



Dr. Mike James

September 24, 1946 - October 9, 2021

Dr. Mike James, 75, of Searcy, Ark., died Saturday, October 9, 2021. Mike was born September 24, 1946, in his hometown of Kennett, Mo. Mike was a retired Distinguished Professor of Communication at Harding University and an elder at the College Church of Christ in Searcy.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Ransom and Lona Mae James, and a grandson, Jesse James. Mike is survived by his wife, Beth and children, Jennifer Green (Aaron) of North Richland Hills, Jeremy James (Jennifer) of Searcy, Jessica Collins (Cliff) of Searcy, and Jonathan James (Jenna) of Tulsa. Mike is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Grace, Susannah and Parker Green of North Richland Hills, Jonas James and Ella Kate and Cora Collins of Searcy, and Jasper, Jethro, and Josiah James of Tulsa.

Mike graduated from Harding College in 1973. In 1984, Mike received the MSMC degree from Arkansas State University, and he received his PhD from Florida State University in 1992.

Before his retirement, Mike was a professor at Harding University for 47 years and served as campus photographer, chairman of the Department of Communication, Dean of the College of Communication, and Dean of the Honors College. From August 2010 through December 2015, Mike and Beth were resident directors at the Harding University Greece program where they

helped establish a new church facility in Elleniko. In 2007 Mike held the title of Distinguished Professor of Communication at Harding University.

Mike leaves behind a strong legacy in higher education and a life spent in service to God and others.

Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at Oak Grove cemetery in Searcy, followed by a 3:00 p.m. service at the College Church of Christ in Searcy.

Memorials may be made to the Mike and Beth James Scholarship Fund at Harding University, Box 12238, Searcy, AR. 72149. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Burial

OCT **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Cemetery
Moore St.
Searcy, AR 72143

Celebration of Life

OCT **16.** 3:00 PM (CT)

College Church Of Christ
712 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143-4421
(501) 268-7156

Tribute Wall

KC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Keith Cronk - October 15, 2021 at 12:39 PM

VG

“ I went to high school with Mike and we were on the debate team together. He was a witty, smart guy and I had a tremendous crush on him. My condolences to the family.

Wisdom 3:1-3

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,^[L] and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,^[L] and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction,^[L] but they are at peace.

Virginia Baldwin Gilbert - October 15, 2021 at 12:29 PM

LJ

“ Mike was a wonderful teacher and friend. Our hearts go out to Beth and family as we pray for comfort peace.

Fern Pledger

Lisa Pledger Jackson

Lisa Pledger Jackson - October 14, 2021 at 06:53 PM

A1

“ I remember Prof. James as a good teacher and a kind man. Seems like he always had a smile on his face. Sending my sympathy to his family and praying the Lord will comfort you during this difficult time.



A student in the 1980s - October 14, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MH

“ A Christian man who loved God and his fellow man with a passion rarely seen. He is already missed.

Mike Hughes - October 14, 2021 at 08:23 AM

HW

“ Claudette Smith and Hermette Ward would like to offer our condolences to the family. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Hermette Ward - October 13, 2021 at 08:20 PM

JB

“ Loved knowing and going to church and school with Mike. He was a special person in his own right. Kind generous, caring just good all around. Our prayers go out to all his family at this time. Damon and Judy Bush.



Judy Bush - October 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MM

“ I knew Mike while I was growing up in Kennett... He was always a nice guy !! I was proud when I saw what all he accomplished and did in his life... My heart breaks for his family... I haven't seen him since we've been out of school... I'm praying for his wife, children, grandchildren and rest of his family to help them through this difficult time..... Sincerely, Marilyn(Spooner) and Maurice McFadden

Marilyn McFadden - October 13, 2021 at 05:09 PM

HH

Such a beautiful soul. He surely fought the good fight of faith. He extended words of kindness and encouragement to me when I was spiritually low. He put on the whole armor of God and fought on the battle field for the Lord. He endured until the end. Sister in Christ, Helen Jefferson Howard,,

Helen Jefferson Howard - October 14, 2021 at 04:19 PM

SA

Mike was a true credit to Kennett. I have so many wonderful memories of Jesse and Lona Mae while Mike was still a youngster. He served his Church - his Community - and his many friends well and faithfully. Kennett will always be proud of him.

solastrachan@yahoo.com
Mayor of Kennett 1963 - 1971

Sol Astrachan - October 15, 2021 at 05:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Mike James.



October 13, 2021 at 04:43 PM