



Jimmie Dale O'Steen

August 21, 1934 - January 1, 2013

Jimmie "Dale" O'Steen, retired educator of Durant, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at the age of 78.

He was born in Willis, Oklahoma, on August 21, 1934, to parents Chester Lewis and Carrie Belle (Jackson) O'Steen

Jim grew up in Marshall County, Oklahoma, and graduated from Russett High School. After graduation, Jim worked as a truck driver for Clint Williams. In July, 1954 he entered the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. Jim was awarded the National Service Defense Medal & Good Conduct Medal.

Jim attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. In 1964, he achieved a Master's Degree from the University of Missouri. From 1971-1973 Jim worked on his Doctorate in Computer Science at the University of Oklahoma.

Jim married Karen Maxine Jones, on June 2, 1964, in McAlester, Oklahoma. Following their marriage, Jim was hired by IBM in Huntsville, Alabama to work as a prime team member in the Manned Flight Awareness Program. His engineering team developed an IU component for the Saturn /Apollo Spaceship. In 1967, Jim moved his family to Durant, Oklahoma, and brought with him the knowledge to head the first Computer Science Department at SOSU. He also developed, and installed the program that led to the university's original computerized enrollment. Jim retired from Southeastern in 1995, with 28 years of service.

In his retirement Jim enjoyed spending time with his family and especially

attending his grandkids activities. He liked tending to his garden every summer, yard work and woodworking.

Jim was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Blue Key, Kappa Delta Pi, a volunteer youth baseball and basketball coach, Boy Scout Cub Master and Durant Athletic Club Treasurer. He has been an active member at Northwest Church of Christ for many years serving as coordinator of the Feeders Program. He volunteered for RSVP where he assisted with Meals on Wheels and their blood drives. Jim was an officer for the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association.

Jim is survived by his wife, Karen O'Steen of the home; son Jerry Dale and daughter-in-law Ashley of Shawnee, Oklahoma; son Stephen Wayne and daughter-in-law Barbara of Durant, Oklahoma; son Mark Lee and daughter-in-law Laura of Lino Lakes, Minnesota; 9 grandchildren Tina O'Steen Thorne and husband Jared of Durant, Katy O'Steen of Edmond, Hazel Knudson of Lino Lakes, Minnesota, Shelby O'Steen of Shawnee, Carter Knudson of Lino Lakes, Minnesota, Casey O'Steen of Durant, Connley O'Steen of Shawnee, and twins Ashlyn and Eva O'Steen of Lino Lakes, Minnesota; 1 great granddaughter Kenidee Thorne of Durant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers, 4 sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Services are planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Northwest Church of Christ in Durant, Oklahoma, with burial at Lark Cemetery. John Carrell and Don Gelles will officiate, with congregational singing led by Rudy Manley.

Casket Bearers will be nephews.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Services under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service

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Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jimmie Dale O'Steen*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Jimmie Dale O'Steen*

Jayson Howell Pruitt - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss him greatly.*

Steve' O'Steen - January 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I regret to hear of Jim's passing. I am so blessed to have many great memories of Jim and Karen. We sure had lots of fun at basketball games. And, as I traveled for my job years ago I knew I was always welcome in their home when I was in Durant. I know there will be a void, but am so glad that Jim was such a good Christian man and no doubt enjoying Paradise now. May God grant you all peace and comfort as only He can.*

Angie (Holliman) Cole - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have been praying for him. With LOVE and prayers to all of his family.*

Annie Fairchild - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ DEAREST KAREN AND ALL OF THE O'STEEN FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM'S PASSING. MAY GOD WRAP HIS LOVING ARM'S AROUND YOU AND COMFORT YOU AS ONLY HE CAN. JUST KNOW YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WE WILL GET TO SEE HIM IN HEAVEN AT THAT GREAT REUNION.

LOVE YOU,

KYRON

Kyron Wyatt - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM