



## James Nelson Cunningham

September 14, 1931 - December 19, 2005

James Cunningham passed away on December 19, 2005 at the age of 74. He was born on September 14, 1931 to Elmer and Susie Cunningham in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He graduated from Lindsay High school and attended Oklahoma A & M. James had been a life long resident of Lindsay and had recently relocated to Oklahoma City. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He was the former owner and operator of the Ben Franklin store. James was very involved in the City of Lindsay, he served on the City Council, and he was the Mayor of Lindsay, a member of the Lindsay Municipal Hospital Board and was involved in the economic development of Lindsay and was active with the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He enjoyed boating and spending time with his grandchildren at Lake Texoma. He also enjoyed attending his grandson, Matthew's basketball and baseball games and visiting his grandsons Thomas, in New York and Tristan, in Idaho. James was well known for his quick wit and loved to tease and play pranks.

He is preceded in death by his wife Dorylea Barefoot Cunningham and his parents.

James is survived by his son, John Alan Cunningham and wife Dani of Sand Point, Idaho, his two daughters; Sally Ann Manning of Ithaca, New York and husband Rick, Karen Cunningham Horton and husband Dewayne of

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is also survived by one brother, Jack Cunningham and wife Mildred of Odessa, Texas, three grandchildren; Matthew Ryan Horton, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Thomas Conor Manning, of Ithaca, New York, and Tristan Jonathan Cunningham, of Sand Point, Idaho.

Services for James will be on Friday, December 23, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Public visitation will be at the B. G. Boydston Funeral Home on Thursday, December 22, 2005 and Friday morning December 23, 2005. Interment will be at the Greenhill Cemetery, Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the Cunningham family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ I'm sorry I can't say that I've known James for years unlike my husband Mark. But I can say in the short time I knew him I felt honored, he was always up to something.. pulling pranks on Mark and I, we always looked to see if his big white truck was in front of the house to see if Cunningham was down at the lake. we will miss him deeply, Bless you and your family in your time of sorrow.

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**Angela Hurt** - December 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ John - We're very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. We would like to be at the funeral but I had surgery yesterday and am unable to travel yet. Give me a call at 918-636-8117 or email me when you get a chance. [gc dew@cox.net](mailto:gc dew@cox.net)

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**Gary Dew and Family** - December 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I didn't know your dad all that well, just ran into him a lot when he was looking after our dear old susie he was always pleasant and kind.

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**pam wilkins** - December 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ I grew up with James and Jack Cunningham in Lindsay. I was also born and reared in Lindsay in the depression era. <br><br>God bless his family.

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**Will Creagle** - December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear John, Karen and Sally: <br><br>I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could have been there with you during this time. <br><br>I'll keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.<br><br>

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**Brent Boydston** - December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ James' family... I've known James for many, many years and had enjoyed spending many hours working on various projects of the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce along with him. I considered James a friend and was a man I was fortunate enough to know. He will be missed by all that knew him.

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**Lanny Smith** - December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Sally, John, and Karen... I am saddened to hear about your dad. I had the pleasure of getting to know him after your mother passed away. I can tell you that he loved his family. He spoke proudly of all of you and your accomplishments in life. James was a true friend that would do anything to help someone in need. It's my hope that Doy is asking him what took you so long to get here? right now. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless you all!

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**Glen Fox** - December 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM