



Jerry L. Imotichey

May 24, 1938 - October 14, 2016

Life Legacy

Funeral Services for Mr. Jerry L. Imotichey, 78, of Fillmore, Oklahoma will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 1:00 p. m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo, Oklahoma with Brothers Clint Freeman, Eli McHenry and Randy Wade officiating. Interment will follow in the Sandy Creek Cemetery at Fillmore. Mr. Imotichey passed away on October 14, 2016 at the Mercy Hospital in Tishomingo. A Wake Service will be held on Monday evening beginning at 6 pm at the funeral home.

Jerry was born on May 24, 1938 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Jonas Imotichey and Josie (Lowery) Imotichey. He was a lifelong resident of Fillmore and graduated from Milburn High School. He later attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma and East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma. He married Janis McHenry on February 9, 1960 in Oklahoma City. Jerry worked in many capacities which included, factory work and other jobs. He served the Chickasaw people, first as an appointed assistant to the late Governor, Overton James and later as a Chickasaw Legislator. In recent years, Jerry was honored to be a part of the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program. His most rewarding roll in life would be serving as a pastor. He was a founding member of the Freedom Fellowship Church in

Fillmore, having served in past years as pastor. Jerry loved God, family, his community and the Chickasaw people. His message to love God was far reaching. Jerry loved music which was a huge part of his life, beginning with being a member of the Chickasaw Five and the Thankful Hearts. He will be greatly missed .

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Joni Imotichey; a sister, Yvonne Alberson; and a great-grandson, Sullivan Dameron.

He is survived by his wife Janis, of the home, daughters, Jana Imotichey of Tishomingo, Julie Imotichey of Fillmore and Jeri Moore and husband Shawn, also of Fillmore; four grandchildren, Joel, Jonas, Maya and Madison; siblings, Margaret Downing of Ada, Marlene Tims and husband Don of Purcell, Paul Imotichey and wife Betsy of Smyrna, Tennessee, Bob Imotichey and wife Johnnie Lou of Fillmore and Dwight Imotichey and wife Peggy of Fillmore; many nieces, nephews, cousins, to include, Jerry Arterberry and family and other relatives and friends.

Casket Bearers for the service will be: Jay Downing, Vince Downing, Greg Tims, Brad Imotichey, Mike Imotichey, Jeff Alberson and Kwiana Imotichey. Honorary Bearers will be: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Dr. John Dyson, Josh Hinson and the Chickasaw Language Committee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry L. Imotichey*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *I was just listening to an audio recording of Mr. Imotichey made by UCLA phonetics lab back in 1996.*

Loved it! He passed on his Chickasaw words to me.....

Darrell Barnes - August 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to here about Jerry. ME and Jerry go a ways back, he would stop almost every morning by the cabinet shop where I worked and we have some interesting talks about the Indian Government and various other things. He first was a good friend of my father Robert (Bob) Walton., after my Dad passed was when him and me started conversing with each other. I will surely miss him and wish his family my sincere condolences. Sonny Walton*

Stanley (Sonny) Walton - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VY

“ Dear Mrs. Imotichey, Jana, Jonas Julie, Jeri:
I am very sorry to read about you loss and the loss of your community.
When I worked with Jana, she would talk about her family and was so proud of her Dad and Mom. I miss that and seeing Jonas growing. I saw the picture of me holding Jonas in his "Bumble Bee" costume on his first Holloween.
My Prayers are with with each of you.
Sincerely,
Vivian Young

Vivian Young - October 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Prayers for the Imotichey family in the loss of your beloved Jerry.

Kim Morris - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Janis and Family, My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I enjoyed Jerry's friendship, his knowledge and his beautiful music.

Mary Jane Lowery - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I met and knew Jerry the last few years. We only crossed paths a few times, but I thought very highly of him. My sincere sympathies to his family. He was a fine, highly respected Christian gentleman. I am looking forward to joining him, my late wife, and other friends and relatives when God decides to call me home.

Jerry Blackerby - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Our condolences and prayers for the family of Mr. Imotichey.*

Advantage One Pest Control - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *It has been many years since school days, but I always enjoyed talking with Jerry. Went through high school in same class with his sister, Yvonne. Had occasion to see and hear him singing with the group. So very sorry to hear of his passing. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Dean Robinson - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Jana, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. your family will be in our prayers*

clara Baker - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Jerry Imotichey. I considered Jerry a friend and that's the way I will remember him. He was a kind and gentle soul of which the world needs more.*

Lee Bulla - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Condolences for the family. Jerry was a very good man and will be missed by many.*

Kenneth and Melba Harris - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM