



## James R. Henson, Sr.

January 16, 1931 - January 21, 2014

James R. Henson, Sr., resident of Beggs, passed away Tuesday morning, January 21, 2014 in Henryetta at the age of 83. He was born January 16, 1931 in Okmulgee to the late Robert Oscar and Gladys Evelyn (Lawson) Henson. He attended Preston High School, East Central University, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa, receiving a Masters and Professional Degree. James proudly served his country in the United States Army. James married Joan Gray on February 20, 1954 at the First Baptist Church in Okmulgee. James worked for schools in Okmulgee County, including Wilson, Twin Hills, and Preston where he coached, taught and served as principal. He was a principal and coach at Beggs for two years then served as Superintendent of Beggs Public Schools for 20 years, retiring in 1990. James enjoyed gardening and building homes and the fellowship hall at the church. He had served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Beggs and was a member of the Crossroads Baptist Church. He was a member of the Beggs Masonic Lodge, School Masters Association, Okmulgee County Excise Board, the Okmulgee County Health Department Board and former President and member of the Secondary Schools Association. James loved kids and was always there to help those in need. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mary Lou Cline and Joanna Lloyd and a brother, Roald Henson. Survivors include his wife Joan of Beggs, daughter, Janet Lile and husband Travis of Arlington, Texas, a son, Jim Henson, Jr., of Grandfalls, Washington, two grandchildren, Kimberly Baker and Taylor Lile, a great

grandchild, Christian James Baker and two brothers, David Henson and wife Judy of Wilson and Ralph Henson and wife Carol of Tulsa.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Crossroads Baptist Church with Pastor Travis Markes officiating. Interment will follow in the Beggs Cemetery. Casketbearers Leslie Johnston, Bill Anderson, Larry Harvey, Buz Henson, Jerry Cadion and Steve Swanson. The Deacons of the Crossroads Baptist Church will serve as honorary casketbearers. Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memorial contributions may be made in James' name to the Crossroads Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16  
Beggs, OK

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
Beggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Henson, Sr.*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Nancy Mount lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



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**Nancy Mount** - March 11, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Rick Hessel lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



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**Rick Hessel** - February 11, 2014 at 03:59 PM

ET

“ *Resolution of Respect for James Henson*

*Whereas, in the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of James Henson, the officers and members of Beggs All School Reunion, in Beggs, Oklahoma feel that it is befitting to express our sympathy to the Henson family during the passing of their love one. We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.*

*Be it Resolved, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by remembering this poem.*

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
I am waiting for you in the sky!*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the Beggs All School Reunion archives..*

*Humbly Submitted on January 25, 2014*

*Deandrea Ross Cullom Class of 1979*

*President*

*Ella Tharp Class of 1972*

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**Ella Tharp** - January 28, 2014 at 09:23 AM

FA

“ *Farrel & Kathryn Anson lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



Farrel & Kathryn Anson - January 28, 2014 at 09:18 AM

DM

“ *Joan, Janet and Jim, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of dear James. Words can't express how saddened I was to hear of his passing. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. I know you will miss him dearly.*

Debbie (Roberts) Morris - January 26, 2014 at 07:40 PM

LC

“ *Linda Crook lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



Linda Crook - January 25, 2014 at 09:16 AM

RJ

“ *Ray Jordan lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



Ray jordan - January 24, 2014 at 10:15 PM

DH

“ *Deena Harvey lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



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**Deena Harvey** - January 24, 2014 at 09:34 AM

JC

“ *Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.*



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**Jeffrey L Culbert** - January 24, 2014 at 05:48 AM

GS

“ *We're so very sorry for your loss.*



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**Glenn & Shirley Scott** - January 23, 2014 at 07:14 PM

JG

“ *I was my honor to have known Mr. Henson. He was a great influence on my life, growing up and as an adult.. Thank you sir! May you rest with the angels!*

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**Julie Varner Grammer** - January 23, 2014 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ I remember Mr. Henson from the time I attended school at Mounds. I will always remember him as a kind, caring man and educator, even to the opposing basketball teams.

Jo Anne Smoot Foreman - January 23, 2014 at 12:35 PM

KS

“ What a great friend and strong leader in our church we have lost a great man.



karen Brownfield Stroud - January 23, 2014 at 07:10 AM

SC

“ SUE CULBERT lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.



SUE CULBERT - January 22, 2014 at 03:53 PM

LD

“ Linda Dobelbower lit a candle in memory of James R. Henson, Sr.



Linda Dobelbower - January 22, 2014 at 11:33 AM

KS

“ *Mr. Henson was such a great man. He did great things for Beggs Public Schools. He had such a kind heart and will truly be missed. May God be with his family during this time, and always.*

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**Kristin Story** - January 22, 2014 at 08:14 AM