



James Wall Thompson

May 10, 1949 - March 25, 2013

James Wall (Jim) Thompson, a lifelong Miami resident, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Thompson was born in Miami on May 10, 1949 to Joseph and Letah (Wall) Thompson. He was a graduate of Miami High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Oklahoma City University in 1974. While at OCU, he met his wife of thirty-eight years, Martha Sue Barksdale, and they married on April 30, 1974 in Oklahoma City.

After graduation, Jim returned to Miami to practice law with his father Joseph S. Thompson at Thompson and Thompson. Jim represented the First National Bank and Trust Company, as his father and grandfather had done before him. He served as the Miami City Attorney for many years and was currently serving as the City Attorney for Quapaw and Welch. He was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association

Jim was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the Miami Masonic Lodge #140, the Adkar Shrine Temple, the Grand Lake Shrine Club, the Royal Order of Jesters Court 47 of Tulsa, where he served as its current Director and the Tulsa Scottish Rite. Jim was an active member of the Miami Rotary Club, the same club in which his grandfather was a founding member in 1925. Jim became a Rotarian in 1975, served as its president in 1992-1993, and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Letah Thompson, and his brother Joe Thompson.

Surviving family are his wife Martha Sue Thompson of the home, his sister Sandi Leake and her husband James, his two nieces Trishia Masterson and Jaime LaCavera, and four great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

Funeral Services will be on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami with Reverend David Wheeler officiating. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery under the Direction of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or to the Grand Lake Shrine Club's Transportation Fund. Both can be made in care of the funeral home at 5 B Street NW, Miami, OK 74354.

Family and friends may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Jim's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Service

MAR 28. 10:33 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *What a wonderful man he was. I was a neighbor with him and Marcy for years and enjoyed their company so much. Jim was a very funny man, always the life of the party. He and Marcy were a great pair! We shared lots of laughs. I just found out about his passing as i do not live in Miami anymore and my heart is heavy. Marcy, my thoughts and prayers are with you my friend...xoxo Kara Waterman*

kara Waterman - February 27, 2014 at 01:31 PM

TR

“ *Jim Thompson. Avid golfer. Fun neighbor. Man who gave me my very first beer (generic mind you - white can, black print said 'BEER'). But always one to enjoy good humor, life and the act of living life*

Tom Rieger - April 03, 2013 at 07:02 PM

RH

“ *Marcy and Sandy: I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing; Dennis Watson told me today. My heart goes out to you both and your families. Working with Jim and Joseph was my first job as a legal secretary and I will never forget the chance they gave me to learn the field. Jim and I traded phone calls on our birthdays for several years after that and up until two years ago. He will be missed.*

Ronda Hendrix - April 03, 2013 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ Ronda Hendrix lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson



Ronda Hendrix - April 03, 2013 at 02:41 PM

JE

“ Marcy,
I just learned of Jim's passing. Thinking of you at this time of loss and hoping that the memories of his life will help sustain you in your time of grief. Jane Ellis, Augusta, GA

Jane Ellis - April 03, 2013 at 07:29 AM

JM

“ Martha Sue,
May the wonderful memories comfort you and heal your heart. Jim will be missed by many. I will miss seeing him, his infectious smile, and the glint that he seemed to always have in his eye, like he was up to something. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love to you Martha Sue.

Jinny Barksdale Mansolillo - March 29, 2013 at 09:52 AM

CE

“ Marcy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Linda and I have fond memories of a party you and Jim hosted not long before we moved to Alabama. I remember it was fairly chilly, and Linda and I stuck to the hot tub portion of the pool while Jim teased us and called us sissies.
Case Enoch

Case Enoch - March 29, 2013 at 12:11 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of my best buddies while I lived in Miami. Words cannot express all the good times and fun that we had together. Went to OU, living next door to each other in different fraternities. Jim even talked me into going on what I called, the 1,000 mile football trip. Going from Miami, to OKC, to Lawrence, KS, to OKC, then back to Miami for OU-KU football. We were golfing buddies -Twilight League, local golf tournaments, and a weekend golf trip to Tulsa! I will miss my attorney, who had the biggest heart and smile.

Dear Marcie and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God, the Great Comforter be you during this difficult time.

D. Pat Wilson and family

Pat Wilson - March 28, 2013 at 10:24 PM

JB

“ I would always look forward to seeing Jim and Martha Sue when they came to Tampa to visit family during the holidays. Jim and I would laugh and raz each other about our college football teams. He was just a great guy and fun to be around. I will miss Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you Martha Sue.

