



## James Suiter

May 2, 1941 - June 15, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of James Allen “Jim” Suiter, who left us peacefully on June 15, 2025, in his hometown of Henryetta at the age of 84. Born on May 2, 1941, to the late Buster and Lorene (Yandle) Suiter, Jim was a lifelong pillar of the Henryetta community.

A proud alumnus of Henryetta High School, the Fighting Hens, Class of 1959, Jim furthered his education, earning a master's degree in education. He dedicated his career to the betterment of young minds, first as the principal of Roosevelt School in Henryetta, and later serving with distinction as the head of the General Education Department at OSU Okmulgee until his retirement.

A devout member of the Nazarene Church, Jim was also an active participant in the Bit's and Spurs Club, sharing his love for community and camaraderie.

Jim was greeted in Heaven by his brother, Bert Suiter; sister, Nancy Suiter; and nephew, John Allen Suiter, who preceded him in death.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Phyllis Suiter, of their family home; his daughter, Shelly Ann Harris and her husband Michael of Tulsa. His step-sons, Michael “Toby” Elam and wife Carol and Mark Elam and wife Shelly ; his cherished grandchildren, Andrew Michael Harris, Madeline Michelle Harris, Matthew Grant Harris, Michael Elam, Brittany Elam, Joshua Elam, and Sarah Padgett; and his treasured great-grandchildren, Lucas Andrew Harris and Shepherd Allen Elam. He will also be fondly remembered by his nieces, Kelly Ann Morrison and Jennifer Wigington; his nephew, Terry Lee Suiter; and his sister, Mary Beltran.

The family invites you to join them in a service celebrating Jim's life at 10:30 am on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. The service will be officiated by Rev. Mark Elam. Arrangements are entrusted to Rogers Funeral Home.

Jim's legacy of kindness, dedication to education, and love for his family will forever be etched in the hearts of those who knew him. We take comfort in knowing he lived a life full of purpose and love.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home  
1302 West Main Street  
Henryetta, OK 74437  
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## Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Suiter*



**Rogers Funeral Home** - June 18, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of James Suiter*



**David Miller** - August 23, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TP

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was my principal at Roosevelt but more importantly such a good friend to my Dad. I’ll always have great memories of Jim. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.*  
*Terry Phillips*

**Terry Phillipd** - June 21, 2025 at 11:08 AM

DA

“ *Dr. Brent Brown Eyecare & Associates purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Suiter.*



**Dr. Brent Brown Eyecare & Associates** - June 19, 2025 at 05:04 PM

DA

“ *Dr. Brent Brown Eyecare & Associates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Suiter.*

**Dr. Brent Brown Eyecare & Associates** - June 19, 2025 at 05:04 PM

BP

“ *Brayden and Sarah Padgett purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James Suiter.*



Brayden and Sarah Padgett - June 18, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ *23 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Rogers Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *16 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Rogers Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BA

“ *Betty & Everett Allen lit a candle in memory of James Suiter*



Betty & Everett Allen - June 17, 2025 at 06:44 AM

PH

“ Our sincere condolences to Phyllis, children and grandchildren of Jim. I've known him from my early adult days as a student at Okmulgee Tech, then later as fellow church member at the Nazarene church. We can't say enough about this gentleman's great character, friendly personality and caring heart. A genuinely great man and friend. Our love & prayers during this time of loss. Pete & Susan Hill

Pete & Susan Hill - June 16, 2025 at 10:53 PM

PE

“ Phillip Evington lit a candle in memory of James Suiter



Phillip Evington - June 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Wigington - June 15, 2025 at 08:33 PM

JW

“ Uncle Jim thank you for always being there for me for bragging on me and being proud of me. Thank you for all your love. You were such an inspiration to me. Your determination to being such a success both personally and professionally. You raised a beautiful caring daughter. You did whatever it took to get your college degree and worked hard all your life. Thank you for our weekly phone calls they always made me smile. Talking about granny, Albert, Nana and mom. Our Sunday dinners at Granny’s house. I love you and am so proud to call you my uncle.



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**Jennifer Wigington** - June 15, 2025 at 08:31 PM