



## James Quinton Dunham

October 14, 1948 - May 1, 2025

James Quinton Dunham passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025. James was born on October 14, 1948 in Durant, Oklahoma to parents Quinton and Janice Dunham. A lifelong resident of Durant, James attended Washington Irving Elementary, Durant Junior High, Durant High School, and Southeastern State University. While at Southeastern, James met and married his wife of 56 years, Sharon McVay Dunham.

James began his career in education, as teacher, coach, and principal at Yuba Elementary School for 10 years before moving into the family paint and glass business, The Lee Company, working with his father and eventually taking over the business with partner Billy Jack Roberts. James spent 8 years as Governor George Nigh's appointee to the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, serving as Board President from 1986-90.

James enjoyed many lifelong friendships through fraternal associations Sigma Tau Gamma, Benevolent Protectorate of Elks, Masonic Lodge, and Bedouin Shrine Temple.

James is survived by wife Sharon, daughter Dawn Dunham, son Jim and wife Kathy Dunham, brother Dick and wife Donna Dunham, grandsons Cal and Luke Dunham, sisters-in-law Carolyn McVay Groce, Chele McVay, Leslie McVay, Nancy McVay, Pam and husband Robert Young, and multiple nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents Quinton and Janice Dunham, sister Connie and husband Mike Gilchrist, brothers-in-law Tommy, Donnie, and Mike McVay, and Ike Groce.

Family and friends will host a celebration of James's life on Sunday, May 25 at James's property, "The Barn" at Oak Ridge.

\*\*In lieu of flowers, donations in James's honor may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital [donate.lovetotherescue.org](https://donate.lovetotherescue.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Quinton Dunham.

May 19, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of James Quinton Dunham.



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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.....  
Cole, Kim and Nick Osborn

Kimberly Osborn - May 09, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Sharon, sending prayers of comfort and solace to you and your family.

Pam Peratta Rass - May 09, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Our family is sending our condolences and prayers for the Dunham family, we are sorry for your loss.

Dean Shefchik - May 07, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ We will treasure all the good times and memories we have of James. Our prayers are with Sharon and their children. From the the families of Ed Walker, Sonny and Debby Pershica. To our absent members



Deborah Pershica - May 05, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ God bless you my brother....the days will long without you laughter...but will be shortened by your warm embrace when our day comes!!!

Sean Phelan - May 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM

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“ The Mowles and Nankivil families with all our thoughts and love!!!!!!!!!!!!



Mowles/Nankivil Families - May 05, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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So sorry for your loss you'll are in my thoughts an prayers

Luanne Densmore - May 06, 2025 at 01:43 PM