



James Clifford Bentley

February 22, 2022

James (Jim) Clifford Bentley, 73, peacefully went home to the Lord, with his wife by his side, on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at his home.

He was born in McAllen, Texas in 1948 to Fred and Clova Bentley. After attending P.S.J.A. High School, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam. Soon after returning to the United States, he met Marsha May Wilson, his devoted wife, with whom he shared 50 years of marriage.

At an early age, while visiting work sites with his father, Jim developed a passion for construction. This experience led to his successful operation of Alamo Systems, Inc. His building expertise enabled Jim to provide for his family and became a means for helping others and serving his community. Always involved in supporting their three daughters, Jim and Marsha volunteered as leaders for their Brownie Troop, 4-H Club, and as Vacation Bible School directors. He and his family were long time members of Pharr United Methodist Church where he built and dedicated the Family Life Center in honor of his mother. Jim was instrumental in the construction of the chapel at the Camp Thicket retreat center, where he and Marsha participated in the "Walk to Emmaus" spiritual journey.

Although a man of few words, Jim had strong convictions and values, none more important than the love he had for his family. He was known as "Honey" to his wife, "Daddy" to his children, "Jimmy" to his siblings, and "Papaw" to his treasured grandchildren. Each role, unique and special, clearly reflects a man

whose joy was most complete when surrounded by those closest to his heart. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Clova Bentley. He is survived by his loving wife, Marsha May (Wilson) Bentley; his daughters, Barbara (Matthew) Kelly, Michelle (Xavier) Rodriguez and Jamie (Frank) Enriquez; his siblings, Peggy (Cecil+) McKee, Freda (Dalton) Elam, Bob (Donna+) Bentley, Nita (Jim+) Phillips, Mary (Jack) McKeever, Jack (Tammy, Christa+) Bentley and Clo (Robert) Kotzur; his beautiful grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth, Grace James and Dylan Joseph Kelly; Max Austin, Levi James and Maya Elena Rodriguez and Addyson Lea and Jonathan Frank Enriquez. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. The family will receive friends at Kreidler Funeral Home Chapel in McAllen on Sunday, February 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A service will be celebrated on Monday, February 28, at First United Methodist Church in McAllen at 1 p.m., with interment following at Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mission, Texas. Anyone who wishes to honor Jim is requested to make a contribution to First United Methodist Church Day School, McAllen.

Cemetery Details

Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd
Mission, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitaion with family

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of McAllen
4200 N. McColl Rd.
McAllen, TX

Burial

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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3605 N Taylor Rd
Mission, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ *James Clifford Bentley*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *James Clifford Bentley*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *My heart hurts for you, Marsha and for the girls and all of the Bentley family. Prayers will be going up for all of you. Jim was a good man and friend, husband, father, brother and son. I have so many great memories of the fun times we all had together back in the day. and am thankful for them. He will be missed by all who knew him. May God help you through this intense time of grief. My love to all of you, Sue*

Sue Beckett - February 26, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. Was in scouts with Jim, and he was a good and dependable trooper. Go one too early.*

Jack LeClair - February 26, 2022 at 09:04 PM

AK

“ I have great memories of visiting with James in the backyard growing up. Sending thoughts and prayers for the Bentley family.

Art Kotzur

Art Kotzur - February 26, 2022 at 04:19 PM

IS

“ My sincere condolences to the Bentley family.

Irene S Suarez - February 25, 2022 at 11:29 PM

LB

“ Our condolences are extended to the entire Bentley family. I remember a quiet, tall young man but only knew him as Mary's and Clo Ann's brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May God hold you tight. Take Care, Lou Anne and Bobby Bell

lou Anne Bell - February 25, 2022 at 10:28 PM

LW

“ We are so sad to hear about Jimmy's passing! We're praying for all of the precious Bentley family ! You all have been such an important influence on the Wagner family and we love and miss you! We're comforted that all are believers in Christ and will meet again one day!!! God bless you at this time! We love you! Laverne and Phil Webb

Laverne and Phil Webb - February 25, 2022 at 07:26 PM

JC

“ Condolences to the the Bentley family. Great feistiness with a sense of humor. God bless you all.

Juana Cantu-Cabrera - February 25, 2022 at 09:43 AM

MR

“ *In to the everlasting warm embrace of God . . . Jim, I’m sure you will soon be standing side-by-side with Joe, building something new, under the Guiding Hands of Jesus. May His Blessings be with you in eternity, and with your family here on earth.*

Michael Rabinowitz - February 25, 2022 at 08:53 AM

CG

“ *Jim was a great brother in law to me Over the last few months I would sit with him and have coffee and he would tell me how proud & blessed he was of his wife Marsha, his daughters and son in Laws and especially his 8 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed*

Cheryl Giancola - February 24, 2022 at 11:21 PM

NG

“ *I’ve got so, so many memories of Jimmy Bentley Most of them were from Sunday School , Worship at First United Methodist church in Pharr , Texas. Other great memories were at the Bentley home in Pharr. Jimmy was tall, very cute , and quiet. He was usually standing behind one of his sisters and brothers With a very sweet smile. We all knew he was one of the nicest young men around ... and we are all lucky to have know this gentleman and Veteran. I know his parents were very proud of him....*

Norma Gossett - February 24, 2022 at 08:12 PM