



Jim Shell

February 27, 2016

Jim Shell, 90, passed away February 27, 2016. He was born June 9, 1925, to William Preston and Mayme Booth Shell in West Columbia, West Virginia.

As an Army Veteran, Jim served in WWII on MP-Col. Blanchard's personal detail, guarding planes that carried atomic bombs, he also guarded General Eisenhower's home. Jim was a member of the South Pacific Honor Guard. After his military service, Jim was a truck driver, for over 40 years, with Clardy's Dairy, Holsum Bakery, Coca-Cola and American Linen. During his retirement he enjoyed traveling, fishing, gardening, and would take his sons hunting every weekend. Jim was active on the Residence Advisory Counsel at Villa Del Rey.

Preceding Jim in death were his soulmate and loving wife, of over 60 years, Melba "Pat" Taylor; children: Bill Shell of Socorro, NM, Rick Shell of Roswell, NM, and Pat Ragan of Roswell, NM.

Those left to cherish Jim's memory are six grandchildren: Tammie and husband, Paul Mason of Roswell, NM, Wayne and wife, DeLeda Motes of Roswell, NM, Allison and husband, David Ousley of Fort Worth, TX, Renae Simmons of San Angelo, TX, Robin and husband, Gil Garduno of Santa Fe, NM, and Adrienne Shell of Albuquerque, NM; daughters-in-law: Linda Shell, and Susan Shell; son-in-law, Charles Ragan. Additionally surviving Jim are

numerous great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10:00 AM at South Park Cemetery. Chaplain Ed Hulseby will officiate.

The Shell family would like to thank Gentivia Hospice, especially Jessica, for the care they gave to Jim.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My father-in-law, my friend. You always had a smile for me and never failed to ask how my sister, son and grandson were doing and I thank you for your kindness. I will always remember the good times, the laughs and the stories we shared. You were a strong presence in my life, I loved you and will miss you.*

Susan - March 09, 2016 at 07:21 AM

CH

“ *In the fourteen months I have known Jim Shell we became friends and he shared his wisdom and his ability of love. One of the attributes that Jim Shared with this Chaplain is his ability to Love. We shared times of laughter and at times we cried together and at the end he shared a Grandfatherly love with me. Chaplain James Ed Hulse, MDIV, Spiritual Care Coordinator, Gentiva Hospice*



Chaplain James Ed. Hulse - March 08, 2016 at 07:04 PM

BC

“ *I visited Jim for several months as a Gentiva volunteer. I really enjoyed getting to know him. He was a true gentleman and I will miss him.*

Betsy Cunningham - March 05, 2016 at 08:56 AM

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“ To my girls, Bill's girls and Patti's kids...I am sure you all will remember the good times, how papa loved the cabin and how he made the best fried chicken in the world! I love you all. And to Susan who I know loved him very much, thank you for being there for him.

Sara

sara russell - February 28, 2016 at 06:16 PM

KG

Prayers for the family at this time and so very sad for your loss.
Kathy Graham

Kathy Graham - March 04, 2016 at 09:17 AM

AL

I love you so much family. We know EXACTLY where he is. We'll all be reunited soon in Paradise. What an honor it is to be the granddaughter of truly amazing grandparents.

Allison - March 05, 2016 at 02:17 PM