



## James Robert Richardson

January 14, 1946 - September 22, 2020

James Robert Richardson of Durant, Oklahoma passed away on September 22, 2020 at his home at the age of 74. James was born on January 14, 1946 in Portales, New Mexico to Ace Lawton and Vonnie Brument Richardson.

James graduated from Kemp High School and then enlisted in the United States Army and served his country in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969 until his Honorable Discharge. He later graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He married Mary Lou Metts on October 3, 1970 in Kemp and they were blessed with a son, Kyle. James was a self-employed business owner. He was a faithful member of Fairview Baptist Church in Durant, where he served as a deacon for many years. James enjoyed playing golf, fishing and hunting and he treasured his time spent with family.

James was preceded in death by his parents Ace and Vonnie Richardson; brothers Ernest, Elvis and Sonny Richardson and sister Nina Bounds.

James is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 plus years Mary Richardson of the home; beloved son Kyle Richardson and wife Erin of Durant, OK; treasured grandchildren Rylee Richardson and Ace Richardson; sisters Patricia Garvin and husband Paul of Cartwright, OK, Phyllis Blankenship of Hendrix, OK and Clara Turnbull of Kemp, OK and numerous

nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Fairview Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Ledbetter officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery with David Bullard, David Russell, Stephen Glenn, Joey Gooch, Dennis Bragg and John Wigley serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at Fairview Baptist Church on Friday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/8BYZ934NYDWW9FN4>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

SEP **25.** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1200 W. University Blvd.  
Durant, OK

## Funeral Service

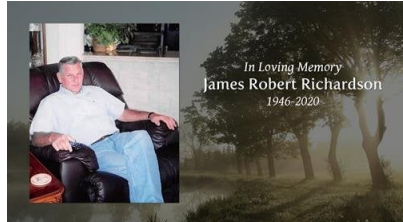
SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1200 W. University Blvd.  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert Richardson*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - September 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM

BH

*Jimmy was a wonderful individual and our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Lou and family. Ron and Brenda Harwood*

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**Brenda Harwood** - September 25, 2020 at 12:45 PM

Joy Metts

*Mary Lou I just saw this.*

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**Joy Metts** - December 18, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *James Robert Richardson*

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January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

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“ I just learned that Jim passed away. For a period of time, I was his platoon leader in Vietnam. Sadly, I never had contact with him afterward. I can tell you that he was a great guy and a terrific leader. I don't know what I would have done without him. I wrote a short book about my experience in Vietnam. Though I didn't name any names because I had no contact with anyone in the platoon over all the years, his picture is on the cover. I'd love to send you a copy if you give me an address. My email is colemanluck@gmail.com.

*The Lord's peace and blessing be upon all of you.*  
*Coleman Luck*

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**Coleman Luck** - November 22, 2020 at 06:47 PM

JW

“ Jim Richardson was my very best and longest friend and buddy. Things are going to be different with him gone but my loss is heaven gain. He always had my back. Stand down soldier, your watch is over, I have your six. Rest in peace brother. I will be along in a little while.

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**John Wigley** - September 28, 2020 at 10:12 PM

“ I met Jim Richardson on December 14, 1968 in Vinh Kim, Vietnam. Jim was the platoon sergeant, I was the platoon medic. Jim, the RTO, and I made up the Command Post (CP) of the platoon. As such, I spent 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with Jim until his tour of duty ended some time in the middle of 1969.

*Jim's leadership qualities were second to none. Jim was so good as a platoon sergeant that we seldom had an officer assigned to our platoon. When we did, I found out later, the young officer was assigned to our platoon to learn as much as they could from Jim. Because of Jim's skills, courage, and ability to function under the most adverse conditions, many young men returned home. I had the option of leaving the platoon after two weeks but elected to stay because of Jim. Later, Jim was offered a battle field promotion but turned it down to stay with the platoon.*

*The last day I saw Jim in Vietnam, he had three days until he was out of combat. Unfortunately, he received a minor wound from a booby trap. I treated his wound. He told me he would stay with the platoon until we reached base camp.*

*As platoon medic, I called in the highest priority "Dust-off" there was. By the time they picked Jim up, transferred him to a hospital, treated his wounds, there was no way he would serve his last three days in combat. Jim told me that with such a minor wound and a high priority "Dust-off" I was going to be in big trouble. My answer was, "What are they going to do, send me to Vietnam"? That is the last I saw Jim until I contacted him in 1985 to renew our friendship and to get his input on a book I was writing about our platoon.*

*I was able to meet Jim and his family at military reunions over the years. Great family. I consider Jim a brother.*

*'We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;  
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother'.*

*Henry V, Act 4, Scene 3*

*My deepest condolences to the Richardson Family and friends. Dan "Doc" Evans, medic. 1st Platoon, Bravo Co., 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Brigade, 9th Infantry Division.*

*Dan Evans  
dogtordan@cs.com  
330-324-7213*

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**Dan Evans** - September 28, 2020 at 05:01 PM

JW

*Dan, Jim and I were inducted together and remained buddy's until the day God called him to glory. We trained side by side for a year and the day he deployed to Vietnam, I deployed to South Korea. We had many conversation about you. He held you in high regard. He wanted me to meet you but were never able to make it happen. I have read your book, really enjoyed it. I shall miss Jim so much but his battles are finally over.*

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**John Wigley** - September 28, 2020 at 10:04 PM

MR

*Thanks John. Jim felt the same about you.*

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**Mary Richardson** - October 02, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 25, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 25, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *The Band of Brothers 4/39th Infantry 9th Inf Div purchased the With Distinction for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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**The Band of Brothers 4/39th Infantry 9th Inf Div** - September 24, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ *Uncle Jimmy you were the best Uncle ever. It is hard to realize that you are no longer hear. I always had fun at the house with you, aunt marylou and Kyle. I love you always ❤️ Arika*

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**arika agee** - September 23, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 23, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ *My best friend and my best buddies in life. Mary, Kyle and family our condolences and our love to you.*

*The John Wigley Family*

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**John Wigley** - September 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 23, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 23, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Richardson.*



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September 23, 2020 at 07:24 PM