



James "JC" Petty

February 8, 1941 - May 14, 2020

James C. (JC) Petty, 79, passed away May 14, 2020 in Rockwall, TX. He was born on February 8, 1941 in Tyler, TX, to Charles F. Petty and Pernie (Steele) Petty. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall and enjoyed the worship and fellowship with the congregation and staff. An Army veteran, JC, served in Korea and multiple tours during the Vietnam war. After his return from the service, he joined the Dallas Police Department; ascending to the rank of Detective. He later joined the Collin County Sheriff's Department before finishing his career in law enforcement with the Rockwall County Sherriff's Department. An avid fisherman, he enjoyed spending time fishing and developed a love for fishing the Green River in Utah. He loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be missed by us all.

JC is survived by his wife Karen Ann Petty of Rockwall, TX; children: Janifer (Steve) Robinson of Burke, VA, James T. (Michele) Petty of Venice, UT, Greg (Tammy) Petty of Sachse, TX, and Kim (Greg) Byrd of Dallas, TX; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Jerry Petty and Michael Petty.

The family would like to express gratitude to the many friends and neighbors for the prayers, food and comfort during this trying time.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00pm on Monday May 18, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall, 610 S. Goliad St. Rockwall, TX, with Pastors Steve Swofford, Chris Florance and Greg Byrd officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in memory of JC Petty at www.scottishriteforchildren.org.

Events

MAY Memorial Service

02:00PM

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First Baptist Church

M. L. Jones Chapel 610 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

Comments



“ JC was a great friend of my dad's and we loved it when Karen & JC came to visit. A genuine, loving, and funny man. We sure will miss him. Sending our love to Karen & the family. Love, Colette Crawford



Colette Crawford - May 27 at 12:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Time with JC



Steve Robinson - May 25 at 10:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Steve Robinson - May 25 at 10:02 PM



“ J.C. and I worked together at the DPD. In later years, in our post DPD days, our paths crossed when he was a sales rep for GT Distributors. He was a good friend and a good brother police. RIP my Brother in Blue and may Godspeed you on this your final Signal 66. John R. Allen, Retired DPD & Retired Alvarado PD



John R. Allen - May 19 at 02:34 PM



“ JC, a man we are blessed to have known in our lives. Karen and family, take heart that he is loved and missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Rob and Elaine Robinson - May 18 at 11:54 AM



“ JC was known as papa in our family. He was the best grandpa. Always called to check-in on us. My family has been so blessed to call you Grandpa. I came from a family less involved in my life. You stepped up and took my family in without hesitation. I will always remember your bear hugs, your sarcasm, and that smile. We miss you, papa.



Chelle Preslar - May 18 at 11:36 AM



“ Karen, I want to extend to you and your family love, prayers, and support, at this difficult time. I have known JC since 1980 and shared a lot of great memories and we will miss all his adored sayings he expressed to all his friends. JC, along with a lot of other officers from around the State, were members in the police rodeo association, and it was fun sharing his thoughts and words of wisdom when we would meet at various locations throughout the State of Texas. When he left DPD, I had the pleasure of working around him at CCSO where I worked with Plano PD and then buying police stuff from him after he left CCSO. I know the Rockwall Sheriff's Office is a better place having him and his experience working there and training the staff under him. His kindness will forever be missed until we meet again and continue to share our memories. So at this time of your loss, you guys will have to cherish the loving memories and remember how much he touched all our lives. May GOD watch over you and yours, now and into the future, understanding we will see JC again in a glorified body without pain and comforted in GOD's presence.

Cathy and Sammy Knapp

sammy knapp - May 18 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time are with you.



Michelle Marie - May 18 at 09:59 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James "JC" Petty.



May 18 at 01:25 AM



“ I am so sorry Karen; you are in my thoughts and prayers!!

vicki jolley - May 17 at 12:50 PM



“ Kelly Laramore lit a candle in memory of James "JC" Petty



Kelly Laramore - May 17 at 10:42 AM



“ A good man. J.C. will be missed.

