



James Eastburn

September 30, 2012

Dr. James R. Eastburn, 80, of Hot Springs, went to meet his Heavenly Father on September 30, 2012.

He was born on October 31, 1931 in Fairfield, Iowa to the late J.M. and Esther Eastburn.

Jim graduated from Lakeside High School in 1949 and then attended Southern State University on a band and choir scholarship. He joined the Navy after his first year of college and while in the Navy he became a Dental Technician and served for two years at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. After being discharged from the Navy, he married his childhood sweetheart, Bettye Terry in September 1952. He continued his education at Memphis State University and was accepted at the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry. He graduated in June 1960 and opened his dental office in Hot Springs in September of the same year. During his years of active practice of Dentistry he was past president of the Garland County Dental Society. At the state level he served on the Ethics Committee and was a past board member and chairman of the board of Directors of the School of Dental Hygiene. He was a member of the Arkansas State Dental Association, associate member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics. In October of 1986 he was invited to receive a Fellowship in the American College of Dentists. He practiced the profession he loved for 52 years and retired in August 2012.

He was an active member of First United Methodist Church, a member of the

Friendship Sunday School Class and past member of the church board. He was predeceased by his parents, one son, Rick E. Eastburn and his brother, John David Eastburn.

He is survived by his wife, Bettye Eastburn, one son, Ron Eastburn, his brother and sister-in-law, Charles (Chuck) and Nina Eastburn, five grandchildren, Jennifer Goodman and husband, Chris, Christopher Eastburn, Preston, Brooke and Allie Eastburn, four great grandchildren, Haley and Christopher Richard Eastburn, and Grace and Lauren Goodman and several nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all who loved him dearly.

Graveside services will be at 9:00 A.M. Thursday at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dr. John Haggard, Don Schnipper, Lindell Trimble, Jack Copeman, Ted Carrithers and Dr. Jack Porter.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Tim Webb, Walter Ebel, Friendship Sunday School Class and Garland County Dental Society.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 A.M. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with Reverends Michael Mattox, Zach Roberts and David Wilson officiating.

Viewing will be Wednesday from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ We just heard and will cherish many fun time we spent together

Gene & Donna Brooks - October 17, 2012 at 02:56 PM

AM

“ Dearest Bettye and Ronnie, I just found out about Jim's passing, and I wanted to let you know how shocked and heartbroken I am about the news. Jim was always so full of life and he had a special way of always seeing the brighter side of life...he made everyone happier when he was around. Please know that had I known about his passing I would've been there for you, because even though we rarely see each other, I have a very special place in my heart for all of you Eastburns. I send my deepest sympathies and love, and I am keeping you in my prayers, Dear Ones. I love you, Alice

Alice Ott McMillan - October 16, 2012 at 05:29 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Jim's passing. I have so many great memories of the Eastburn Family and they were always true friends to the Harrington Family. Living 3 doors away from John and his family on Phillips Street and next door to you and Dr. Jim on Main Street...all the visits to Hot Springs included a stop on Main Street and always will. I can remember meeting Jim at Dad's office when he graduated from dental school and eating dinner with you and the boys when Mom and Dad were out of town. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we love you. David

David Harrington - October 11, 2012 at 05:16 PM

DS

“ Bettye, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's death. He was a good old friend of mine. He helped me so much when I first got to Hot Springs bacyin 1971. I will truly miss him. If t5here is anything that you need, please let me know. My prayers are with you and the family.
Ronny

Dr Ron Splann - October 04, 2012 at 04:17 PM

JR

“ Dear Bettye, We are so sorry about Jim's death. He was a great person to know and to know him was to really like him. He could be so funny and yet, he was so very kind and understanding to everyone. He was quick to laugh but he had a very serious side also, when necessary. You were the perfect couple and we will always remember him.

Jane and Jim Randall - October 04, 2012 at 08:30 AM

NP

“ Bettye, I have SO many wonderful memories of growing up next to you and Dr. Jim. Our family couldn't have better neighbors than your entire family. I love you much and please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. No doubt Mom, Dad and Patti were there to greet "Curly" with open arms. Thank you for always being there for us - you both always were. I will always appreciate his laugh and love of life! SO much to learn from a person like Dr. Jim.

Nancy Harrington Pavur - October 03, 2012 at 03:34 PM