitchhike across several counties and show up at their doorstep. Lubbock and the Fredericksburg area become his new homes. The families would put him to work, pay a small wage and all the food he could eat, and send him on his way when the crops were in or he became restless. In Fredericksburg, he worked for his uncle Emory Hodges,

and later lived in what is now the LBJ Ranchhouse tending to the owner, Judge Clarence Martin, in his declining years.

He married the love of his life, Lena Belle Harrison, in 1941 in Lubbock, Texas. They eventually moved to Pasadena, California. He received his high school diploma from Pasadena City College while working at Cal Tech. He studied nights and went back to school to earn certification as an electrician. He graduated with honors, receiving the Joe Morgan Award in Excellence in Electrical Technology in 1946 from Pasadena Junior College. Jim and Belle's first child, Rhonda was born a few years later, followed by Kathy. Becoming homesick, they moved back to Texas in 1954 and settled in Rockdale. He became an electrician at Industrial Generating Company that powered electricity for ALCOA Aluminum Company. The family made their home in the Praesel Addition where the girls, and Jim could enjoy outdoor life.

He retired from what had become Texas Utilities in 1985 after 31 years. His life wasn't idle for long however, because Belle had purchased the Fabric Shop in Rockdale years earlier. After his retirement, he repaired sewing machines.

Jim is survived by his wife of 73 years, Belle Harrison Greer; his daughters Rhonda Willard of Elgin and Kathy McMaster of Hutto; grandchildren Steve McMaster and wife Elizabeth of Hutto and Debra McMaster of Houston; great grandchildren Lauren, Nathan and Calvin McMaster of Hutto; sister Lena Ruth Young of Lubbock, Texas. He was a proud member of the Christadelphian Church, and his guidance, lectures and walking in the truth were inspiration to the members.

During the past few years, Jim struggled with kidney failure. Dr. Helen Maidment ensured that he enjoyed the last year of his life. The family gives thanks to the wonderful nurses from Hospice for their care, as well as Donna

Cooper and Lisa Decker for the love, unselfish and constant care they provided.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
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<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories of a beloved one never fade away. My prayers are always with you and your family. Its been an honor to be able to work with not one but two beautiful sisters. I will always treasure the memories we have made. With My Deepest Sympathy.*

*Sincerely,
Caroline*

Caroline Campos - February 17, 2015 at 08:45 AM

LN

“ *Belle, Rhonda, Kathy and families: Please accept my deepest sympathy upon the loss of Jim. I worked at The Fabric Shop in Rockdale with you, Belle, for several years. You and Jim were so kind to me and taught me so much. May you feel God's presence with you as you cope with your loss and know that He will always be with you until you are reunited in Heaven..*



*Peace be with you,
Lois Braun Noak
3627 Noak Road
Round Top, Texas 78954*

Lois Braun Noak - February 16, 2015 at 07:37 PM

LN

“ Belle, Rhonda and Kathy,
I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I am happy that he was still able to enjoy his last year the best he could. I truly enjoyed working at The Fabric Shop for several years. Belle, you were so good to me and so understanding and taught me so much. Jim was always a delight and always had a smile on his face when I saw him. It was obvious that he loved his family very much, and I know you will miss him. May you find peace in knowing that he is in the arms of our blessed savior and that God will hold all of Jim's family and loved ones in the palm of His hand as you cope with your loss. I'm sorry I was unable to attend his service. I didn't learn of Jim's death until it was too late to come, and health issues keep me pretty close to home these days. All of you are in my prayers. Peace be with you.



Sincerely,
Lois Braun Noak
3627 Noak Road
Round Top, Texas 78954

Lois Braun Noak - February 16, 2015 at 06:56 PM

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“ Donna Nichter lit a candle in memory of
James Othello "Jim" Greer



Donna Nichter - February 16, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Othello "Jim" Greer.*



February 16, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Othello "Jim" Greer.*



February 15, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ *Rhonda,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. Remember all the funny things you would tell us what your Dad said to you on a daily basis. These memories will always be locked in your heart to laugh at when challenging days come up.

You know that I love you and I'm here for you, just call or text. You and your family are in our prayers always.

Sincerely,

Sandra, Mike and Mojo.

Sandra - February 14, 2015 at 09:31 AM



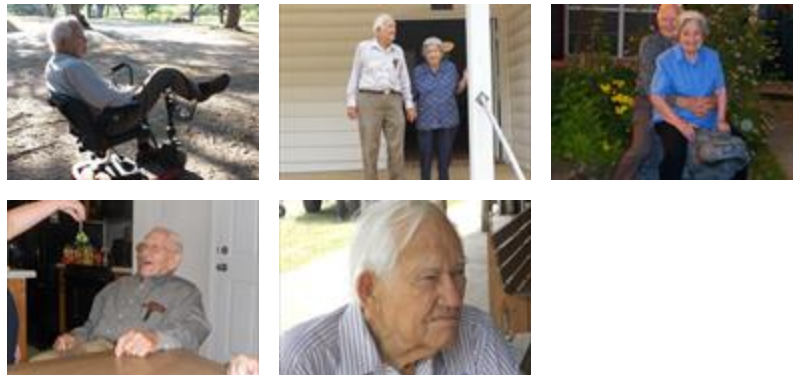
“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James Othello "Jim" Greer.



February 13, 2015 at 02:12 AM



“ 31 files added to the album Jim Greer and Family



Steve McMaster - February 11, 2015 at 08:38 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Jim Greer and Family



Debra McMaster - February 11, 2015 at 06:25 PM