



James Willard Brownfield

April 1, 1923 - October 28, 2009

Jim Brownfield passed away October 28, 2009 at his home in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Jim was born near Morris, Oklahoma on April 1, 1923 to Gordon and Alice Brownfield. Jim is survived by his loving wife Iris Brownfield, son Stephen Brownfield and his wife Claire of Salem, Oregon, daughter Janet McGrath and her husband Michael of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and brother Fred Brownfield of Dewar, Oklahoma.

As a young man during the Great Depression, Jim joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. This is where Jim discovered his life long joy of cooking. Many fine memories were shared of his work building a reservoir in Paradox Basin Colorado. This came to an abrupt end with the start of WWII.

At the beginning of WWII, Jim joined the army and served with the 65th Medical Depot Company. He was stationed at the G45 Medical Depot near Thatcham, in the royal county of Berkshire, England. This is where Jim met the love of his life, Iris. Jim and Iris began their joyous 64 years together when they married, in Thatcham village church, at the end of WWII.

After WWII, Jim and Iris began their life together in Okmulgee where Jim worked for Okmulgee Furniture and Buck Beaverson Home Furnishings. He eventually bought the decorating and custom frame shop business where he worked, re-named it The Paint Bucket and ran it until his retirement.

Upon retirement, Jim continued part time with his picture framing business at home and enjoyed countless hours working in his beautiful yard and gardens. His love of bird watching was endless as was his love of the outdoors. His love of travel resulted in many fine memories of beautiful places visited and the new friends he made along the way.

Jim was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church. He loved the Church and its membership. He was a ruling elder in the Church and has served as Sunday school teacher in all grades, head usher and on many committees.

Jim's love of life, family, friends, and Church sustained him. His generosity of spirit was endless. Jim never met a stranger.

The family would like to thank the members of the First Presbyterian Church, friends and neighbors for their endless prayers and support. The family is very grateful to the Okmulgee Memorial Home Health personnel and Dr. Tom Alexander for the personal and professional care provided.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Okmulgee.

Services will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, November 3rd at the First Presbyterian Church 401 South Seminole, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Burial will be in the Okmulgee Cemetery following the service. Friends may visit the funeral home from 3-8 PM Monday and 8-12 on Tuesday.

To my daddy, one last big hug, little hug, big kiss, little kiss, you'll be in my heart forever - Janet.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
401 South Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *James Willard Brownfield*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I believe I knew Mr. Brownfield from the G-45 Depot Medical Center in Thatcham, England, in World War II. Charlie Hoyer in Hobbs, New Mexico.##imported-begin##Charles J. Hoyer##imported-end##*

May 23, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ *Steve, Your dad sounds just like the person I would have expected him to be, warm and caring and fun to be with. Thanks for sharing him with us way 19 years ago at Frenchglen.*

*Greetings and love to your mother. I will be thinking of you all.
Myrla Dean##imported-begin##Myrla Dean##imported-end##*

November 09, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ *I always said Uncle Jim was my favorite. I'll never forget going for a ride in his jeep when I was a little girl and falling out the back. I was unhurt and we all shared a good laugh over it! He was a joy. My prayers are with all of his family.##imported-begin##Debra Captain##imported-end##*

November 05, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Mr. Brownfield's passing. I have many fond memories of him from when I was a boy. He took me frog gigging late at night on a huge pond once, we caught quite a few frogs and I had some of the best frog legs in my life.

We used to play basketball for hours and he loved the game. He was always pleasant and I loved talking with him. He was full of country wisdom and could tell many stories. He will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Jim Williams

Norman, OK###imported-begin##Jim Williams###imported-end##

November 03, 2009 at 06:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Iris and his family. His faith in Jesus Christ was a testimony to all and he was such a sweet and kind man. We love you, Jim.###imported-begin##Cris, Lydia, Amanda and Colin Campbell###imported-end##

November 03, 2009 at 12:09 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you Iris, Steve , Janet and Family. Jim was one of a kind. The love for his family and life in general shone through in all he said and did . You will always have your memories and you know he will be with you always in all you do. Look after one another , and continue to make him proud.###imported-begin##Neil Millward###imported-end##

November 01, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ Across the miles we think of you, we cannot be with you on Tuesday but we shall hold our own small memorial here in Wales.
Sleep well 'Uncle' Jim###imported-begin###Ann and Fr Daniel Bowen,
Tim Douglas and Jane###imported-end###

November 01, 2009 at 12:54 PM



“ Just want to say that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim was one of my favorite people.

Love,

Jeanne###imported-begin###Jeanne (Baker) Heath###imported-end###

November 01, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ We have fond memories of Jim. The ease that Jim got to know people and make them feel comfortable and welcome is a great trait that we see his has passed on his family and we value knowing that he passed on to fondly remember him by. May his memory be honored by those who knew him by seeking to comfort all.###imported-begin###Lyle Hibler & Family###imported-end###

October 31, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ We became friends of Jim and Iris when their son, Stephen, married our daughter, Claire. We are so sorry Jim is gone but we know he has a most sincere and loving son in Stephen, he and Iris knew and know of his deep care for them. We are sorry to know of this great loss and think of them as they all make this journey through this life filled with joy and sadness.##imported-begin##Ross and Jeanne Hibler##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ He will greatly be missed. Thought alot of him.##imported-begin##Dennis Butler##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 02:49 PM



“ Janet,

I just read in the paper about your dad. I am so sorry. I can't come Monday or Tuesday, but I will be in Okmulgee Sunday. Please email me. I miss you alot. I will never forget your dad's chicken and dumplings.

Love to you and your mother and Steven##imported-begin##Brenda Tommey Dean##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you all .. we are sorry for your loss.

Love & Prayers,
Ross & Betty and Sofie##imported-begin##Ross & Betty, and Sofie
Hibler ##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 01:15 PM



“ janet-to daddy, big hugs little hugs big kisses little
kisses.##imported-begin##mike p mcgrath##imported-end##

October 31, 2009 at 08:58 AM



“ Jim was a good man. My sympathy, Jeneane Campbell##imported-
begin##Jeneane Campbell##imported-end##

October 30, 2009 at 07:55 PM



“ Jim was a wonderful man and everyone who knew him will miss
him.##imported-begin##Barbara Moeller##imported-end##

October 30, 2009 at 01:57 PM