



James M. Blanchet

November 6, 1927 - December 27, 2013

On December 27, 2013 James M. (Jim) Blanchet of Hot Springs, Arkansas went to meet God. Jim was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 6, 1927. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. Mayo and Ida Belle Beasley Blanchet.

Jim is survived by his wife, Frances Powell Blanchet; daughters, Sharon Blanchet of San Diego and Claire Landrum, and son Kenneth, both of Houston; two step-daughters, Debra Page of Hot Springs and Lori and husband Ellis of Benton; grandchildren, Stacy and Anthony of San Diego, Britney and Chelsea of New Jersey, Justin, Bryan, and Chris of California and five great grand-children; Taylor, Christopher, McKenna, Jaxon and Emma.

Many times he has said "I had three jobs in my life and I loved them all". He worked in Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans for the Southern Pacific Railroad; with Olin Corporation in Lake Charles, Little Rock, Manhattan and Houston. Jim retired in 1991 after 20 years as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for DSI, Inc. Houston, Texas. He was a long time college football referee in several conferences and was a high school referee in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. He was a member of LSU Alumni Association, Garvan Woodland Gardens, The Friends of Fordyce, a member and past President of Hot Springs Jazz Society, a member of the Horizon Band, a past board member of the Hot Springs Country Club, a member of

Garland County Senior Golf Association and Senior Golf Association of Arkansas. Jim was a charter member of Hot Springs Baptist Church where he was active in the Celebration Orchestra and in the church mission work in Mexico, Central and South America. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II.

Jim donated his body to the University of Arkansas Medical School.

Jim loved his life to the fullest, was loved by many and his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by many.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Saturday January 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Hot Springs Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *JIM, WE WILL ALL MISS YOU....YOU BROUGHT SO MUCH HAPPINESS TO OUR FAMILY.
MY CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS MISS HEARING FROM THEIR "UNCLE CUZ"
I THANK GOD YOU CALLED ME A FEW WEEKS BEFORE YOU WENT HOME TO GOD.
WE HAD A WONDERFUL CONVERSATION....TALKING ABOUT YOU AND FRAN COMING TO SUCHES FOR A VISIT.
I KNOW YOUR SPIRIT WILL BE WATCHING OVER FRAN FOREVER. AS I KNOW FRANK WATCHES OVER ME.
WE WILL ALL MEET, AGAIN, SOMEDAY !!!!
UNTIL THEN, MY DEAR CAJUN COUSIN, REST IN PEACE AND KNOW YOU ARE LOVED.
JEANNIE CHEEK AND FAMILY*

Jeannie Cheek - January 17, 2014 at 12:27 AM

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“ *Sometimes I sat by Jim in sunday school. Didn,t know him well, but he was a nice and interesting man. He will be missed.*

*God Bless
Charles Powers (Sam Wendells class)*

Charles Powers - January 07, 2014 at 10:49 AM

BS

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. His ever present smile and joy of good times was never more present than on our trip to the French Quarter Jazz Festival in New Orleans a few year's back. We'll miss him. Our best to your family.

*Bob & Helen Seekatz
Hot Springs Jazz Society*

Bob & Helen Seekatz - January 05, 2014 at 04:05 PM

GG

“ Jim was our neighbor (and a good one). He and I usually talked in the mornings and evenings when our paths crossed while walking our dogs. Jim had many rich life experiences that he shared in that rich Louisiana brogue (he was proud of his heritage). Jim was a musician, golfer, veteran, and a friend.

Gary Grogan - January 03, 2014 at 12:10 PM

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“ pops...i have been so blessed to have you as my dad for the past 44 years. i will always treasure our time together. some of the fun memories are our horses and our trail rides with the sam houston trail riders...the kick off of the houston livestock show and rodeo. i will miss your beautiful smile and the dazzle in your eyes. there will be a huge empty spot in my life, but not in my heart as you filled it with so many wonderful times. thanks for being my dad. you truly are the best. i know you will watch over us from above and i know in my heart you are where you want to be. God Speed...I love you dearly.

Lori Page - January 01, 2014 at 02:43 PM