



James B. Paris

December 31, 1921 - August 31, 2015

James Bascom Paris, 93, of Moses Lake, Washington, went to be with his Lord on August 31, 2015. James began this life on December 31, 1921 in Paragould, Arkansas, the youngest of six children. His father, James Ernest Paris, was a pharmacist, and his beloved mother, Sally Bascom Paris, worked at the family-owned drug store.

James grew up during the Great Depression, and through Roosevelt's "New Deal", he worked for the National Youth Administration in the Ozarks. He enjoyed spending his high school summers participating in a military youth organization called CMTC (Citizen's Military Training Camps) and it was then he knew he was meant for a life-long career in the military. Shortly after high school graduation, James joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to a technical school for training. During the next 2½ years he served his country in England, as well as in Algeria and Tunisia during the North African Campaign. Upon returning to the U.S., James was honorably discharged from the Army.

James married Lennie Alma Jean Chesser on May 16, 1946 in Paragould, Arkansas and shortly afterwards re-enlisted for military service in the United States Air Force. In 1960, James and Alma Jean were transferred from Sculthorpe Air Force Base, England to Larson A.F.B. in Moses Lake with their 3 children, Mike, Dale and Mary Jean. Soon afterwards, twin nieces came to

live with them, Alma Jean Faulkner Ramsey and Amelia Jane Chesser.

James retired from the Air Force in 1966 after 26 years of service in the U.S., England, Germany, Sicily, Corsica, Italy and Korea. After his retirement from the military, James and Alma Jean chose to stay in Moses Lake where James worked for the next 10 years as the Personnel Manager at American Potato Company. In 2010 James was honored for his military service in WWII by the Honor Flight, joining other WWII Veterans in Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial.

James' hobbies included an avid interest in Moses Lake High School wrestling, reading, ping pong, billiards, and his life-long loves of hunting and fishing. He became a skilled woodworker, restoring and making furniture for his friends and family, as well as the furniture for an extensive library at the Moses Lake Alliance Church where he and Alma Jean attended.

Preceded in death by his parents, 5 siblings, and his niece, Amelia Jane Chesser, James Bascom Paris is survived by his loving wife, Alma Jean Paris, two sons, James Michael (Helen) Paris and Dale (Patti) Paris, both of Moses Lake, and daughter, Mary Jean Paris Powers of Longmont, Colorado, as well as his niece, Alma Jean Faulkner Ramsey of Nashua, New Hampshire. James' surviving four grandsons are Brian Paris and Tyler Paris, both of Moses Lake, Jonathan (Holly) Powers and David (Tara) Powers, as well as 5 great-grandchildren, all of Colorado.

Please join the Paris family for James' funeral at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2015 at Moses Lake Alliance Church, 1100 N Grape Drive, Moses Lake. Sign the online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com
Arrangements in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Our family was fortunate enough to live next door to James and Alma Jean for 30 years. We have many good memories of Mr. Paris in his garden, wood shop and out fishing. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Alma Jean, Dale, Mike, Mary Jean and their families. A kind heart touches many and leaves a permanent light.

Mary (Mrs. James), Jean and Margie Spidell

Jean Spidell - September 11, 2015 at 05:28 PM

PT

“ My deepest sympathy

Pamela Tea - September 04, 2015 at 07:44 PM

MK

“ So happy to have known James and Alma Jean and the family. I treasure the memories, and think of all of you every time I look at the beautiful clock he made for me. Love and prayers to your whole family.

Marge Weer Koeppe

MARGE weber KOEPPE - September 04, 2015 at 07:01 PM

MJ

“ James was always ready with a quip whenever we came into church. His chuckle genuine and at the ready. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Mark and Karen Johnson

Mark Johnson - September 04, 2015 at 09:55 AM

LJ

“ My heartfelt condolences to all the family and those that loved Mr. Paris. I could always count on him at the wrestling matches watching all the guys, but taking an interest in my brother Tom. They became buddies and often fished together, which they both loved. He and his wife Alma Jean were an example of the kind of marriage I dreamed of, his family was so important to him. I know someday I will see him again, God bless you Paris family, you will all be in my prayers.

Lynne Lloyd Johnson - September 03, 2015 at 10:46 PM

JW

“ Dale - my condolences on the loss of your dad. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Julie Weisenburg - September 02, 2015 at 03:25 PM

PC

Alma Jean and family, our deepest sympathy and love to all of the family in the loss of James. Wish we could be there with you. Weldon and Pat

Pat Chesser - September 03, 2015 at 06:13 PM

JG

*My deepest sympathy to Alma Jean and family.
Jane Griffith*

Jane Griffith - September 04, 2015 at 05:27 PM

TL

I love Jim more than any other man. I miss him. TL

TL - September 11, 2020 at 09:36 PM