



Jim Lonsdale

December 18, 1938 - February 12, 2022

James Ridley “Jim” Lonsdale was born to Walter Hiram “Slim” and Sylvia (Thironet) Lonsdale on December 18, 1938, in McGregor, CO, and departed this life, surrounded by his family, in Henryetta, OK on February 12, 2022, at the age of 83.

Jim grew up in Colton and Pleasant Valley, OK, graduating from Schuler High School in 1956. He was a member of the Schuler Baptist Church and held many careers over his life. Besides being a jack-of-all-trades, he worked in the pipeline industry taking him across America. He served 4 years as the Okmulgee County election board secretary. However, much of his life was spent working in the newspaper and newspaper printing industry in California, Henryetta, Pryor, Okmulgee, Tecumseh, Checotah, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also found time to serve as a Councilman for the city Henryetta and the treasure for the Henryetta historical society.

After a 23-year courtship, Jim, aka Walter, finally eloped with his Mae, aka Linda Kaye (Meadors) on July 4, 2021, at First Freewill Baptist Church in Henryetta.

He loved to deer hunt and when he was no longer able to go anymore, he could still talk your ear off about it. Jim and Linda loved being out in nature riding the 4-wheelers and shooting. After Jim’s retirement, he enjoyed searching out his family ancestry and sifting through any information he could

find on the history of Colton and Pleasant Valley. He enjoyed talking about the information he dug up to anyone who would listen. Politics and patriotism were important to Jim and not a single person who knew him ever had to guess as to what his viewpoint might be.

Jim joined the Fraternal Brotherhood of Mason in 1966 and is a member of the Eastern Star.

Initiated an Entered Apprentice May 10, 1966

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft June 9, 1966

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason July 17, 1966

Became a Master of the Royal Secret of the 32nd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, November 5th, 1983, In the Valley of McAlester Orient of Oklahoma

All degrees were received in Tulledega Lodge No. 201, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Brother Jim received his 50 Year Service Award on January 13, 2017

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, Wally, Gene, and Benny Lonsdale; a sister, Veda Fronabarger and Daughter, Cheryl LeAnn Lonsdale. Survivors include his wife Linda Lonsdale, of the home, 5 children, Ben Lonsdale and Jeanna Price of Tulsa, OK, Jimmie and wife Heather Lonsdale of Moore, OK, Mike and wife Michelle Lonsdale of Claremore, OK, Mike and wife Stephanie Sains of Shawnee, OK and Tammy and husband Jason Merritt of McKinney, TX. 16 grandchildren: Michael Phillip, Caleb, Brittney, Justin, Shelby, Miranda, Emma, and Michala Lonsdale, Clay and Ashley Sains, Mika and Quentin Wireman, Laura Castillo, Timmy, and Lexi Sains, Megan Merritt, Abbey "His Peanut" Merritt. 2 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter along with nieces, nephews, many friends, and finally yet importantly "Beau Henry" Jim's recliner buddy.

Pallbearers: Benny Lonsdale, Jimmy Lonsdale, Mike Lonsdale, John Lonsdale, Vernon VanMeter, Mike Sains, Clay Sains, and Kelly Hawkins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's name to the Schulter Alumni Association (make checks to the Schulter Alumni Scholarship Association and leave at Rogers Funeral Home or First Federal Credit Union) or the Fraternal Brotherhood of Mason's scholarship fund.

Funeral service will be 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Nazarene Church with Rev. Terry Cosey and Rev. Tim Cole, officiating. Interment will be at the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Family will be receiving friends at the Funeral Home, Tuesday Evening from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home
1302 West Main Street
Henryetta, OK 74437
(918) 650-9090
rogersfh@aol.com
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

Visitation

FEB **15.** 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nazarene Church
718 W. Trudgeon
Henryetta, OK 74437

Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim Lonsdale*



Rogers Funeral Home - February 14, 2022 at 11:33 AM

CG

Uncle Jim was very special to me he was my Rock after my Dad passed & even before, he was always there for me no matter where I was if I needed him in anyway he would always figure out how he could help. Many times he would pick me up at the bus Depot or wherever the bus let you out, I remember one time it let me out on the highway I-75 at the bottom of the hill of the Collette's Gas Station, I believe that's what it was called back then, I couldn't believe they would do that, anyway he would take me to my dads & stay & visit. That was very special to me. He was smoking a cigar one time when he picked me up & I had him put it out, I didn't like cigars, what an Awesome Uncle he was!! I love him alot & he will be dearly missed! RIP Uncle Jim ❤️

Cathy Gunter - February 15, 2022 at 09:29 PM

BP

“ Just found out about Uncle Jim's passing he seemed to be a good guy always kept you laughing I always liked him even when he was mad at me. I am so sorry that it took so long to hear of his passing and heard it from a couple I just met at the Cracker Barrell in Tulsa. My thoughts and prayers to Uncle Jim's family.
Billy R Pack, II and Yanke



Billy Pack - June 13, 2022 at 07:40 PM

PB

“ Uncle Jim was very special to me. He was the only person who ever gave me the nickname PJ and he always called me that. He was more like the big brother I never had. I recall him tickling me so hard when I was young that I'd cry out for him to stop. He liked to torment me a little! Ha! When I was about two years old he used his whole week's paycheck to buy a bikini for me. I still have a photo of myself in that bikini. When I was in college and Uncle Jim worked for the Henryetta Freelance, my photo and a nice write-up would be in the paper for every award I ever received. Uncle Jim was the only relative (except my husband and my kids and their spouses) who was with me when my dad was buried. Uncle Jimbo will always have a special place in my heart. He was truly one of a kind! I loved him very much.



Pam Fronabarger Bookout

Pam Bookout - February 15, 2022 at 05:42 PM



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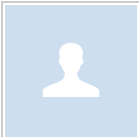
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Rogers Funeral Home - February 15, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Jim Lonsdale*.



February 15, 2022 at 08:47 AM

BA

“ *Linda and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. We always respected Jim---he said when he got on the City Council that he would never vote for an increase in water bills and he stuck by that--knowing that there has always been a large number of retired persons here living on very fixed incomes. We always enjoyed our visits at the post office and we will miss seeing him. We send our sincere sympathy to all of his family.

Betty and Everett Allen

Betty and Everett Allen - February 14, 2022 at 08:18 PM

MK

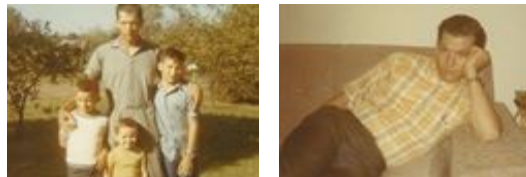
“ *Dear Linda,*

*I was so sad to read of the passing of your husband. I didn't know him but i have known you so I know he must have been a good man. Know my prayers for peace and comfort are being said. I pray for your family too. May God hold you in the pam of his hand.
Melanie Carter Kelsey*

melanie Kelsey - February 14, 2022 at 06:12 PM



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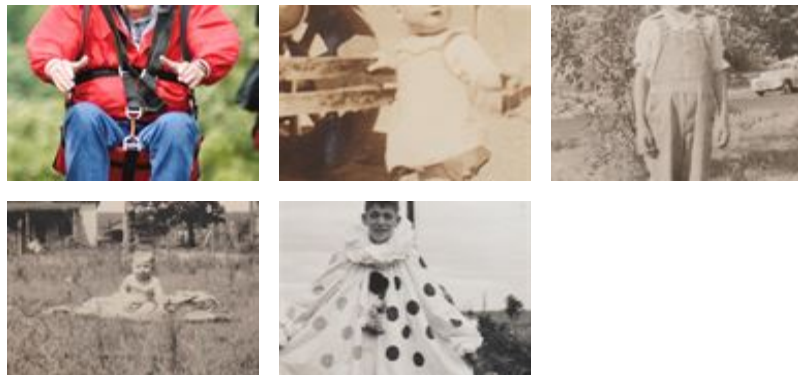
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Rogers Funeral Home - February 14, 2022 at 03:07 PM



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Rogers Funeral Home - February 14, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Bill & Sharon Merritt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Lonsdale.*



Bill & Sharon Merritt - February 14, 2022 at 11:13 AM

LB

“ Lana Bryant lit a candle in memory of Jim Lonsdale



Lana Bryant - February 14, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Lonsdale.



February 13, 2022 at 07:56 PM

MF

“ Mills Family lit a candle in memory of Jim Lonsdale



Mills Family - February 13, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Prayers and love for Linda, Benny and family.

Dolores Malone-Roland - February 13, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Dolores Malone-Roland lit a candle in memory of Jim Lonsdale*



Dolores Malone-Roland - February 13, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Lonsdale.*



February 13, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Jim had an unique personality. I worked with him at the Free Lance when I was in my late teens. He made quite an impression on me - being out in the "real" world for the first time. He would always say hi whenever I would see him. And he will be missed.*



Marlyn Hamon - February 12, 2022 at 12:21 PM



Jim and I met in Pleasant Valley when I was 9 and he was 12. We been friends ever since. I will miss him dearly.

John Gough - February 13, 2022 at 08:02 PM

BU

Jim and I went to school together at Schulter in the 50s and early 60s. More recently, I worked with Jim on the Schulter Alumni. Jim kept our Alumni going and we all miss him very much. He left a plaque at Schulter School for Schulter Veterans lost in previous wars. He was a champion for all veterans. He was also a great historian on Schulter, Coalton and Henryetta, especially the coal mines in the area. My condolences to Linda and the family. RIP Jim, see you later.

Billy Umsted, Schulter Class of 1964

Billy Umsted - January 28, 2023 at 05:46 PM