



James C. Leake Jr.

June 20, 1943 - April 22, 2020

James Chowning Leake, Jr, 76 passed away Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jimmy was born June 20th, 1943 in Dallas, Texas to James Chowning Leake Sr and Marjory Griffin Leake.

Jimmy came from a pioneer family with roots in the Land Run of the late 1880's and the Choctaw Trail of Tears. An Oklahoman at heart, he loved his family above all. Jimmy graduated from Muskogee Central High School and the University of Arkansas where he was a Lambda Chi Alpha and attained his Law Degree from the University of Tulsa.

Jimmy had a photographic memory and his curiosity was insatiable. He attained his pilots license at 16, a passion that lasted a lifetime; he had the honor of flying on the Concord. Jimmy and his family were involved in establishing the television and radio industry in Oklahoma, Griffin Grocery Company, Dennison Peanut Company, Antiques Inc. Car Museum and Furniture and the Razor Clam Restaurant. An obsession with collector cars led Jimmy and his family to establish the first Collector Car Auction in the nation, Leake Auction, becoming a 50 year hobby and business.

Jimmy had the honor of having the family's 1911 Rolls Royce reviewed by Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her 25th Jubilee at Buckingham Palace. The family made many trips to London to compete in the London to Brighton

Run each fall. Jimmy was renowned as “King of the Grill” and was a gourmet chef and wine connoisseur. An avid hunter, Jimmy even hunted while riding on an elephant in India. An enthusiastic fisherman, his happiest moments were spent at Grand Lake with his family and friends having a scotch and cigar on the deck.

He was preceded in death by his father, James C. Leake Sr; mother, Marjory Griffin Leake; sister, Jean Leake and brother John Griffin Leake.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife, Jan Elizabeth Bradley with whom he shared over 30 years of happy times; sister, Nancy Leake Sevenoaks (Richard); son, James Chowning Leake III (Regan) and children, Olivia, Cameron and Victoria; son, John Daniel Leake (Mary) and children, Jean, Lauren, Sarah, Lucy and Molly; daughter, Marjory Elizabeth Leake (Justice) and their child Eli; son, Bradley McAllister (Kim) and their children, Tim and Ryleigh, along with a multitude of family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Mac Durnil, Jim Buchanan, Gene Dennison, Dr. James Hackler, Dr. Dick Hudson, Mike Pendergraft, Gary Rogers and Bill Rea.

Jimmy’s life will be celebrated at 11am, Saturday, June 20th, 2020 at Memorial Park Cemetery on what would have been Jimmy’s 77th birthday.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Park Mausoleum
Muskogee, OK

Tribute Wall

CF

“ I knew Mr.Leake back in the early 90s, we both worked out at Moguins Gym. He actually helped my wife and I aquire our first house. We've had many discussions on politics, business and life in general. He had a heart of gold and was such a genuine good person that he was easy to get to know and in the shortest amount of time you felt like you've known him all your life. Rest in peace big guy, you will be missed. Chuck Figueroa.

Chuck Figueroa - September 22, 2025 at 12:07 AM



“ James C. Leake Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

CF

“ Jan,
Thinking of you and family and the times shared with Jim at the University of Arkansas. And of course, times at Grand Lake. My condolences to you all.

Fondly,
Carolyn Norris Fulton

Carolyn Norris Fulton - June 14, 2020 at 06:17 PM

VS

“ Sorry for your loss, Nancy & Richard. Prayers for you and Jimmy's family.
Eileen, former KTUL coworker



Virginia Eileen Shroff - June 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to Nancy and the rest of the family. God bless.
From Jay Chandler.*

Jay Chandler - June 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MB

“ *Jim was an amazing man, and we were blessed to call him a friend. His larger-than-life personality will be missed by both family and friends alike; may his family find some peace in knowing he's watching over them.*

*Muffy Bennett
Gary Bennett
xo*

Muffy Bennett - June 09, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Jim taught me a lot of things and even helped me out when I needed it. One thing he taught me is something I use to this day and have passed on to my son Jim said "Never ask a question for which you already have the answer." Thank you Jim for allowing me to learn from you.*

Michael Snap - May 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JG

“ *Jim, Jr. was a very important person to our family. He was a good person and a loyal friend. He lived life to the fullest. Our prayers are with all of his family & friends, God Bless you.
Turner & Joyce Goodrum & Family*

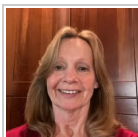
Joyce M Goodrum - April 29, 2020 at 07:17 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brooke Malone - April 26, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Leake Family. Jim was a great friend and influential guy. Much love from the Rogers. Gary and Bonnie



Bonnie Rogers - April 26, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James C. Leake Jr..



April 25, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JF

“ Jim Richie and Family purchased the Pretty Plea se for the family of James C. Leake Jr..



Jim Richie and Family - April 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James C. Leake Jr..*



April 24, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *So many memories of Jim. I really do not remember life before Jim. He was bigger than life, and a father to each of the kids he knew. So grateful for knowing him and his family. I completely consider them my family. He will be missed by so many, but to keep this lighter, I will share that I will miss the ribs he would serve and call "salad". The best salad, ever. Godspeed.*

Derek Bennett - April 24, 2020 at 08:20 PM



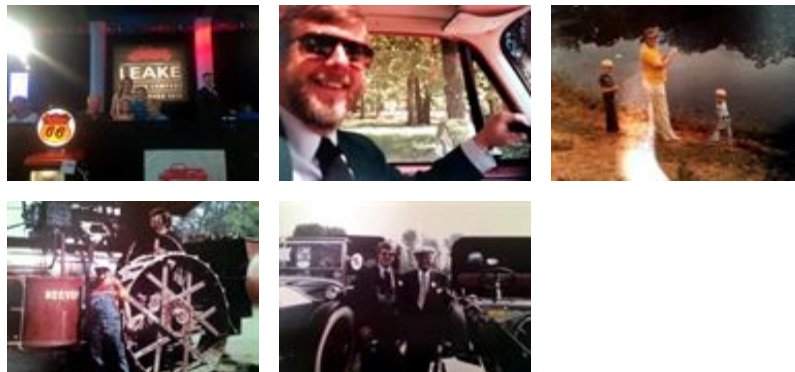
“ *Love, Connie Law and Kenny Glenn purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James C. Leake Jr..*



Love, Connie Law and Kenny Glenn - April 24, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 24, 2020 at 11:48 AM

JW

A life well lived ❤️ Rest in peace Big Jim ❤️ 🍷

Jennifer Welborn - April 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

BL

A real influence and supporter of so many of us in the KTUL TV 8 family. The Leake family has been a big part of all of our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Thank you Jim Jr.

Chris Lincoln (KTUL-8 Sports 1974-1981 & 2007-2014)

Becky & Chris Lincoln - April 26, 2020 at 07:49 PM

VH

Well done, Jim, well done! I am proud to have known you. What a huge hearted man...

Victoria Hoge

Victoria Hoge - April 27, 2020 at 03:31 PM

CR

What amazing man. Smart, funny and kind hearted. He left an indelible mark he made on those he met. What a blessing to have known Jim. My thoughts and prayers are his family.

Cindy Revisore - April 27, 2020 at 03:55 PM