



Jimmie Ray Parks

November 27, 1948 - January 23, 2014

Jimmie Ray Parks, 65, of Hot Springs went to be with his Lord and Master on January 23, 2014. He was born November 27, 1948.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister, Thomas Parks, Christine Boyce Parks, and, Mary Josephine Vann. He was retired from Weyerhaeuser and was a member of Pullman Heights United Methodist Church.

He is survived by cousins, Clara Lou Freeland, Nell Mulligan of Camden, Thomas Carroll Urrey of Fort Worth, TX, very special friends, Jay Campbell, Brian Brooks, Richard Trantham, Michael Yearby and Terry Smith and many other wonderful friends.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Services will be held Wednesday, 11:00 A.M. in Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel, with visitation at 10:00 A.M., prior to service time. Burial will follow at Crestview Cemetery with the Reverend Coy Sample officiating.

Pallbearers are Dan Ives, Sam Mulligna and David Mulligan.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ I just learned of Jim's passing. So sorry to hear, he was always such a nice guy. I last talked to him at a car show at the Hot Springs Airport about two years ago. So long my friend. Rest In Peace.

Terry Gross - January 30, 2014 at 09:56 AM

AL

“ Jim has been a friend for many years. Not only at Weyerhaeuser but before then. He was DJ at our daughter's wedding and when I told her he passed, she just laughed and said Jim had done such a great job. Jim was the guy if you needed a date to go someplace like the Miss Arkansas pageant parties, you called Jim. He was always ready to go and now he has gone to a better place. Rodney and Adelia Lerz

Adelia Lerz - January 29, 2014 at 03:58 PM

MR

“ Jim was one of the sweetest, nicest men that I have ever known....I have never known him to say an unkind word about anyone.....He was so well thought of by the people here in Hot Springs.....He will be missed by many....My thoughts and prayers go to his family and close friends.....



Martha Ross - January 27, 2014 at 09:19 PM

FS

“ I am remembering my buddy Jim with fondness for all of the wonderful fun and happy times filled with laughter that we shared with our friends at Weyerhaeuser and fortunately for us there were many! We love and will miss you Jim! Fran Sublette

Fran Sublette - January 27, 2014 at 03:48 PM

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delvin nation - January 27, 2014 at 11:31 AM

“ Welcome to the senior tour of "The Big Chill". The movie of memories of those gathered for a friends funeral centered around booze,sex and drama.For now ,and you know who you are, its bottled water , the blue pill, and the drama is how long we stay in the bathroom now and for us guys its gone from try to keep it off the wall to try now to keep it off our shoes. I just saw Jim laugh so hard he fell off his chair.. He did that he put his whole self in laughing.... Memories, they are as sharp as the real thing. We were all in our 30's when the movie Big Chill came out. It was a wonderful time for us.. and very much so for Jim. Jim passed not away but I like to think that he passed forward... to eternal life.We now celebrate Jim's life here with us.... but we do miss him.

We cherish the memories and like I said before ..Its like I just saw Jim laugh. Sometimetmes we let our memories dull over time..they loose their sharpness. The point is .. they do not dull on ther own.. We surpress them for many reasons.. we worry about kids, grand kids , finances ect.Sometimes we surpress them to avoid hurt.

Jim does not want us to hurt.He did not and never will knowingly hurt anyone by thought or deed. Jim lived by the "Platinum Rule"...treta others not simply as how you would want to be treated but a step above the goldas spoken in the Bible..He treated others better than he treated himself..Sacrificed beyond the hurt..gave more than he had.....even if it was just "the smile". Oh what a smile. To those that scoff you ..laugh with Jim.. Oh what a laugh.

To those that laugh with the world ... The world is theirs..Laugh and you can be in the center of "your universe". For when you are pulled from your center... you are lost . Jim was not "self-centered"... he was his own centerLike Jim lets live in the present. Dont dwell on the past and dont worry about the future...Feel the softness of a fresh fluffed pillow....smell the roses.....wiggle your toes and pinch your nose..Live in the present and enjoy it. Jim would and does want us to....For in God's house there are many mansions and as He said .."If it were not true I would not have told you so".

Jim is in his mansion on a hilltop.. But he lives.....He lives in our heart.

*let it be ,let it be,
let it be ,let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be
And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine on until tomorrow, let be,
Let it be ,let it be ,let it be,let it be,
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.*

God loves Jim...Jim loves each and every one of us... I love each and everyone of you. Tell someone you love them today..

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P.S.

Jims mother was church secretary at Pullman Heights Methodist church. In 1965 my dad was appointed pastor of Pullman Heights. When his mother went home ,she told Jim the new pastor had a 16 year old son and" he had a car." Jim likes to tell...."I jumped up and said," My new best friend." Jim told that story every couple years and he would laugh so hard he would fall out of his chair.....Love you Jim forever and ever....

Delvin Nation - January 27, 2014 at 10:13 AM



Beautiful!!!

Todd Matzner - January 27, 2014 at 07:30 PM

PL

Delvin, what a wonderful tribute to a great friend and classmate...you truly captured Jim's character in your beautiful words! Thank you for being a very loyal friend. Jim will be especially missed when the planning of our 50th reunion begins, but I know he will continue to inspire us all.

Pat Lee Longinotti

Pat Longinotti - January 28, 2014 at 07:19 PM

BT

Delvin, those were kind words said about Jim. I remember you and your Dad being our pastor at Pullman Heights Methodist Church. Yes, Jim was such a sweet guy, and he did have the biggest smile, plus his laugh would make you laugh and happy. Jim attended MYF which was a teenage group that met on Sunday nights at the church. We had all some wonderful times together. Jim was always so faithful to attend. I won't forget Jim, a wonderful man.

Belinda Tankersley - January 28, 2014 at 08:33 PM

WG

I knew Jim over half my life he was one of the best people I'll ever know, he was a wonder friend .you will be missed but never forgotten.

william griffith - January 29, 2014 at 08:18 AM