



## Dr. James Lee Sturrock

October 31, 1933 - August 4, 2022

James Lee Sturrock was born behind the piano in his grandmother's house in Kirbyville, TX on

October 31, 1933, to Jasper Levi Sturrock and Esther Evelyn Roberts Sturrock. He passed

away August 4, 2022, at his home in Longview, TX.

They lived in several central and South Texas towns when he was a baby. When he was 4 years old his mother and father divorced, and he went to Kirbyville to live with his maternal grandmother while his mother went to Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, TX.

He started school when he was five years old and was the smallest kid in school. That same

year he went to live with his mother in Waelder, TX where she was the new Home Economics

teacher. That summer, his mother married Ralph Broome and they moved to Beckville where

she was the new Home Economics teacher. He graduated from Beckville High School in 1950

after playing saxophone for two years and then football for two years.

In the summer of 1950, he went to North Texas State Teachers College and later to Panola

College and Baylor University earning a BA in History and Economics. He was a Junior Draftsman at Thiokol before being drafted into the Army and went to Schweinfurt, Germany.

When he was released from active duty he went to work as an Electrical Draftsman for Texas

Eastman Company in Longview.

While there, he went on a blind date with Shirley Jeanne Branson and shortly after they got

married at First Methodist Church in Longview. They had two children, Jeffrey Sturrock

and

Emalyn Lovitt. Jim and Jeanne were married for 62 years before she preceded him in death.

Jim always wanted to be a Boy Scout when young and was influential in Boy Scouts later in life.

He became the SM of Troop 261 at the 1st Methodist Church in Longview. He served in that

capacity for about four years and then took the older boys and formed Explorer Post 261.

With

those two groups, he led weeklong trips to El Rancho Cima near San Marcos and took canoe

trips to Boundary Waters in Canada and mountain hiking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Later he organized Explorer Post 621 for boys and girls at Texas Eastman where they

worked on photographic projects.

Jim later went to SMU where he earned an MBA and then to Denton at NTSU where he earned

his PhD. He retired from Texas Eastman Co. January 29, 1992, and became an Assistant Professor of Management at East Texas Baptist University where he retired in 2000 as a Professor.

He was a Deacon and later Deacon Emeritus and taught a Sunday School class for 60+ couples for 14 years at Oakland Heights Baptist Church. He and Jeanne were always active in

church activities. He and Jeanne were world travelers later in their marriage and avid genealogy buffs.

In retirement he learned the fine art of taking a nap several times a day and loved to drive around town endlessly. He also loved to visit his farm north of Carthage where he grew pine

trees for market.

He is preceded in death by his wife (Jeanne), his mother, father and stepfather. He is survived

by his children Jeff Sturrock (Kathy), Emalyn Lovitt (Les); his grandchildren Erin McClintick (Robert), Emily Sturrock, Dylan Lovitt, Reezin Lovitt; his great grandchildren Gabby, Charlie and

Clay McClintick and special friends John Davis and Alyssa Pettigrew; his sister-in-law Kay Christiansen and his half siblings Mary, Bill and Peggy.

The family would like to express thanks to Lisa Davis for her care of Jim in the last few years.

The family would also like to give a special heartfelt thanks and love to Monica Davis for

all her

loving care over the years for both Jeanne and Jim.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations in his memory to The Parkinson's Foundation or

Heart's Way Hospice of Longview, TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Harris Chapel Cemetery

FM 959  
Beckville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview  
1617 Judson Road  
Longview, TX 75601

## Chapel Service - Longview

AUG **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Rader Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. James Lee Sturrock



Rader Funeral Home - August 12 at 02:08 PM



“ Rader Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Lee Sturrock



Rader Funeral Home - August 08 at 10:50 AM

ST

*Sincere sympathy and prayers to the family.*

Sue Sanders Thomas - August 12 at 06:12 PM



“ Dr. James Lee Sturrock

August 27 at 09:17 PM

MM

“ I met the Sturrocks at Oakland Heights and later they were around the corner neighbors. He loved to pick at me, especially if he came by and I was out mowing my yard after work at dusk. He never offered to mow for me, but he did purchase headlights to be worn on my cap bill so I could see in the dark!! I loved him and Ms. Jeanne. They are walking the streets of gold together and we who know Christ Jesus will see them again. God's blessings on his family.

