



## LTC James "Jim" Lawson

May 6, 1929 - December 22, 2019

LTC James (Jim) Lawson, USA, Ret., age 90, entered his heavenly home at 11:30pm Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Summer Meadows in Longview. Visitation will be on Sunday, Dec. 29 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. The Celebration of Life will be Monday, Dec. 30 at 11:00am at Rader Funeral Home.

Jim was born on May 6, 1929 in Chattanooga, Tenn to Ovie Nelson and Carrie Owen Lawson. He grew up on a farm in Ringgold Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia at the age of 20. His first job after graduation was as a county soil conservation officer. He then joined the Army and retired in 1975 after serving in Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Turkey, Korea and many bases throughout the United States. During his service he was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star. He moved to Longview to lead the Junior ROTC at Longview High School. From there he worked for Swepco as a right-a-way agent. He served as Assistant Principal at Ore City Elementary School and ended his teaching career at Hallsville High School.

He loved playing golf and after retirement played often. He volunteered at Good Shepard Hospital for many years and for the Institute for Healthy Living twice a week. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church and served as director of the 40+ Singles Department for many years along with his wife. He also served in the second grade department for 15 years. He served on the 55+ Committee, helped plan monthly meetings and helped set up and serve at those luncheons. He was active in missions and went on many mission trips to Mexico.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother William. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Peggy Rich Lawson, their five children: Jim Jr. (Debbie), Joan Gosen (Richard), Jeffrey (Kathy), John (Theresa) and Duff Wier (Amy), 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider a memorial gift to the Jim and Peggy Lawson Endowment Fund for Elementary Children at the First Baptist Church, 209 East South Street, Longview Tx., 75601.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 05:30PM

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Rader Funeral Home

1617 Judson Rd., Longview, TX, US, 75601

**DEC**   **Chapel Service - Longview**   11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Our hearts and prayers for Peggy and the the family during this time. God has called another Angel home.

Paul & Lisa  
Goettle

**Lisa Goettle** - December 31, 2019 at 07:24 PM

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“ Col. Lawson was a great teacher and wonderful role model.



**Sherry Hudson Yates** - December 30, 2019 at 01:42 PM

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“ Granddaddy you were always so sweet and full of life. You had so much kindness and wisdom in your heart. You will be missed.

**Julia Lawson** - December 29, 2019 at 06:58 PM

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“ Jim was bigger than life itself. He gave his service to his country. He gave his service by volunteering. He gave of himself to his family. He gave his friends a friend indeed. He gave his Lord the credit for all he had. Thanks, Jim, for giving my family your friendship. We are richer for having had you in our life. Love to you, Peggy, and family. Winona

**Winona Williams** - December 29, 2019 at 02:51 PM

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“ Peggy, I am so sorry about your loss. Jim was such a fine man and one who obviously loved you very much. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Friend. My heart is heavy, thinking of you and this great loss. I will continue to pray for you during this most difficult time. Much love, Pat Frase

**Pat Frase** - December 29, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ Col. Lawson taught me that "Military Bearing" was not just a lesson for ROTC and the service, but a lesson for life. RIP, Sir. You will be missed.

**Ross Jackson** - December 29, 2019 at 01:30 AM

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“ Granddaddy you will be missed so much. The best French toast maker in the world and one of the best men I ever had the honor to know and love.

**Nicole Kuiper** - December 26, 2019 at 10:38 AM

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“ When I think of what a man should be, I think of you.

When I think of what an American should be, I think of you.

When I think of how I should be, I think of you. And I always will.

It is an absolute honor to have your name. You've set the bar to it's highest. I will try my best to live up to the life you've lived.

Rest in peace Colonel James C. Lawson Sr., I love you.

**Jimmy Lawson** - December 25, 2019 at 06:50 PM

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“ So sad to get this news. Colonel Lawson was a pillar while I was in high school ROTC 1977. My Condolences to All the Lawson Family.

My Deepest Sympathies,  
Lynn Lewers Walter



LYNN WALTER - December 24, 2019 at 09:49 PM