



Paul Rufus James

February 1, 1918 - July 5, 2011

Paul Rufus James, age 93 of Newport, Tennessee died Tuesday morning, July 5, 2011 at Jefferson County Nursing Home.

He was born February 1, 1918 in Bell Hill, Hartford, to the late John James and Mattie (Lunsford) James.

He attended high school and college at Warren Wilson in North Carolina. He worked at the A.C. Lawrence Leather Company for 52 years. He was Superintendent of the Newport plant until it closed in 1976, then he was promoted to General Manager of the North Carolina and Kentucky plants until he retired in 1992.

Paul served as a County Commissioner and Chairman of the Cocke County Court for eight years. He also served on the Board of Directors for Cocke County Baptist Hospital for eight years where he initiated the transfer of the hospital to the Baptist Health System of Tennessee. He also served as City Alderman for the City of Newport.

Paul was Church treasurer for the Bethel Baptist Church for 30 years. He was a member of English Creek Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Choir Director. He served as Choir Director for 67 years. After his retirement, he became an active member of the Newport Kiwanis Club. In addition to Paul's work activities in the church he was directly involved in the Simple Truths Tract Ministry and CROSS Ministries. He coordinated the printing of the Simple Truths Tract, "Will You Spend Eternity in Heaven?" His support to these organizations helped in this tract being translated into several foreign

languages, being distributed in over 50 countries around the world, all free of charge to Missionaries, Pastors, Churches and Layman for their use in witnessing.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Emma Dean (Mason) James; sons, Gary James and wife, Margaret of Knoxville; Freddy James and wife, Beth of Newport; five grandchildren; Dawanna King, Christi Wade of Knoxville, Tracey Achenbach of Huntsville, Alabama, Amy Evans of Newport, and Freddy James, Jr. of New York; seven great-grandchildren: Ian King, Zachary King, Jakob Wade, Eli Wade, Josie Wade, Elizabeth Evans and Charlie Evans; brothers: Oscar (Grace) James, Jimmy (Kathleen) James, Sister: Joyce Cox, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Paul was preceded in death by brothers: John D. James, Clydus James, and Homer James, sisters: Mary Dockery, Ruby Freshour, and Ruth James; father and mother-in-law, Ernest and Princy (Gentry) Mason.

Funeral services will be held at 8:00 pm, Thursday, July 7, 2011 in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Kerry Powell, Rev. Brian Parrish and Rev. Alvin Watts officiating. Burial will be held at 11:00 am Friday, July 8, 2011 in Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, July 7, 2011 prior to funeral.

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to CROSS Ministries, 7423 Ball Camp Pike, P.O. Box 7344, Knoxville, Tennessee 37921-0002.

Family and friends may sign guest register on line at www.manesfuneralhome.com

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Rufus James*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I was asking the son of Pastor of FBC Newport about Paul just yesterday, fellow Logan now interning for the Baptist Joint Committee in D.C. Was talking to my sister, Marsha just a few minutes ago. I will get the word on to her. All the James's know*

Stephen Fox - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our condolences.*

Doug, Elizabeth & Jace Ailor - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So for your loss.*

Newport Street Department - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul Rufus James*

Betty Valentine - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul Rufus James*

Gail Gunter - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Luke Valentine - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Linnie Denton - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Paul will be sadly missed. My prayers are with each of you. God Bless.*

Susan Ball - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cindy Schoolcraft - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *We are deeply sorry for the loss your family is suffering. We counted Paul as one of our close friends and spoke to him weekly. He was a wonderful man and will be missed greatly. Love in Christ.*

Eugene & Barbara Hall - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *With our sympathy and prayers!*

Rob & Lisa Myers - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Paul Rufus James*

barbara ledford wilde - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Mr James was always a friend to me and my family. I thought the job he did at the Newport City Council was outstanding, a man always for the people. He will be sadly missed. God Bless the family in this time of mourning.*

Steve Shaver - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *my prayers are with you family GOD Bless and be with you*

Janice Bryant - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Dear Gary, Margaret, Christi, Earl & family, We are so sorry to hear of your father/grandfather's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything! Much Love, Shelia & David Mann*

Shelia & David Mann - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Mrs. James, Gary and Margaret, Freddy and Beth: It is with great saddness to hear of Mr. James's death. I left Newport with much happiness when I met with you all in Newport last year. He and my father were wonderful friends, as I am with you. May the*

Kenneth Maloy - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. THESE WORDS DESCRIBE BROTHER PAUL JAMES. WE WILL SURELY MISS HIM.*

JACK AND RACHEL BRATTON - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Praying for you all

Dot Jr. and Linda Ramsey - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

A. J., Reathel Mae, and Reathel A. Campbell - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We did not know until we read the paper. You are all in our prayers. Conley, Sue & Heath

Sue Hall - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Gary and Family: Please accept our sincere condolences for the homegoing of Mr. Paul James. While we praise God that he is with the Lord, we also share your grief that you will not be physically together for a while. Our prayers are with you and the

Kofi and Hanna Korsah - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.

