

## Mr. James Chitwood

September 23, 1933 - January 24, 2024

Funeral services for Mr. James Chitwood, 90, of Minden, will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Minden Baptist Church with Dr. Matt Pitts and Rev. Gary Newman officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM on Monday, January 29, at the funeral home.

Mr. Chitwood passed from this life on January 24, 2024, in Victoria, Texas. He was born September 23, 1933, in Denison and has lived in Minden since 1968. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1953 and went on to serve his country in the United States Navy on a submarine. James had a long career as a machinist and worked for Hughes Tool in Houston, LeTourneau, General Electric and Trane. He also enjoyed working on the ranch and tending to his cows with his father-in-law, Herbert Ceal.

James had a terrific sense of humor and loved to have fun. He also loved to be outdoors, enjoyed the companionship of his pets, and was a huge history buff. Mr. Chitwood was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Master Mason and was a member of Pine Hill Lodge #95 AF & AM. James loved and adored his grandchildren; family was of great importance to him. He previously served on the Maple Grove Cemetery Board and has been a long-time, active member

of Minden Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Evelyn, sister Floy Lidiak, father and mother-in-law Herbert and Arnell Ceal, and his brother-in-law Jim “Jr” Miller.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Margie Chitwood of Minden; daughters, Janice Simpler and husband Edward Lynn of Temple, and Jamie Biles and husband Stephen of Victoria; grandchildren, Jacob Cook, James Cook, Benjamin Biles and wife Beck, Grant Biles, and Lauren Biles; sisters-in-law, Kathy Miller, and Clydie Flores and husband Eddie; brother-in-law, Ted Lidiak; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Benjamin Biles, Grant Biles, Wes Flores, Wayne Flores, David Miller, Jim Miller, and Bill Hall. Honorary pallbearers will be Jacob Cook and James Cook.

In Lieu of flowers Donations may be made to Minden Baptist Church at P.O. BOX 665, Mt. Enterprise, Texas 75681 or Hospice of South Texas at <https://hospice-vic.org/donate/>

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

CR-3141D  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

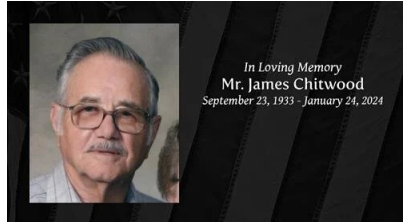
JAN **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Minden Baptist Church  
CR 3137 D  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Chitwood*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - January 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM

SH

“ *Sara Hancock lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Sara Hancock** - February 13, 2024 at 10:42 AM

CC

“ *Chris Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Chris and Liz Buckner Cross** - January 31, 2024 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Margie, family and friends of James,  
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at James’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Manta SS-299 and USS Conger SS-477. To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.  
Margie and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).  
Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,  
National Chaplain, USSVI.  
[www.jimsandman.com](http://www.jimsandman.com)

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**Jim Sandman** - January 30, 2024 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ Brenda Carlock lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood



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**Brenda Carlock** - January 30, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RW

“ Ramona White lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood



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**Ramona Brightwell White** - January 29, 2024 at 07:42 PM

HB

“ Dear Sweet Margie and family,

*I'm so sorry to hear of this news. May God be with you today and in the days ahead.  
Praying for you all.*



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**Holli (Green) Bridges** - January 29, 2024 at 04:17 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Clifton lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Brenda Clifton** - January 28, 2024 at 11:07 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - January 28, 2024 at 08:42 PM

SW

“ *Susan Whealdon lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Susan Sparkman Whealdon** - January 28, 2024 at 07:01 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood



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**Gary Wilkerson** - January 28, 2024 at 02:05 PM

CH

“ Margie and Jamie, prayers for you all.

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**Ceil Higginbotham** - January 28, 2024 at 10:11 AM

KC

“ Prayers for Margie and Jamie.

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**Kim Cobb** - January 28, 2024 at 09:03 AM

VH

“ Virginia Hutto lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood



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**Virginia Hutto** - January 28, 2024 at 07:12 AM

SC

“ So sorry, prayers for all of you.



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**Shannon Hieronimus Cook** - January 27, 2024 at 11:16 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Barbara J Jolley** - January 27, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ *Margie, Jamie and family,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cindy Cook Williams** - January 27, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ *Margie and family, I am sorry for your loss.  
Keeping you in my prayers.*



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**Marj Wagner** - January 27, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ *elidia ramirez lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**elidia ramirez** - January 26, 2024 at 11:08 PM

NR

“ *Margie and Jamie, My sincerest sympathy to you in your loss*



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**Nelwyn Richardson** - January 26, 2024 at 09:24 PM

MB

“ *Margaret Brown lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Margaret Green Brown** - January 26, 2024 at 08:52 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Tim & Kathy Storer** - January 26, 2024 at 08:10 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Patricia Akin** - January 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KS

“ *Kay Scoggins lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Kay Scoggins** - January 26, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**Jon Best** - January 26, 2024 at 08:46 AM

AH

“ *amy hacker lit a candle in memory of James Chitwood*



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**amy hacker** - January 25, 2024 at 10:14 PM

SL

“ *Margie and Jamie, I am so sorry to hear About James. Sending prayer and hugs.*



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**Susan Lingle** - January 25, 2024 at 03:41 PM

BD

“ *Sorry for your loss, he was a great person!* ”

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**Bart Dawson** - January 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM