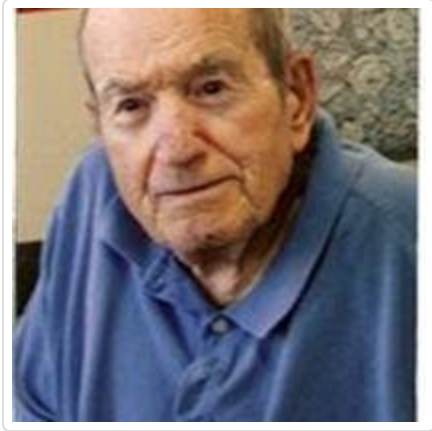




James Shorter

April 28, 1919 - February 10, 2008

Obituary for James R. Shorter

James R. Shorter, age 88, of Roswell, NM, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at the Mission Arch Care Center.

James was born in Shawsville, Virginia on April 28, 1919 to George Harvey and Annie Alma Lucado Shorter. His parents preceded him in death as well as 5 siblings.

James married Helen Ibert on February 8, 1944 in New York City. They were married for 64 years. Helen survives him at the family home.

He is also survived by his daughter, Geri Dosalua, of Roswell; his son, James R. Shorter Jr. of New York; his brothers, Robert of Troutville, Virginia, Charley of Florida, and Clarence (Cooney) of Roanoke, Virginia; and his sister Rosie, also of Roanoke, Virginia.

James spent 39 years serving his country in the U.S. Navy. He served in the South Pacific in World War II and also served in the Korean War. Upon completion of this military duty he joined the active reserves and later served in the MCB 19 Construction Battalion of the Seabees located in Whitestone, NY.

He was a diesel mechanic with the City of New York and he and Helen chose Roswell for retirement in 1976. James was a jack of all trades. He was very creative and always had projects in progress. He found time to get his GED at ENMU-Roswell and went on to earn an Associates degree in Electronics Technology during retirement. He loved gardening and building things in his

workshop. He was a good friend to many and was always ready to help his neighbor.

The family wishes to express appreciation and thanks to Dr. Xavier Herrera, his physician, and Lindsay Ray and the wonderful caring staff at the Alzheimer Care Center in Mission Arch. These people treated him very respectfully and helped to make his last days as peaceful as possible.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory. He will be cremated at his request. There will be a memorial service at a later time. His cremains will be interred at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. Those wishing to send condolences to the family online may do so at www.andersonbethany.com.

Also, if desired, memorial contributions may be made to the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in Roswell or to another charity of choice in his memory.

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

While I am gone release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many beautiful years. I gave to you my love, You can only guess How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown But now it's time I traveled on alone. To grieve for me a while if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust It's only a while that we must part To bless the memories within your heart I won't be far away, for life goes on, So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear, And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say... "Welcome Home"

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Helen, Geri and James JR. Please accept my sincere sympathy in in the loss of your Husband/Father. May time help to ease your pain and may the beautiful and pleasant memories of the past bring you comfort. My memories of him go back to the 50's, 60's and 70's when he would visit my grandmother for a good home cooked meal when he would be in RI at the Sea Bee's in Quonset. My Grandmother was always glad to have him visit our home. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Warm regards, Jane Illuzzi

Jane Illuzzi - February 26, 2008 at 01:51 PM

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“ *James Shorter's Life Has Just Begun*

*My life has just begun, though you'll miss me with each new sun.
My journey here on earth was through, I had to leave, including you,
dear family and friends.*

*I'd run the race, and it was done, and now, my life has just begun. I
know you will feel sorrow for me, but you know where I'll spend
eternity.*

*Keep the faith, follow God's will. For in your heart, I'm with you still.
You've made me so proud of you, and God is pleased with you too.
Hardships and trials you've overcome, and someday too, you'll
travel Home. I'll be there, and together we'll sing with the Angels,
heavenly praises to our King.*

*Continue to guard your soul, whatever you endure, as God is in
control. Your great loss was Heaven's gain. I'm in a place that's free
of pain...I'm safely Home. No more sorrows here for me, you know
where I'm spending eternity--I'm in paradise with God's Son, and
dear family my life has just begun...I'm soaring with the Angels!*

*Geri & Family...my heartfelt sympathy to you all. May you find
comfort in God's sweet embrace, may you trust in Him till you're all
face to face once again. Remember the life that is now gone, lives
on through the love that was left here for you as "Pa Shorter's" soul
soared above to the Heavens.*

*May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in
peace...Amen*

God's Love With Angels Around You Always, Gayle

Gayle Bentley - February 16, 2008 at 05:44 PM

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“ *To the Shorter family: All of us @ Mission Arch loved him very
much, and we will miss him dearly. It was such an honor to care for
him. Thank you for letting us know him, and we will always be there
for you. Stop by and see us. Love Lindsay Ray and all of the ACC
staff.*

Lindsay Ray - February 14, 2008 at 09:25 PM