



James Stewart Thompson

November 18, 1946 - October 12, 2021

James S. Thompson of Pulaski, TN passed away on Monday October 11, 2021 at Southern Tennessee Regional in Lawrenceburg. He was born on November 18, 1946 in Pulaski, TN. and was 74 years old.

Jimmy was a loving husband, father and papa. He was employed by the City of Pulaski as Fire Chief from May 26, 1994 till his retirement on Dec 31, 2011. He also served as the first Fire Chief of the Elkton Fire Dept and helped establish Elkton's Fire Department. He continued to work part-time as a building inspector for the City of Pulaski. He was very proud to be a contributor of one of his prize wood creations to be auctioned at the annual fund raising ceremony at the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association where he served as President and a long-time member and for The Tennessee Fire Safety Inspectors Association. He served as Director of the Tennessee State Fire School in Murfreesboro TN, and as an Instructor with the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy. He was a wood turner and a life- long friend of Blue Grass. He was veteran of the United States Army.

Visitation will be Friday October 15, 2021 from 10:00am-1:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

Memorial service will follow at 1:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

Burial to follow at Maplewood Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by; wife Brenda Helums Thompson. Parents, Elma Stewart Thompson and Mary Aline Pope. Brother, Charles Thompson.

He is survived by his, wife, Becky Holt Thompson of Pulaski, TN

Daughter, Ginger (Jesse) Witt of Elkmont, AL. Son, Jeremy Thompson and Fiancé Stephanie of Pulaski, TN. Step-children Daughter, Angel Fuller

Sons, Alan (Belinda) Fuller and Stefen Fuller. Sister-n-law, Carolyn Thompson.

Grandchildren, Aubrie Harwell, Sara Harwell, Jeremiah Fuller, Zachary Fuller, Dillain

Fuller.

1 Great grandchild. Several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends also survive.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements for James S. Thompson.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *My deepest condolences to the Thompson family. I attended Fire School in early 1994 and Chief Thompson was my instructor. I've worked my way up to Fire Chief and would like to think that Chief Thompson helped me lay the foundation for my career in the fire service. I have nothing but great memories of the time I spent at school with him, his legacy in the fire service lives on thru all the firefighters he helped mold and his friendship with so many across our state. God speed Chief!*

*Matthew Crabtree
Fire Chief-Rockwood*

Matthew Crabtree - October 18, 2021 at 08:34 AM

GB

“ *I knew Jimmy as a friend, neighbor, fire chief and wood turner. In retrospect, it was the beautiful spirit of God that showed through and enhanced everything he did. We now commend that spirit to the Lord. May God bless his family and provide never ending Grace to comfort and strengthen us all in this time. Jimmy Thompson will be greatly missed in this world and lovingly welcomed in heaven. Amen.*

Gary Bryan

Gary Bryan - October 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

FE

“ *Fagan Erwin lit a candle in memory of James Stewart Thompson*



Fagan Erwin - October 15, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ 176 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - October 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Chief *Jimmy Thompson* was a true leader in the Tennessee fire service. He served as Past President, Past Treasurer, and a Life Member of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association....Everyone loved Jimmy T.

Eddie Phillips - Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association

Eddie Phillips - October 14, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Don Collins - October 14, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Don Collins - October 14, 2021 at 11:58 AM

DC

“ Jimmy was a dear friend of ours beginning at Elkton Baptist Church. He was always there if you needed him and helped mentor us in service for the Lord. He was loved by many and will be missed so much! Prayers and love for his family!
Bobby and Debbie Crabtree

Debbie Crabtree - October 14, 2021 at 07:42 AM

VB

Jimmie & Charles grew up with my dad. Known him all my life. To me he was my uncle Jimmy. Always had a hug for me when I saw him. RIP Uncle Jimmy, you will be sadly missed. You , Incle Charles & my dad are going to have a fabulous reunion in Heaven

Vickie Whitfield Burwell - October 14, 2021 at 01:36 PM

FG

“ Chief Thompson was an inspiration to all who knew him. I considered him to be a true friend. He had passion for the fire service that was second to none. He was quick witted and always had a smile on his face. I had a deep respect for him. God speed Jimmy. You will truly be missed. May God bless his family. R.I.P. brother.

Fred Garbler

Fred Garbler - October 14, 2021 at 03:30 AM

BD

“ I am glad to have know Jimmy and will miss him singing at Choates Creek. He was an asset to the church. He will be missed. Bonnie

Bonnie Louise Dickerson - October 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JM

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Jeffrey McVey - October 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM

BD

I am very sorry about Jimmy. I enjoyed hearing him singing. He will be missed.

Bonnie Louise Dickerson - October 13, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CC

“ *Crystal Cotham lit a candle in memory of James Stewart Thompson*



Crystal Cotham - October 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM

KS

“ *I met Chief Thompson as a wet-behind-the-ears rookie at the fire school in Murfreesboro not long before he left for Pulaski. He helped lay a sound foundation for my career in the fire service, and I remember well his passion for firefighting in his seriousness and his wit, whichever the situation called for.*

It is sad to lose a mentor, but his influence still lives on far beyond the halls of the old fire school.

Karl A. Ullrich, Sr. - October 13, 2021 at 08:30 AM

WW

“ *I am Sadden to hear of JT's death I loved talking to him at all of the conferences that we attended together thru the years at the TFCA and TFSIA meetings. He and Barron Kennedy playing their Blue Grass music. He was a Great Leader in all of the Organizations that he was involved in. He certainly in a better place and I know he is making things better in heaven.. Rest in Peace My Friend.*
Wayne Waggoner - Knox County

Wesley W Waggoner - October 13, 2021 at 08:29 AM

BA

“ *So sad to hear about Jimmy's passing. He was a good friend and I enjoyed being in Church with him at Choate's Creek. He will be missed here on earth but we all know where he is now resting in those Everlasting Arms. Brenda Anderson*

Brenda Anderson - October 12, 2021 at 09:13 PM