



## Rev. James Lloyd Speer

April 1, 1944 - November 3, 2022

Memorial services for Rev. James Speer, 78, of Carthage, Texas will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. A reception will follow in the Family Center of First Baptist Church.

Rev. James Lloyd Speer was born on Saturday, April 1, 1944, in Ada, Oklahoma. He passed this life peacefully on Thursday morning, November 3, 2022, at his Carthage, Texas home. James was one of nine children born to the marriage of William Robert and Hazel Florence Hunter Speer.

He was raised in Oklahoma and graduated high school in Potosi, Missouri with the class of 1962. He received his Associates and Arts from Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. James married his love Barbara Kay Miller, on Saturday, March 27, 1965, and they celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Rev. Speer held ministerial positions in youth, music, and pastorate in many churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas. He served as the Executive Director of the Daniels Springs Encampment in Gary, Texas for 36 years. He was a devoted member of the Carthage First Baptist Church where he sang in the Churchman Quartet, served in the AWANA Program for over 30 years and taught the Adult 3 Sunday School class for 40 years. James ended his career working for CISD as the OCS Program Director, again serving the youth of our community.

James showed his love of Lord, family, and community in all that he did, he

modeled it for us, but most of all, thank you for all the laughing and good times we shared in your presence, you will be missed. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Joyce Fagala; brothers, Paul and John Speer.

Rev. Speer is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Speer of Carthage; daughters, Kim Speer Turner and husband Paul of Carthage, and Tammy Speer Ramm and husband Robert of Arlington; brothers, Don Speer and wife Carolyn of Rogers, Arkansas, Charles Speer and wife Linda of Little Rock, Arkansas, David Speer and wife Angela of Conway, Arkansas, Ben Speer and wife Melissa of Olive Branch, Mississippi; sister, Mary Ceren and husband Dale of Spring; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Speer of Coffeyville, Kansas, and Jan Speer of Rison, Arkansas; grandchildren, Cameron Speer of Denver, Colorado, Victor Turner of Carthage, Alex Ramm and Emily of Washington, and Maddie Ramm and fiancé Alex Cole of Washington; great granddaughter, Aspen Eloise Ramm and special friend, Rose Nguyen; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made Daniels Springs Encampment or the GIMP fund at First Baptist Church of Carthage.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. James Lloyd Speer



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 08, 2022 at 03:47 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry that I just now found this sad news about Bro. Speer. I was more than proud to know Bro. Speer. He knew the Lord and wanted everyone to share that joy. I taught his granddaughter, Cameron, and loved she and all of the family. He served the Lord and am honored to have known him. Prayers for his family. 🙏🙏



Brad & Becky Blair - January 28, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ James was my cousin by marriage and I got to spend some time with him and Barbara when they were newlyweds and lived in McGee AR. James liked to joke but had such a dry sense of humor. He loved to joke around. He also loved the Lord and served Him well as a minister and at the Camp he and Barbara directed. He will be sorely missed.

Martha Holmes - November 09, 2022 at 09:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. James Lloyd Speer.*



November 08, 2022 at 06:55 PM



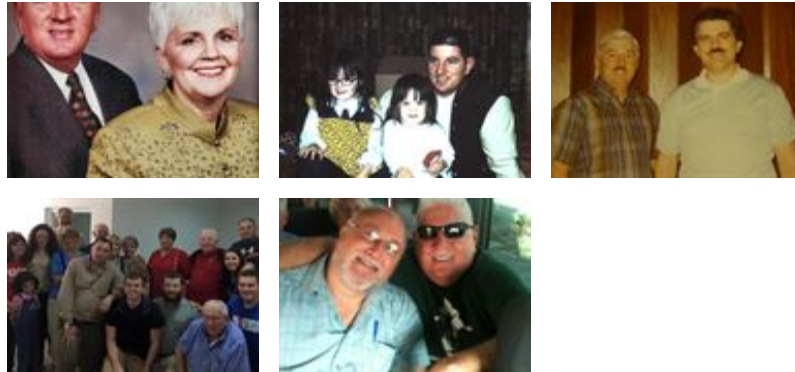
“ *Westlake Longview Corporation purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Rev. James Lloyd Speer.*



**Westlake Longview Corporation** - November 08, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - November 08, 2022 at 11:28 AM

NP

“ *Norma Sue Prewitt lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. James Lloyd Speer*