Frank and Brenda Littlejohn - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Gary & Freddy, sorry to hear about your dad. He lived a great life. I always enjoyed talking to him when we worked for "Doodle" and visiting at your house.

Ron Robeson - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Paul Rufus James*

GLEND A AND DON WILLIAMSON - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *To all the family,we are sorry for your loss.May God give you comfort and peace. We will be praying for all the family . With love, James and Gail Frisbee*

james and gail frisbee - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *We are extremely sorry for your loss, but know that you are rejoicing that Paul has joined his Heavenly Father. We repected and cared for Paul very much.*

Ryan, Mandy, & Zoey Grooms - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Freddy and Beth, I am sorry to hear of the death of your father and father-in-law. You had him for a long time close to you. He was a good man.*

charlotte Davis - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Polly and Dean Ealy - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Wilma O'Dell Bible - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Mr. James, Amy and family we were sorry to hear about your father and grandfather. I know you will miss him, but it is a victory won for him. May God comfort your family. Tim, Tammy, Matt, and Zach Lawson*

Tammy A Lawson - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to each and every one of you. We know he will be deeply missed.*

Dale, Nancy and Gerald Raines - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Linda D Clark - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *To the family: I am so sorry to hear about Paul. He is in Heaven and you can find comfort in knowing you will see him again.*

Melissa Erby - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I'm going to miss you Uncle Paul*

Kristy Sweeten - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Dear Freddy and family, I just read your grandfather's obituary and he was quite an extraordinary person. In your time of sorrow, think of his legacy and how blessed you are to be a part of it. My sincere condolences. Connie Schmid*

Connie Schmid - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Freddy and family, With sympathy to you and your family, you are in many heartfelt thoughts at this difficult time. Sincerely Betty McMillan*

Betty McMillan - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. James. We will keep the family in our prayers and thoughts.*

Jay Harold & Mary Ann Chrisman - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Paul Rufus James*

mansfield mc mahan - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Paul was one of the finest men I have known.*

Fred & Peggy Giles - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Aunt Emma Dean & family, Sorry to hear of your loss. Paul will be greatly missed by many. He was such a wonderful, caring man. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you all during this difficult time and the days to come.*

Grant, Casey, & Family - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Karen and Roger Butler - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Sorry for your loss.

Newport Street Department - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ On behalf of the the staff of the Radio Bible Hour, we express our sympathy to the family of Brother James. He was a dear friend of my father and a great help to our mission work. We will miss him, but rejoice in his life which glorified and honored Jesu

J. Donald Smith, Radio Bible Hour - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sorry to read of Pauls passing. I only knew of him through my genealogy research of my mother's James line. In reading previous writing from the Plaintalk I see he was a very accomplished man. My God comfort you with all the wonderful things he did in his

Shirley Metcalf Brewer - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ So sorry for the loss of Paul. He is in a better place.

Bobby and Debbie Erby - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Gary, Margaret & family. You have our deepest sympathies in the lose of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Always, Susie & Glen Rouse

Susie & Glen Rouse - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Paul Rufus James

Marty Hall Kathy Hall - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

PEGGY W. LANE - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Robert and Martha Pack - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Your family is in my thoughts & prayers.*

Arzella Mantooth Shelton - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Gary and Margaret... God's Love Is Forever The Seasons swiftly come and go And with them comes the thought Of all the various changes That time in flight has brought... But one thing never changes, It remains the same forever, God truly loves His children*

Myra Woodson Fowler - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the God of all comfort wrap His arms around you and offer the peace that can only come from Him.*

Calvin & April Ball - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Kaye Bryant Balch - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Wiley & Kate Morgan - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Pamela Wines - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Thinking of all of you. Remembering church and how Paul encouraged me with singing. Love all of you.*

Lisa Parks Mounkes - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *In prayer*

Michelle Crum - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Paul Rufus James*

Earl and Kathy Williamson Woody - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM