



Dr. James L. Gaddy

August 16, 1932 - January 29, 2019

Dr. James L. Gaddy, 86, of Fayetteville, AR passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in Fayetteville. He was born August 16, 1932 in Panama City, FL to Leoma Ithama Gaddy and Mary Elizabeth (Edwards) Gaddy.

Dr. Gaddy was a Professor Emeritus in the Chemical Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas. Prior to his academic career he worked for Ethyl Corporation and Arkla Chemical Corporation. He began his academic career at the University of Missouri-Rolla before joining the University of Arkansas in 1980 as professor and department head of chemical engineering. He was appointed Emeritus Distinguished Professor of chemical engineering in 1989. After academia he founded Bioengineering Resources, Inc., a business dedicated to the bioconversion of biomass and gaseous substrates to fuels and chemicals. He continued his professional and philanthropic pursuits in the area of waste to energy conversion until his passing.

Jim was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His life was hallmarked by a keen penchant for traveling the world, adventuring with his family, fishing, desserts, and most importantly pursuing Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and beloved wife of 57 years, Betty M. Gaddy.

He is survived by his son, James C. Gaddy and wife Julie of Fayetteville AR, his daughter, Teresa Adams and husband Steve of Fayetteville AR, eight grandchildren: Stuart, Will, and Annie Gaddy, Matthew Adams and wife Amy, Emily Wrotny and husband Gary, Margaret Burge and husband Brett, Carolyn Shields and husband Patrick, Scott Adams, and four great-grandchildren: Kate, Maddie, and Hays Adams, and Ada James Wrotny.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Fellowship Bible Church, 3447 North Hwy 112 in Fayetteville with a funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM with Pastor Jim Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to New Heights Church Benevolence Fund P.O. Box 8668 Fayetteville, AR 72701.

To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission

Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Fellowship Bible

3447 North Hwy 112, Fayetteville, AR, US

FEB **Funeral service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ We were very saddened to hear of your father's passing. How blessed you are to know that he is with your mother now, in Heaven. The last time we ran into him we were at The Cove in Asheville! It was fun to chat with him several times during that time.

May God give you great comfort and peace. Lowell and JoAn Holdorf

Joan Holdorf - February 04 at 03:13 PM



“ Dr Gaddy was not only my PhD advisor, but he was a lifelong mentor and friend. Jim Gaddy taught me Leadership skills I still use today and try to pass along to others, especially those that look to me for leadership. As a first year PhD student I asked why we didn't have weekly meeting, like several other groups. Jim told me we would have a meeting when we needed one, but weekly meeting just forced us to make up presentations. I look back at the hundreds of meetings I have sit in where we reviewed 10 slides that basically said – no progress. Dr. Gaddy also told me always forgive everyone, but never forget so it does not happen a second time.

I still remember getting my PhD, after getting hooded I am congratulated by Dr. Gaddy and the Governor of Arkansas – Bill Clinton. I am one of the few that got a PhD awarded by a US President.

After leaving Arkansas I have a 2-year work assignment in Germany. Sharon & I (along with a 5 & 1 year old) take a vacation to Salzburg Austria. I am walking Kelly (1-year old) along the city just keeping her entertained and who do I run into – Jim & Betty Gaddy. What a wonderful surprise.

Kevin S. Todd

kevin todd - February 02 at 10:51 AM



“ Kevin & Sharon Todd purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



Kevin & Sharon Todd - February 02 at 10:49 AM



“ Robert and I have loved Jim and Betty for so many years, and the sweet memories flowed through us all week. When we started Fellowship Bible in Rogers years ago, they drove here to worship with us. It was such a blessing to have them share in developing our congregation from its infancy. They had such a pioneer spirit of adventure in what God was doing here. Then that same spirit led to helping New Heights Church in the future years. How God used them to build His kingdom! Through the many years of friendship with them, I have so many memories of love and shared conversations in Christ with many words of wisdom from them. Betty always loved and respected Jim so much...I never remember a cross word said about Jim from her lips. What a model of love and support from them both to us as a younger couple. We will always be grateful for those years of friendship and support from Jim and Betty. Looking forward to seeing them again in our heavenly home. What a sweet reunion. Can you imagine e the questions she has already asked the saints, let alone her Savior.

carolyn cupp - February 02 at 10:40 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Gaddy when he made a charitable contribution of a significant portion of the biomass technology that he developed. Not only was he a brilliant scientist, but he was a true gentleman, always patient, kind and generous, even when dealing with international businesses who wanted to use the biomass technology that he developed. There was never a doubt in my mind that he did not desire fame or fortune for himself. He gave credit to God for everything that he was able to create and accomplish, and desired that a vast portion of the economic gain from his biomass technology would go to, and be used by, God's Kingdom. I am privileged and blessed to have known and worked with him.

Ted Day, Jr.
Associate General Counsel
The National Christian Foundation

Theodore Day, Jr - February 01 at 08:11 PM



“ Serene Green Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 05:50 PM



“ Crandall, Carol, Danny, & Signature Bank family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



Crandall, Carol, Danny, & Signature Bank family - February 01 at 03:39 PM



“ Jim & Betty were both miraculous and blessed friends. Their warmth and caring for all around them was palpable at first meeting.

it was our good fortune to work and learn from them both - this thoughtful nurturing changed the trajectory of our lives.

We send our love and prayers to the family at this sorrowful time and know that the wonderful and warm memories of fishing, traveling, laughing about Jim being 'first chair' in his middle school 'B' band and many other evidences of his humor, intellect and caring will be a comfort at this difficult time.

Love and prayers -

Ray & Denene Crabbs

Ray Crabbs - February 01 at 03:18 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 01:18 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 11:43 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 11:11 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 09:56 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



February 01 at 09:41 AM



“ Dr. Gaddy was a great scientist, a man of Principle and dedicated to his God. I sincerely regret that I cannot be there for the service. He will be missed.

Jim Stewart

jim stewart - February 01 at 12:12 AM



“ Dr. Gaddy was truly a giant amongst men, and elevated the Chemical Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas forevermore. I came to know him as a man of faith, integrity, drive, and compassion. But mostly as a trusted friend and mentor. I haven't seen him in several years - much to my regret - but I shall miss him forever.

Hop Boyd, Jr.
Lake City, TN
MS ChE, University of Arkansas, 1985

L. H. Boyd, Jr. - January 31 at 10:56 PM



“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Gaddy.



January 31 at 12:17 PM



“ Dr. Gaddy was to me both teacher and mentor, whose wisdom and faith are foundational to who I am today.

The Rev. Cn. Michael R. Gilton
BSCHE, 1986

Michael R Gilton - January 31 at 11:05 AM



“ We thank God for this devoted follower of Jesus who used his gifts of intellect and creativity to invent something tremendously beneficial for a good stewardship of God's creation, and, most importantly, used his profits for the heralding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in many nations. Blessed be his memory! Amen!

Yvonne and Bill Taylor
TaylorGlobalCosult
Austin, Texas

Bill Taylor - January 30 at 08:02 PM



“ I could write a book of memories with Jim and Betty Gaddy, and their family starting many years back. Jim and Betty were/are examples of those who walk through the gates as they are told, well done, good and faithful servant. I will join them soon. Praise God that Donna(Feb 1, 2018) and I had the privilege of living much of life with these good friends. I look forward to the rest of eternity with them.

Terry Lehnhoff - January 30 at 02:39 PM