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**Norma Sue Prewitt** - November 07, 2022 at 08:23 PM

NP

*I didn't personally know Brother James Speer but will be praying for the  
entire family during this time.*

*Norma Sue Prewitt, mother of Jason Prewitt*

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**Norma Sue Prewitt** - November 07, 2022 at 08:25 PM

RN

“ Bro. James liked corns, cherries pie at Whataburger, corn dog at Sonic, loved the Bull-dog high school football here in Carthage. Bro. James doesn't like healthy foods like vegetables only burgers and fried fish. I remembered when Bro. James and Barbara offered to pick me up at DFW when I first came to America in 2017, I thought they were about to kidnap me because the road seemed to take forever to get to their home in Carthage. When we passed by the Shopping mall in Dallas area, the pointed it to me and said: that is where the devil lives!

I love Bro. James and so very thankful to him. He is a great example of a Christian life that I am so glad to know closely. He loved people selflessly and served the Lord faithfully. He was a hard laborer in Christ and a great citizen of his beloved country. Barbara said, before he passed away, he was so worried about the voting. Even though he couldn't personally go to the courthouse to turn his vote, he asked Barbara to help him. Bro. James voted! He did just find as a citizen of America. In every role he played, he played it not just right but fine!

He will be forever in my heart! I praise God for his life! He is a faithful servant.

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**Rose Ng** - November 06, 2022 at 10:49 PM

KM

“ What a wonderful man of God Bro. Speer was! God gave him perfect healing last Thursday. He was an inspiration to so many people. I can not begin to say what an influence he had on my life. May God wrap his arms around Barbara, Kim, and Tammy.

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**Kay Mauritzen** - November 06, 2022 at 06:46 PM

Connie Denton

“ *Connie Denton lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Lloyd Speer*



Connie Denton - November 06, 2022 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ *Rev. Speer was one of God's disciples and I admired him for his Christian influence on many lives. He and his beautiful, gracious wife were a loving, caring, friendly pair. I taught his granddaughter, Cameron, in 2nd grade and she was a delightful student. Rev. Speer will be missed by many. Our fervent prayers are lifting up his precious family and our Heavenly Father has welcomed him with opened arms. Love, Becky Blair 🙏*



Becky Blair - November 05, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SI

“ *Praying comfort and peace for James' family. His Christian leadership will be missed. Don and Shirley Ingram*

Shirley Ingram - November 05, 2022 at 08:39 AM

BB

“ *Becky Blair lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Lloyd Speer*



Becky Blair - November 05, 2022 at 08:19 AM

PH

*We know he is celebrating but we will miss him. We have such great memories of fun times!! Love and hugs to Barbara, Kim and Tammy.*

**phylis hoffmann** - November 05, 2022 at 09:21 PM

VH

*“ I loved having both of you at our church in Springhill!! Blessed and fun times working for the Lord! Vicky Willis Haygood*

**Vicky Willis Haygood** - November 05, 2022 at 07:04 AM

GC

*“ James was a wonderful man that spent his life spreading the gospel and making other people feel good about themselves! Always a joy to be around and his smile was contagious! Prayers for All his family!*

**grady cashion** - November 04, 2022 at 07:46 PM

JR

*“ I will miss James! He was the one person in the whole world who always greeted me with "Hey, Cuz!" (We are distantly related). Just an all-around great guy who loved God and loved people. We will miss him, but he's good!! He's very, very good.*

**Jerene Reddin** - November 04, 2022 at 07:25 PM

RT

*“ I have so many wonderful memories of GMA camp. Rest well, Bro. James. Yours was a life well lived. Thank you for investing in us.*

**Rhonda Smith Tilly** - November 04, 2022 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Beasley lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Lloyd Speer*



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**Brenda Beasley** - November 04, 2022 at 06:09 PM

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“ *James touched my life and anyone he knew. He was a faithful man of God. We will all miss his presence. I send love to Barbara and all of the family.*

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**Brenda Beasley** - November 04, 2022 at 06:09 PM

SM

“ *My BIL James Speer and my sisterbeing married only a year or so the best I can remember, took on the choir of letting me live with them my senior year in hih school so I could graduate in McGehee Ark.!!! Take my word that was no easy choir for them BUT James handled it as good as anybody could and taught me a lot about growing up!!*

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**Sam Wayne Miller** - November 04, 2022 at 05:30 PM