



James Holt

February 24, 1934 - October 22, 2013

James Holt, 79 of Ardmore, Tennessee died on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at his home. Born Saturday, February 24, 1934 in Ardmore, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Nolan Holt and the late Annie (Lucy) Mitchell Holt. He was the founder and pastor of Grace Tabernacle and enjoyed farming, staying busy, and his ministry. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Joe Holt, and a sister, Betty Ann Holt. Surviving are his wife, Clara Mae Cross Holt of Ardmore, TN, a daughter, Shelia (Dan) Williams of Ardmore, TN, sister, Aline (Tommy) Hargrove of Ardmore, TN, one grandchild, Olivia Williams, and nieces, Jackie Hargrove (Mike) Kelly and Tammy Hargrove (Mark) Walls. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at New Grove Cemetery with Bro. Derrick Moose officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Clara Mae, I'm so sorry to learn that you lost James.*

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Anna Smith Massey - October 26, 2013 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. James. Marvin and I thought so much of him, to us he was a caring and giving man.*

Marvin and Carolyn Biggerstaff - October 24, 2013 at 02:58 PM

JT

“ To my dearest family, > some things I'd like to say. > But first of all, to let you know, > that I arrived okay. > > I'm writing this from the Bridge. > Here I dwell with God above. > Here there's no more tears of sadness. > Here is just eternal love. > > Please do not be unhappy > just because I'm out of sight. > Remember that I am with you > every morning, noon and night. > > That day I had to leave you > when my life on earth was through, > God picked me up and hugged me > and He said, "I welcome you. > > It's good to have you back again, > you were missed while you were gone. > As for your dearest family, > They'll be here later on." > > God gave me a list of things, > that he wished for me to do. > And foremost on the list, > was to watch and care for you. > > And when you lie in bed at night > the day's chores put to flight, > God and I are closest to you... > in the middle of the night. > > When you think of my life on earth, > and all those loving years, > because you are only human, > they are bound to bring you tears. > > But do not be afraid to cry > it does relieve the pain. > Remember there would be no flowers, > unless there was some rain. > > I wish that I could tell you > all that God has planned. > If I were to tell you, > you wouldn't understand. > > But one thing is for certain, > though my life on earth is o'er. > I'm closer to you now, > than I ever was before. > > There are rocky roads ahead of you > and many hills to climb; > But together we can do it > by taking one day at a time. > > It was always my philosophy > and I'd like it for you too; > That as you give unto the world, > the world will give to you. > > If you can help somebody > who's in sorrow and pain; > Then you can say to God at night... > "My day was not in vain." > > And now I am contented... > that my life was worthwhile. > Knowing as I passed along > I made somebody smile. > > God says: "If you meet somebody > who is sad and feeling low; > Just lend a hand to pick him up, > as on your way you go. > > When you're walking down the street > with me on your mind; > I'm walking in your footsteps > only half a step behind." > > "And when it's time for you to go... > from that body to be free. > Remember you're not going... > you're coming here to me."

Janice Tomerlin-Finley - October 24, 2013 at 01:00 PM

JT

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Janice Tomerlin-Finley - October 24, 2013 at 12:59 PM

DB

“ *Shelia, Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Mr. Holt was always so nice to me. Truly Heaven has gotten another angel. God Bless,
Dora Tucker Barnes*

Dora Tucker Barnes - October 24, 2013 at 08:24 AM

EM

“ *We were so sorry to hear of James death. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Eddy and Elwanda McLemore - October 24, 2013 at 08:22 AM

LE

“ *I was so very sorry to hear of James' passing. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May the Lord give you comfort an peace during this difficult time.*

Loretta Merrell Ekis - October 23, 2013 at 06:20 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. Holt, Olivia, Sheila and Dan, We were so saddened by the passing of Mr. Holt. We think of ya'll as family and love you all. We will keep you in our prayers. God be with you during this difficult time.*

myra mason - October 23, 2013 at 03:38 PM

EP

“ *Sorry to hear of the death of James, my prayers are with the entire family. Will be thinking of you all.*

Evangeline Franklin Parkes - October 23, 2013 at 03:23 PM

AR

“ We were sorry to hear of Bro. James passing. I really thought a lot of him. Although we have kinda loss touch in the last few years,I still thought of him and the family from time to time and he will be missed. Please know that you (Clara Mae, Shelia,Dan and Olivia) are in our prayers.

Alan

Alan and Alicia Reeves - October 23, 2013 at 12:54 PM