



Robert James Lancaster

January 16, 1920 - October 14, 2008

Funeral services for Mr. Robert James Lancaster, 88 ,of Saint Joseph, LA will be held at First Methodist Church of Saint Joseph on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 10:00 AM with Rev. Ray Owens officiating. Interment will follow at Legion Memorial Cemetery, Newellton, LA. under the direction of Young's Funeral Home in Ferriday

Mr. Lancaster was born January 16, 1920 in Waterproof, LA and passed away Tuesday October 14, 2008 at Madison Parish Hospital . Robert James graduated from La. Tech where he lettered in Baseball. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was a former co- owner of Tensas Motor & Supply Company as well as a farmer. He served 20 years on the St. Joseph Town Council. He also was a Dixie Youth Baseball Coach for many years. He was a Charter Board Member of Tensas Academy. He took pleasure in watching his grandchildren play sports. He was a charter member of the First Methodist Church of Saint Joseph where he served on the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Council.

He was preceded in Death by:

Father-Roderick Claude Lancaster

Mother-Lillie Hudnall Lancaster

2 sisters-Anne Chennault and Martha Seaman

Survivors include:

Wife of 61 years -Edna "Tut" Lancaster of Saint Joseph, La.
Son-Robert Jr. and Judy Lancaster of Abita Springs, La.
Son-Mack and Martha Lancaster of Oak Grove, La.
Daughter-Jennifer and Wyly Gilfoil of Lake Providence, La.
Brother-Doc Lancaster of Saint Joseph, La.
Sister-Mary Higginbotham of Ruston, La.
Sister-Betty Robertson of Ruston, La.
Sister-Mildred Weems of Panama City , Florida
Grandson-Robert James Lancaster, III, and wife Erica and children, Tucker, Tate and Reed of Atlanta, Ga.
Granddaughter-Molly Lancaster Balfour, and husband Kelly and son George of Baton Rouge, La.
Granddaughter-Lillie Carolyn Lancaster of Sun Vally, Idaho
Granddaughter-Tobie Lancaster Southall, and husband Justin and son, Fisher of Zachary, La.
Grandson-Captain John McIntosh Lancaster Jr., of Fort Campbell, Ky.
Grandson-Luke Madden Lancaster of New Orleans, La.
Grandson-James Henry Gilfoil, and wife Mary Kathryn, and daughter Marley of Little Rock, Ark.
Grandson-William Wyly Gilfoil, Jr., and wife Corey and sons Wyles and Bruin of Baton Rouge, La.
Granddaughter-Edna Beth Gilfoil of Nashville, Tenn.
Grandson-Robert Cain Gilfoil of Nashville, Tenn.

The Pallbearers will be his Grandsons-Jim, Tosh and Luke Lancaster, Jim , Wyly and Cain Gilfoil

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of St. Joseph, Tensas Academy or Charity of Choice.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Mrs. Tut, Rob, Mac, and Jennifer:
So many memories...too many to mention, but we will miss a great one. Robert James helped so many of us when we were kids. To be better baseball players and better men. He was such a good example for all of us. We all loved to see him at Mama's birthday party and the few times since. My brother's and I always looked up to him and would like to extend the deepest of sympathy to the family.

Sonny Ratcliff

Clyde \"Sonny\" Ratcliff - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Mrs Tut, Jennifer, and family,

We are so sad about Mr Robert James. We were talking about the fence at Ta, Mr Robert James, Daddy and Mr Calloway all Sitting at that fence during the ballgames. They were a combination weren't they. Their voices carried from one end to another. He is in heaven now with Daddy and they can talk about the good ole days, and farming and stuff like that. You know he takes the special one close to his heart first, I was told. Mrs Tut, we are around the corner from you anytime you need Drew just give us a call and he will be Johnny on the spot.

We Love Ya Ellen

DREW AND ELLEN STOREY AND CHRIS, KIM AND KILEY BAMBURG - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Mack, Martha, and Family*

We were sad to hear of the passing of your Dad. Time marches on, and another member of the Greatest Generation has slipped away from us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark and Jamie

Mark & Jamie Barnett - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Jennifer, Mac and family, I am sorry for your loss and will have you in my prayers.*

Billy Townsend - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I AM VERY SAD TODAY TO HEAR OF MR. ROBERT JAMES PASSING. MS. TUT MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU BOTH ALOT OVER THE YEARS, YOU ALL WERE SO GOOD TO ME AND STEPHEN AND MY FAMILY. I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE FACT THAT YOU BOTH WERE IN MY LIFE. GOD BLESS YOU AT THIS TIME OF SORROW. YOUR FAMILY, ALL OF THEM, ARE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE, THANKS FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THAT SO MANY YEARS AGO.*

LYNETTE BARESWILL NOW USED TO BE LYNETTE CARTER (STEPHEN)

Lynette Bareswill - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Tut and family,
please accept our prayers and sympathy on the loss of Mr. Robert.
He and Tut were so generous to us during our time at Tensas
Academy. I remember when I introduced myself to Mr. Lancaster at
a TA football game....I said "Hi, I'm Spike Spangler" and he smiled
and said "I know who you are and welcome to TA"
May God bless all of you at this time of grief and loss.
Spike and Dottie Spangler

Ronald "Spike" Spangler - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Jennifer, Mack and family:
I am so sorry to hear about your father's death. All of you are in our
prayers and thoughts. Your Dad was one of the last great Southern
Gentlemen left in this area and he will be greatly missed. But his
legacy continues in his children, grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.
Love, Susan

Susan Howard Holloway - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sorry for your loss. Your Family is in our prayers.

Jerry & Johnniece Waters, Oak Grove, La. - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Mrs. Tut Lancaster and family

I am sorry to hear about your husband. I know if mom and dad were alive they would want me to send this. Mom thought so much of you. Dad died Oct. 5, so I know how it is to lose a loved one.

*Sincerely,
Candy*

Candy Daggett Young Ford - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Robert James was a wonderful person and he always thought the best of everyone. He was a true gentleman. Tut my thoughts are with you. I have missed seeing you. Rob, Mac, and Jennifer , you have some of the greatest parents in the world. I wish I could come to the service but I will not be able to make it. My prayers will be with you.*

Danny James

Danny James - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Mrs. Tut and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the recent loss of Mr. Robert James. Mr. Lancaster was a true Southern Gentleman and well thought of for his contributions to the Tensas community. I have many fond memories of Mr. Robert James. One was playing ball for Coach Lancaster (my favorite coach) and the St. Joe Blue Sox team many years ago. My first skiing experience was at the Lancaster camp on Lake Bruin with Mrs. Tut and Mr. Robert James. My family always had wonderful comments about the Lancaster's!
He will be missed by many!!
Ellis*

ELLIS FOWLER - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM