



James "Jim" R. Bankhead

September 11, 1932 - February 16, 2022

James "Jim" R. Bankhead, 89, of Oklahoma City, OK, formerly of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022. He was born September 11, 1932 in Stigler, Oklahoma to Roy and Faye Bankhead. He attended public schools and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Jim married the love of his life, Emma Lee Melton in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They shared many years of life, marriage and memories together when she passed on October 17, 2019.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge.

He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and later owned his own printing business. He retired in 2009.

Jim joined the First Baptist Church in Muskogee in 1976 where he faithfully attended and served until his health began to fail.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Lee Bankhead; parents, Roy and Faye Bankhead; sisters, Johnnie Bankhead and Frenchie Bankhead.

Jim is survived by his son, Roy Bankhead and wife Amy of OKC, OK; grandsons, William and Christopher Bankhead; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

A graveside service for Jim will be at 11AM, Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Greenhill Cemetery with Chaplain Bill Crow officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Jan and Charles Vincent.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" R. Bankhead*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I grew up in the house across the street from the Bankhead's. When my dad moved to Texas, he gave me that house for my kids and I to live in. I lived there with my children for 10 years. As a kid, my brother loved to go over and mow the Bankhead's lawn with Mr. Bankhead's push blade grass cutter. Mrs. Bankhead would get my children Christmas ornaments every year. Oh, how this saddens my heart. I know Mr. and Mrs. Bankhead are reunited in heaven. Prayers to the family.*

Magen Michelle Lindsey - February 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *1964, the year my beautiful Aunty Em married Jim, I not only gained an uncle, I gained a wonderful friend! I will so miss our phone calls discussing everything from family to politics! My heart is sad to lose my last uncle but so full of beautiful memories.*

Linda K. Simon - February 26, 2022 at 04:36 AM