



## Dr. James Kilkenney

April 26, 1937 - January 28, 2016

James Vail Kilkenney was born in Portland, Oregon on April 26, 1937 to James Bernard and Marjorie (Schlatter) Kilkenney. He was the brother of Kathleen Kilkenney-Moon, Mickey Damon, Ann Rothe, Pat Kilkenney, Tim Kilkenney, and the late Barney Kilkenney.

In addition to Barbara, his beloved wife of 39 years, he is survived by his five sons—Jamie Kilkenney of Kona, Hawaii; John Kilkenney of Kona, Hawaii; Daniel Kilkenney of Pleasanton, CA; Marty Kilkenney of Davis, CA; and Robert Kilkenney of Tyler and his six daughters—Marta Morando of Santa Barbara, CA; Agnes Kilkenney of Tyler; Alina Shipman of Lindale; Joan Kilkenney of Tyler; Amy Katherine Kilkenney of Tyler; and Joana Ahn of Tyler. He was blessed with twenty-five grandchildren who brought great joy to his heart.

In 1978, after years as a public school teacher, Mr. Kilkenney joined the international mission agency Youth With A Mission, confident that his days in the classroom were over. However, scarcely a year passed when he and Mrs. Kilkenney (also a former teacher) understood that God was directing them back to the classroom. Their call? Establish a Christian school, a school dedicated to building faith by laying God's Word as the foundation of all teaching.

Obedient to God's voice, the Kilkenneys founded Christian Heritage School (CHS) in 1979.

Convinced that God's truth had power—power to transform individuals and nations, Mr. Kilkenney launched Teachers for the Nations, a training school to equip teachers who would serve at CHS and who would start Christian

schools internationally. Christian Heritage School provided the place where these teachers-in-training would gain valuable experience by working with classroom teachers. The school began in 1980—with two students!

Undeterred, Mr. Kilkenny faithfully obeyed God's call and patiently sowed the seeds of His truth. He sowed them again and again. And God gave the increase. More than 400 came from 40 nations. They sat the feet of this master teacher and learned about the fear of the Lord. They witnessed the power of humility and beheld the beauty of mercy. They experienced the love of a father and received the kindness of a friend.

And what of the hundreds who came? They are starting schools, planting churches, strengthening families, discipling children, and training more teachers. The hundreds are reaching thousands, many thousands around the world. All this because Mr. Kilkenny was a humble man who gave himself unreservedly to do the will of God.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, YOU MAY SEND A CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH WITH A MISSION, P.O. BOX 3000, GARDEN VALLEY, TX 75771. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO YWAM AND INCLUDE A SEPARART NOTE ON WHICH YOU DIRECT YOUR GIFT AS FOLLOWS: THE KILKENNY FAMILY AND/OR THE JAMES KILKENNY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Valley Cemetery

17816 CR 442  
Lindale, TX 75771

# Previous Events

## Church Service

JAN 30. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Community Christian Fellowship  
15704 Hwy 110 N  
Lindale, TX 75771

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James Kilkeny*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Dr. James Kilkeny*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Anne, Greg & Tracy. Christopher & Cori Rothe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. James Kilkeny.*



**Anne, Greg & Tracy. Christopher & Cori Rothe** - January 29, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *The Damon's: Mickey, Mary, Laura, Becky and Ken and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dr. James Kilkeny.*



**The Damon's: Mickey, Mary, Laura, Becky and Ken and family** - January 29, 2016 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Barbara, Alina, Joanie & Amy Katherine....Our hearts are so sad at the earthly loss of your husband, Daddy, Grandpa and friend. He allowed his Savior to use him to touch so many all over the world...what a legacy! Our years at CHS are treasured memories for our family and we have prayed that the Lord will bless your hearts with precious memories in these days of transition. With each homegoing of our brothers & sisters in Christ..heaven gets that much sweeter. We love you all so much!!!*

*Heart hugs,  
Duane & Cyndi Walton*

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**Cyndi Walton** - January 29, 2016 at 07:57 AM