Jody Barksdale - March 28, 2013 at 07:39 AM



“ Nancy Goldenberg lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson



Nancy Goldenberg - March 27, 2013 at 09:57 PM



“ *Jane Neal lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson*



Jane Neal - March 27, 2013 at 09:04 PM



“ *Marcy, Jim will always be a young boy in my memories, he suffered so long and you along with him. I always loved him and his father, Joe, I hope you have reason to come to Houston again or I get to Miami. You know you are loved as a good friend. pge*

peggy earls - March 27, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have known Jim since we were in 7th grade at Central Jr. High. I am thankful to have reconnected with him at our 45th class reunion last summer and gotten a photo of him and several other classmates including myself that sits on my dresser. He will be missed. Carla Campbell Smith*

Carla Smith - March 27, 2013 at 03:38 PM

MT

“ Marcy... Our deepest condolences and prayers are with you. Jim was my best man at our wedding. We grew up together in Miami where playing trombones in the highschool band was one of the many things we had in common. Jim and I hung out together all the time in highschool. Some of my best memories of my youth were of Jim, Sue and me going to the lake or off on some adventure together. I'll never forget when he helped me move to Denver just before Sue and I were married, as we drove in separate cars after midnight across eastern Colorado; both trying to find a station playing McCarthur's park and signalling to each other when a station was found, by turning our lights on/off, speeding down the highway. Jim was a great friend. And although once we got into college and our lives took far different paths where we saw less and less of each other, he never stopped being my 'best man'. The news of Jim's passing has broken our hearts, but we are ever so grateful for the time of our youth together. There was no one that I knew with a bigger heart combined with so much good natured mischievous than my buddy, "Thompson". Mike and Sue Turner

Mike Turner - March 27, 2013 at 03:37 PM

DB

“ To Jim's family:
My mother thought very highly of Jim and his father. She had the privilege of dealing with them during her career at First National Bank. Jim, I know my mother welcomed you in heaven.....My prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May God give then peace, grace and strength. God Bless!

Debbie Bradley-Lee - March 27, 2013 at 01:51 PM

CR

“ Marcy,

Our hearts are heavy with the news of Jim's passing. He was a dear friend and Alton will miss their OSU/OU rivalry. Our prayers are with you.

Conni and Alton Rivers

Conni and Alton Rivers - March 26, 2013 at 10:25 PM

JG

“ *Jim Genandt lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson*



Jim Genandt - March 26, 2013 at 07:58 PM



“ *Bomford Wilson lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson*



Bomford Wilson - March 26, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ *Marcy, our hearts and prayers go out to you during this time. We are deeply sorry for your loss. Jim was a lifelong friend and he will be sorely missed. ~Jim & Wanda Couch*

Bomford Wilson - March 26, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ I remember Jim from my days as a kid delivering the News Record downtown. He always said hi when I dropped his paper off in the afternoon. Sorry for your loss. Eddie Owens

Eddie Owens - March 26, 2013 at 02:09 PM

BG

“ Marcy, Jim was an old friend, a great friend and a respected attorney. My wife, Karen, and I will miss him greatly. I always tried to get by to see Jim whenever legal matters took me to Miami, and we would swap lies, OU football memories, and talk a little law. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences. Bill and Karen Gaddis, Tulsa, OK

Bill and Karen Gaddis - March 26, 2013 at 01:18 PM

SA

“ It was my pleasure to have known Jim (and his wife) during the 20 years that I worked in the legal profession in Miami. He will be sorely missed. My prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. May God be with you and show you his love and mercy.

Shari Angle - March 26, 2013 at 01:12 PM

SA

“ Shari Angle lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson



Shari Angle - March 26, 2013 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ Jim was such a wonderful guy and I will miss him dearly. We shared a lot of laughs! I had the privilege of knowing him for many, many years through his love of fireworks. He would call me on the phone every year to "pick my brain" about what he could do new and different for the 4th of July fireworks show for his beloved home town of Miami. He made my job in the fireworks business FUN, and I thank God I had the blessing of knowing Jim as a friend. My heart and prayers are with his loving wife. And my sentiments also reach out to the entire town of Miami that he loved so much.

Jim Burnett - March 26, 2013 at 12:57 PM

SP

“ It was my pleasure to work with Jim when he was our City Attorney. We didn't always agree but at the end of the day Jim was always willing to shake your hand and try and meet you half way, I always admired him for that. Jim will be missed by many including myself.
Steve Parnell & Family

Steve Parnell - March 26, 2013 at 10:04 AM

CG

“ To Marcy and Jimmy's four legged babies, i'm so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a good friend to me. I regret not keeping in contact with him throughout the years but i know that he knew i would always be his friend no matter what. I know (in my heart) Jimmy is well now and in God's arms. God be with you ,(Marcy) and with your four legged babies and Jimmy's family and friends
love , Carolyn Garman

Carolyn Garman - March 26, 2013 at 09:51 AM

RJ

“ *Marcy, sorry for your loss.*

Memory Eternal!!

Raymond G Heckard Jr - March 26, 2013 at 08:32 AM

TF

“ *I worked for Jim for a year. He was a very honest and caring person. He will be truly missed. ---Angela Winkle*

The Winkle family - March 25, 2013 at 07:00 PM

TF

“ *The Winkle Family lit a candle in memory of James Wall Thompson*



The Winkle family - March 25, 2013 at 06:58 PM

DV

Our prayers have been with Jim for a long time, and now are with you, his family, as you continue life without his presence. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort your hearts and soul.

Darrell and Paula Vanpool - March 25, 2013 at 08:39 PM