

James R. Harkey "Jim"

June 27, 1928 - February 16, 2023

Longtime resident of Tishomingo, James Ranzy Harkey, "Jim", 94, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born on June 27, 1928 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma to the parents of James Ranzy and Roxie (Young) Harkey. Jim proudly served in the United States Army as well as the National Guard. He married his best friend and the love of his life, Nancy Fields on August 8, 1961 in Tishomingo and have created 61 years of beautiful memories together. Jim was a Math Teacher for numerous years; he taught at Bromide and then went on to Tishomingo High School where he retired from in 1986. He was recognized as a Distinguished Teacher by the Tishomingo Alumni Association in 2014. Jim enjoyed hunting for squirrels and quail, fly fishing and playing his guitar. Since 1970 he has built a few homes in his spare time, the last one he worked on he had built the cabinets for at the age of 89. Jim loved his family, his community and the students that he taught over the years, he has left a great impact on so many lives and will be deeply missed.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James and Roxie Harkey; step mother, Rubye Harkey; brother, Ollie Gene Raper; and sister, Judy Ingels.

Those he leaves to cherish his memories are his beautiful bride, Nancy Harkey; daughter, Margaret Nan Harkey; sister, Jayne Guthrie; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

No services are being scheduled. Arrangements were made under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family on our website at www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

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“ James R. Harkey "Jim"

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



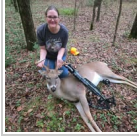
“ I was sadden to hear of Mr. Harkey's passing. As others have mentioned, he was in fact a special man. Furthermore, he has a special family. Mrs. Harkey helped me through a difficult time back in 5th grade, probably something only she and I know anything about. Mr. Harkey was the reason I majored in Mathematics and Statistics, and have had 41 successful years working at Michelin NA, currently in the Research & Development segment utilizing the foundational tools taught to me by this amazing person. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Harkey and Margaret Nan, hoping they find just a little peace knowing how much he meant and how impactful he was to so many people throughout his life.

Jimmy Jeter - March 08, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ What an incredible person Mr. Harkey was. Not only was he a great math teacher he was a great human being. I took every math class that he taught, Algebra, Calculus, Trigonometry, but the most memorable moments were when he would get off on a tangent and talk about 'Life'. He truly inspired me to be a better person. Thanks you Mr. Harkey.....RIP

Kevin Ezell - February 21, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Jennifer Powell lit a candle in memory of James R. Harkey "Jim"



Jennifer Powell - February 20, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ I remember Mr. Harkey vividly. He had a way of teaching Math that surpassed the professors I had at OU. He encouraged me to attend OU, and I earned enough hours for a minor in math. One of the finest teachers I have ever known. I hate that you're gone. You will be dearly missed.

Alan Muse - February 18, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ Mr. Harkey taught me, my sister and my dad. He always knew who I was and could recall stories about my family. He was the most intelligent man I ever met. The teacher that made me love math even when he slapped that yard stick on the desk and scared you to death lol!!! I will forever remember him and the impact he had on my life. Rest in peace neighbor. I love you Mr. Harkey. Tootie Plumley Wood

Tootie Wood - February 18, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ Sure will miss Mr. Harkey. He is one of a kind. The most kindest person you will ever meet. He would help anyone to make a positive difference in their life. RIP Mr. Harkey

Marlon Sullivan - February 17, 2023 at 05:33 PM