Ed Schwaneke - May 16 at 10:21 PM



“ Dear Ms. Karen & Family,
We're so very sorry to hear of the passing of JC. I've known Mr. Petty for about 19 yrs. I made a bad decision at one point in my life which landed me at RCSO which turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me. We as Christians know that God has a reason for everything that happens in our lives. Mr. Petty was one of my direct supervisors for 3 yrs. We made many trips to Home Depot, Northern Tools & numerous other places. I'll never forget all of our private conversations together as JC gave me so much great advice. I always looked forward to Monday mornins after the NASCAR race on Sunday. I was a huge Dale Jr fan & JC was a huge Jeff Gordon fan we would always raz each other on how our driver did. JC was such an amazing man & an inspiration to me. I've visited with him numerous times over the last 15 yrs since I was released from RCSO. He always told me how proud he was of me & new that if anyone could do it it would be me. I'm married to the love of my life & we have a beautiful 11 yr old daughter. I'm the Operations Manager for S&W Foundation & have been very successful in my life. Mr. Petty thank you for everything, for all your words of wisdom, for never looking down on me & always believing in me. I love you. I will miss our visits but I know that you're in Heaven now completely healed & no more discomfort. Tell Mr. Holland hi for me. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life". Hebrews 11:1 says "Faith is the evidence of things hoped for yet not seen". I know I will see you again according to the Bible & my faith in my Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Ms. Karen, we're Praying for y'all at this time for God's comfort & peace. May God Bless y'all today & the days to come. In Christ's love Cliff, Kristin & Kylie Witt

Cliff Witt - May 16 at 09:22 PM



“ Karen, Janifer, James, Greg, Kim, and family,
Our heartfelt condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with you as they have been during his illness. We met and were members of Dallas Police Academy Class #118 in 1971 (his badge #3136). We shared the loss of fellow classmate Johnnie T. Hartwell while riding observation before our graduation in November of that year. That was the beginning of many losses throughout the years that brought us closer as brothers in blue. We experienced so much together during our years in law enforcement. We would see and visit one another throughout the years. Always so good to see him and share old stories. Loved his laugh, personality, and storytelling abilities. What a “character” he was and remains in those that knew him. He never met a stranger. A friend to the end. So glad I knew him.

May you be comforted by good memories and times shared. He loved and cared so much for each of you. Our prayer is for God's mercy, grace, and comfort today, and always as you remember and reflect on him. God bless you.

With our love and sympathy,
Gill & Louise Henson
Rockwall, TX

Gill-Louise Henson - May 16 at 07:03 PM



“ I worked @ Rockwall County in Dispatch when JC was a detention officer then transport officer. I learned that he was originally from Winnsboro where my mom and her family grew up. We became fast friends & every time I saw JC (in the last few years) he always gave me a big bear hug & asked how my husband (who also worked with JC @ RCSO) was doing and he truly cared. I loved JC as he was a sweetheart, but told it like it was! A man after my own heart. My husband Mark Yarborough and myself are truly sorry for the family's loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers.

Stacie Mosley - May 16 at 06:41 PM



“ JC was such a great grandpa. We will miss him dearly. He was always concerned about us and loved to come and visit. He called me every day to check in after I had my babies and anytime any of us had anything medical going on. He loved to love on us. We are heartbroken and will miss him always.



Amber Preslar - May 16 at 05:36 PM



“ We love your JC! We have so many wonderful memories of you as a dad and a grandfather. We will miss all of your special sayings. We will forever take care of Karen.

In His Mighty Name,
Greg, Kim, Lottie, and Emma



Kimberley Byrd - May 16 at 04:52 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family. JC was a exceptional nice person, and will be missed by many .

Joanna Copeland Shripshire - May 16 at 04:12 PM



“ Joanna Copeland Shripshire lit a candle in memory of James "JC" Petty



Joanna Copeland Shripshire - May 16 at 04:10 PM



“ RIP JC Classmate and Brother. We had a great career with Dallas PD. I hope your retirement was good for you. Prayers for you and family.

ben caperton - May 16 at 03:23 PM



“ Brother you were pleasure to work with and kind to this rookie. I fondly recall your great sense of humor. God bless the warrior, he was yours and served well.

Captain Jack R Bragg Jr.
Dallas Police Department

Jack R Bragg Jr - May 16 at 02:34 PM

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“ I want to pass along my condolences to the Petty Family. Worked with J.C. at Dallas PD back in the 70's He was a fine man and Officer. I appreciate his Military and L.E. service. RIP sir. Jay Sims #3741, Retired Dallas PD Sr. Cpl.

Jay Sims - May 16 at 02:12 PM



“ So sad to hear of JC's passing. I loved seeing and waving to him every Sunday morning as I passed the church office where he was collecting Sunday School records. So enjoyed getting to know Karen on our choir ministry cruise last year. He will be missed by so many. Prayers for comfort!

Norma Cummings - May 16 at 02:03 PM



“ Kenneth Whisenhunt lit a candle in memory of James "JC" Petty



kenneth Whisenhunt - May 16 at 12:45 PM