

Mr. James Paul Burks

January 19, 1937 - December 25, 2015

James Paul Burks, 78, was born at home in the Brachfield community on January 19, 1937. He went to celebrate Jesus' birthday with Him on Friday, December 25, 2015. His final days on earth were spent with us at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. James fought a brief, known battle with cancer, knowing what he faced.

His childhood years were spent attending the Patrick School, helping with the dairy and country store his parents owned. When the school closed, he went on to graduate at Henderson High School, Kilgore College, and Letourneau College. He worked as a machinist at Merritt Tools in Kilgore, and in Houston. Twelve years later he moved back to the Brachfield community, where he began raising Fleckwisch Simmental and Brahman cattle on his farm. He also began remodeling homes and building barns. He was well known in the Henderson area as a song leader at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and assistant leader at Maple Grove Baptist Church in Minden, and at Enterprise Baptist Church in Gary. He faithfully attended Pine Hill Baptist Church as an active member. He was always willing to help a neighbor, friend, or stranger in need. Most of the past few years have been spent enjoying farm living. He dearly loved the Lord, studying in his Bible, never taking for granted the power of prayer.

He leaves behind his devoted, loving wife Katielee Barton Burks of 27 years of marriage; and her family, Marlene Barton, Troy and wife Anna Barton, Larry and Barbara Black and family, Faye Robinson, John and Marianna Overstreet and family; beloved as family, Bobby and Christi Hays and their family, Ben and Jennifer, Travis, Addison, Abigail, Chris and wife Heather, Caleb, and Braydon. Ms. Iris Phipps, Eddie Smith and family, Johnny Kruger, Don Bassett, Barbara St. Clair, James and Brandy Best and family, James Tillison, Johnny and Kathy Tillison, Blan and Wendy Pirtle, John and Cathy Pride and family, just to mention a few.

Surviving him are three daughters and their husbands, Susy and Danny Davis, Diane and Gene Osland, Audrey and Kevin Chambers, all of the Henderson area. Four grandsons and their wives, Brian Davis, Brandon and Stephanie Davis, Scotty and Randi Davis, and

Logan and Ashley Davis; four granddaughters and their husbands, Laura and Neil Foster, Sydnee and Adam Mohkovitz, Jamie and Andrew Riepe, and Cassie Hogan; five great-grandchildren and five sisters and two aunts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Christopher Clyde and Sudie Mae Burks; his mother-in-law, Christine Barton Cook; and wife's family, Raymond and Marie Barton; one brother, and one sister.

Pallbearers are Ben Hays, Chris Hays, Johnny Tillison, James Best, Eddie Smith, Blane Pirtle, and Collin Houston. Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Hays, Jeremy Bozeman, Johnny Kruger, Larry Wallace, David Best, James Tillison, and Keeling family.

Funeral arrangements are set with Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2015 to honor his memory with love, at Ebenezer Cemetery on Texas Hwy 557 in Pittsburg, Texas. Music will be provided by Carol and David Best, also Tipps Trio. Bro. Toby Tipps and Bro. Bill Riley will honor his service. No visitation is scheduled.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordadcrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Cemetery

FM 557
Ebenezer, TX 75686

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Ebenezer, TX 75686

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Regina lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks



Regina - January 22, 2016 at 04:41 PM

GO

“ Gloria Olague lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks



Gloria Olague - December 29, 2015 at 10:07 AM

DK

“ Debbie Kline lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks



Debbie Kline - December 28, 2015 at 11:23 PM

DK

So sorry for your loss. I will miss him coming into TSC. Will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

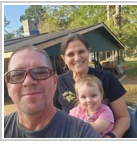
Debbie Kline - December 28, 2015 at 11:26 PM

TB

“ Toni Cord Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks



Toni Cord Barton - December 28, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ Our hearts are sad to have lost James Paul, but we rejoice knowing he is well with the Lord. Our thought and prayers for peace are with you Katielee & family.



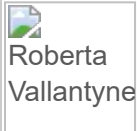
Heidi N Pahlman - December 28, 2015 at 02:25 PM

BP

“ Blan & Wendy Pirtle lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks



Blan & Wendy Pirtle - December 28, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ Katie Lee and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.



Roberta Vallantyne - December 27, 2015 at 05:48 PM

SC

“ Sarah Mullins C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. James Paul Burks.



Sarah Mullins C. - December 27, 2015 at 04:49 PM

JB

“ We have been in prayer for you . We also will be in prayer for you all Tuesday. I always remember his hard work ethic as a child.
Love, Jimmy Burks Sr.

judy brooks - December 27, 2015 at 02:32 PM

BH

“ *Bobby & Christi Hays lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Burks*



Bobby & Christi Hays - December 27, 2015 at 01:10 PM