Marine Moore - August 18 at 10:40 PM

NR

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of this fine gentleman. And ... for his late wife I did not know had passed also. A wonderful couple. He always had a smile when I passed his path. God Bless all of you.  
Sincerely, Natalie Rabicoff

Natalie Rabicoff - August 17 at 09:56 PM

CI

“ Dear Jeff and all Scouting friends, What a great leader and inspirational gentleman we enjoyed having known and traveled with your father, Dr. Sturrock. I cherish my Philmont trip with you. I hope you find comfort knowing that Dr. Sturrock was appreciated by all Scouts who knew him and you. We share your loss.  
Clint C “Chip” Blackman III

Clint C Blackman III - August 14 at 11:58 AM

LR

“ We are so sad to learn of the passing of Dr. Sturrock. We knew him as he served so many years at OHBC. It was so amazing to watch him care for his wife over many years. Please know, family, that we greatly admired both of your parents even though we never had any close association with them in Sunday School. Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Larry and Sandra Risinger

Larry and Sandra Risinger - August 12 at 11:30 AM

ER

“ I worked with “Doc ‘Roc” at Eastman in the 80’s and early 90’s. Always upbeat and proud of his Celtic heritage. He will be missed.

Eric - August 11 at 04:35 PM

JB

“ I was lucky enough to to meet him through Monica, and take care of his wife a couple of times as well as cut his hair. He had such a vibrant and humorous personality! Will definitely miss his stories! My condolences to the family ❤️

Jacklyn Boyce - August 11 at 09:41 AM

BS

“ We met Mr. Jim after joining Oakland Heights several years ago. What a blessing he was to us and our church family. Our prayers are with his family and all who mourn his home going.  
*Bill and Nancy Slack*

Bill Slack - August 10 at 10:20 PM

LC

“ Very fortunate to have known this wonderful man, mainly through his association with the Longview Lobo Band and his two great kids. My condolences and prayers to Jeff and Emalyn and the rest of Jim’s family and friends.

Lynn Childers - August 10 at 04:36 PM

DE

“ How lucky I was to be a member of Boy Scout Troop 261 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Sturrock and his able Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Smith. These men were wonderful mentors. Our troop was very active. We had trips to White Rock Lake, Lake Greeson, El Rancho Cinco, Philmont, camping trips and midnight hikes on the land near the airport and of course Camp Pirtle. One year we had a grilled chicken and garage sale and financed our trip to the San Antonio Worlds Fair. We got to sleep on the floor of the gymnasium at an Air Force base. What fun. I have fond memories of those days and will always be grateful for the leadership and example these men exhibited.

*There doesn’t appear to be anything left of our cabin or time capsule. I suspect Troop 201.*

*Dennis Parr*

Dennis - August 10 at 01:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.



August 09 at 06:55 PM

BM

“ *Billy Martin lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Lee Sturrock*



**Billy Martin** - August 09 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.*



August 09 at 03:52 PM

SJ

“ *I am proud to have been one of his Eagle Scouts in Troop 261. I started as a Tenderfoot scout and advanced to Eagle under his youth led leadership philosophy. When he formed Explorer Post 261, I was one of about 12 charter members where he continued his youth led program. We did the 50 miler at Philmint Scout Ranch in New Mexico and built sets for the Longview Community Theater among other things. We, unlike other Posts, did not have a specialty. He let us do whatever we wanted to pursue. That included working behind the scenes at the Longview sesqisentennial production.*

*His influence on me goes deep. Because of him I have enjoyed many leadership roles in life and was an assistant Scoutmaster in Houston taking Troop 202 to their summer encampment when my son was working on in his Eagle rank.*

*I don't know how he found all the time to go on camping trips with us, but I am eternally grateful that our lives crossed.*

*Prayers go out to Jeff and Emalyn and their families as they mourn the passing of Jeanne and now Jim. Truly a lovely couple who made a better world for the rest of us.*

**Scitt E Johnson** - August 09 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.*



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August 09 at 01:10 PM



“ *Dr. Sturrock was one of my professors at ETBU. He was an awesome professor and role model. I learned a lot about my future business and life in his class and advice and stories he gave out freely. The World has lost a Great man, and Heaven has gained a lot.*

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**Stephen Duck** - August 08 at 11:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.*



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August 08 at 05:33 PM



“ *From Gary & Gale Price purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.*



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**From Gary & Gale Price** - August 08 at 03:16 PM

SS

“ *My Sincere condolences to the Sturrock Family during this difficult time.*

*Mr. Sturrock, was a Dear friend to our family. He always had a smile on his face when I saw him in Longview. He celebrated by graduation from LeTourneau and what an honor to have him and his bride Jeanie, their with me and my family! He was such a kind hearted Godly Man. He was a Flag Bearer for his Scottish ancestry as I and I loved that about him as he never forgot of where he came. He will be missed by so many people, but those who have a personnel relationship with Jesus will once again see Jimmy and spend eternity with him and his beautiful wife Jeanie in Heaven!*

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**Sam Sinclair** - August 08 at 02:42 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Lee Sturrock.*



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August 08 at 04:35 AM

CT

“ *Mr. Sturrock was my Scoutmaster and Explorer sponsor. I will forever be grateful for the time he spent with us in Scouting. We had lots of fun experiences. A really good person. Am sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Chris Todd** - August 07 at 04:50 PM