



## Josiah James Harrison III

October 27, 1914 - July 23, 2010

Josiah James Harrison III was born on October 27, 1914 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Josiah James Harrison and Clara E. (Hart) Harrison. He departed this life on July 23, 2010 at his home in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

James served his country during World War II as a Battery Commander in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. He served primarily in the Pacific Theater. James moved back to Oklahoma from California in 1960. James married Mary Priscilla Williamson on July 24, 1962. James was the Executive Vice President of Harrison Gypsum Company and Manager of P.R. Williamson Department Store with his wife, Mary. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma where he served as treasurer, taught Sunday School and led the youth group. Mr. Harrison served on the City Council of Lindsay from 1975 to 1989, and he served as Mayor of Lindsay for three years. James was devoted to his wife Mary. His favorite activities included working in the store, traveling around the world and helping young students.

Mr. Harrison is survived by: his son Timothy Harrison; one brother C.W. "Bill" Harrison, Sr. and wife Claudean; and six nephews and their families. They include Russ Harrison and wife Natalie Shirley, Zi, Charlotte and Chase; Robert Harrison and wife Pam, Tyler and Anna; David Harrison and wife Jan, Hannah, Emily, Autumn and Tabitha; John Harrison and wife Stephanie,

Josiah, Elijah, Sarah and Mariah; John Hurley; Tom Hurley and wife April and their son Eric.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his wife Mary Priscilla Harrison on June 24, 2008.

Funeral services for Mr. Harrison are set for ten o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma with The Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

WP

“ I worked for James and Mary at the store in the late 70s. They were wonderful mentors and I learned a lot about serving others from them. I can remember when one of the school organizations came by selling baked goods for a fundraiser. James bought a cake for 50\$ and then turned around and gave the cake back to them to sell again.

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**Warren Payne** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ It was an honor to serve James and Mary for many years. James was concerned for his town, his church, and the students of Lindsay schools. He never had a bad word about anyone. He will be missed.  
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**Roy W. Chandler and the members of Peters & Chandl** - July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ James was my Sunday School teacher when I moved to Lindsay in 1961. He was a positive influence in my life and will always be remembered as a stable leader of the community.

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**Ross Murphy** - July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our town was so fortunate to have leaders like James and Mary. Thank you to ALL the Harrisons for A job well done.

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**Lindsay C of C** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ James was one of the kindest, most honest, and most generous persons I have known. He was a true gentleman. I enjoyed working with him when he was on the city council and served as Mayor. He loved Lindsay Oklahoma and always strived for progress and improvements to his hometown. He will be missed!!

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**Linda Newby** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ James was a very pleasant person, and a very nice man.

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**Judy Williams (Summers)** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I served as a care giver for Mary and James for long time. They were wonderful people.

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**Mary Sue Staley** - July 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were our sponsors when I was in high school on a trip to Turner Falls. I remember how kind and pleasant they were to us silly teenagers

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**Jane Chouteau Campbell** - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I would second what Hank has said. James taught a high school Sunday School Class with the patience of Job. He treated each student as a very special person. His support of the Lindsay Schools showed his and Mary's belief in the future generations.

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**Neosha Mackey** - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *James was a significant positive influence on my life. His patience with me and others was extraordinary. He was one of the finest men I have ever known. My life has been better because of his influence.*

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**Hank Ryan** - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM