



Jess W. Lam, Jr.

November 18, 1929 - September 17, 2009

Jess W. Lam, Jr. was born on November 18, 1929 within a mile of where Jess passed away at home on September 17, 2009.

Jess grew up in the Pauls Valley area, graduating with honors from Pauls Valley High School in 1947. After attending both OU and OSU he returned home to farm. The Lam's have farmed the same land on the edge of Pauls Valley for nearly 70 years. In 1952 Betty married Jess in spite of her mother's advice "don't marry a farmer". They would have been married 57 years on September 20, 2009.

Jess instilled the value of both hard work and education in all his children and grandchildren. He also believed in public service beginning with his church and extending to farm organizations statewide, including The Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association; The Oklahoma Soybean Board; and The Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. Jess was honored to receive from OSU the Master Agronomist Award.

After retiring Jess's work ethic turned to his yard and garden, of which he was especially proud. For a man who never learned to swim, Jess loved the water. Whether boating with family and friends in his younger years or sailing with Paul and Dick later on, water was his real escape.

Jess was preceded in death by his parents, Jess Lam and Ruby Crabtree Lam; his brother, Frank; sister, Helen; and daughter, Julie Lam Hannon.

Mr. Lam is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Jana John and her husband Butch of Louisville, Kentucky; son-in-law, Tom Hannon of New Haven,

Connecticut; son, Trey of Pauls Valley and four grandchildren: Jess Lam IV and Jean Margaret Lam and Katie and Stephen Hannon.

Memorial services for Mr. Lam are scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st United Methodist Church in Pauls Valley with Dr. Bob Kanary officiating. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com Memorials may be made to 1st United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 385, Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jess W. Lam, Jr.*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jess W. Lam, Jr.*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jess's passing. You can rest assured that both Glen Spencer and Jess are telling stories to St Peter now.. They will have the angels laughing. Take care.. Karen Spencer Ellis##imported-begin##Karen Spencer Ellis##imported-end##*

September 21, 2009 at 10:38 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Jess' passing. He was a top notch farmer who produced high quality seed for me while I was at Farm and Ranch. We know his family, as well as the community, will feel his loss. Please accept our most sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Jim and Beth Little##imported-end##*

September 19, 2009 at 12:48 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the Lams at this sad time. What a wonderful grandfather he has been to my niece and nephew. His spirit lives on in them.##imported-begin##Liz Dexter##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 12:36 AM



“ Betty, Jana & Trey: Truly the world has lost a great man. He will be missed. I told him all great men are born on November 18, that was my dad's birthday also. I hope there is alot of ground to be turned or grass to be mowed in heaven so he can stay busy, I know how he hated to sit around idle. All my Love, Kathy##imported-begin##KATHY RAY##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ Betty and family our thoughts are with you all. God's grace and love to you##imported-begin##jana and Larry Parks##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ Dear Betty & Family,

My prayers are with you at this time of sadness for the loss of Jess, but in celebration of his life! Jess was a wonderful man and will be missed. I have lots of fond memories of our families spending time together, especially at Christmas and 4th of July at the old farmhouse.

Love,

Tonya Watkins##imported-begin##Tonya Watkins##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:46 PM



“ Betty, Jana and Trey. It is with great sadness to receive word of Jess passing. He was a gentle man and a good farmer. He will be greatly missed. My Prayers are with you and your family. There is a saying that goes like this--They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them. A day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Donot value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life.##imported-begin##Harold Bradley##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:16 PM



“ Betty, Jana and Trey,
I am very sorry about Jess's passing. He was a good man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Steve Watkins##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 11:34 AM