



Jim Tarter

August 8, 1941 - January 6, 2023

We praise God for the life of Jimmy “Jim” Lee Tarter, 81, who went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 6, 2023 after a short illness. Jim was a faithful man who loved the Lord, his family, church, community, and country. Jim was born to the late Lee Roy and Treba Tarter in Davenport, OK in their home on Route 66 on August 8, 1941. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1964 and went on to earn a MBA from Oklahoma State University in 1965. After serving four years in the Army and achieving the rank of Captain, he earned his PhD in Organizational Behavior and Operations Management in 1972 from Michigan State University. He was an eagle scout, professor, consultant, small business owner, executive, provost, dean, and professor emeritus. But more importantly, Jim loved God and sought to serve and honor Him in all ways. He was a dedicated elder at Bethel Bible Church and a consummate leader in Bible Study Fellowship. Jim was blessed with a loving family. He married the love of his life and his best friend, Ann Jeffrey Tarter, on May 28, 1965 in Hugo, OK. Jim faithfully loved and served Ann for 57 years. He was a loving husband, devoted father, doting grandfather, encouraging friend, and tireless mentor who loved to invest in the lives of everyone around him, most importantly asking his favorite question, “How can I pray for you?” He loved the Lord and lived out his faith every day. He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with his Savior. Jim is survived by his wife, Ann; his daughter Allison (James) Brooks; his son

James; his grandchildren Gordy, Ella, Jay, and Jakayla; and his brother, Gary. He is preceded in death by his sister, Judy. A visitation and celebration of Jim's life will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively, at Bethel Bible Church-South located at 17121 US Hwy 69 S. in Tyler, TX on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Pastor Ross Strader will officiate the service. The family would be encouraged by your prayers, condolences, and memories at www.candle.rutledge.com. For those who want to memorialize Jim, he loved Bethel Bible Church, Bible Study Fellowship, Wounded Warriors, and Junior Achievement. Honorary pallbearers: Gary Tarter, Lee Jeffrey, Lance Ellis, Craig Radford, Jayson Chandler, Krist Swimberghe.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **14**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Bible Church- South Campus

17121 US-69

Tyler, TX 75703

(903) 839-5007

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Tarter*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Jim Tarter*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *We have such wonderful memories of Jim and Ann's time here in the Czech Republic in 2006. We will always be grateful for his investment in the ministry of Open Door Libraries as he led an afternoon discussion forum for business management students at the nearby university and presenting an evening lecture series on various aspects of leadership development. The impact of this time has played out in various ways over the years including our partnership with a Czech Christian foundation working for Kingdom expansion through property and real estate development.*



Jim Barnes - February 04, 2023 at 07:00 AM

AW

“ I have very fond memories of working with Jim at UT Tyler. He was always caring and compassionate- and committed to the students. My condolences to his family members.

Alecia Wolf - January 13, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jim Tarter.



January 13, 2023 at 10:43 AM

KO

“ Jim had a heart for other people - always asking how you are doing. He loved his wife very much and I loved seeing them walking hand in hand at church. He will be greatly missed.

Karen Olsen - January 11, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JT

“ Junior Achievement of Tyler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Tarter.



Junior Achievement of Tyler - January 11, 2023 at 01:28 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Stoltzfus purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jim Tarter.*



Sandy Stoltzfus - January 11, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ *As Allison's lifelong friend, I was privileged to learn some life from Jim and the Tarter family. Some of my favorite memories were spending weekends at the family lake house. Jim patiently taught each of us to water ski and I can still hear him yelling over the engine "don't pull the boat, let the boat pull you". Although we never left the house on those Sunday mornings, we never missed the opportunity to worship. Jim taught us how to plan a worship service, research scripture, assign roles and even write out the Order of Worship. We took such pride and ownership in our humble yet so sincere service. Jim really did pour into everyone in his path always planting seeds of faith along the way. I will miss him and his playful spirit but will hold tight to the many memories. Sending love to Ann and the entire family.*

Megan

Megan Wilson - January 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Tarter.*



January 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM

LD

“ LANCE DUDLEY purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jim Tarter.



LANCE DUDLEY - January 11, 2023 at 11:24 AM

HS

“ I cannot believe his passing away; We had a lunch right next last summer. He looked very healthy. I sincerely miss him and his saying " How can I pray for you and your family.

Hwan Shin - January 10, 2023 at 06:55 PM

JM

“ Jim was often the one I would call on to lead the opening prayer before Junior Achievement board meetings.

John R McDougald - January 10, 2023 at 05:54 PM

JM

“ John McDougald lit a candle in memory of Jim Tarter



John R McDougald - January 10, 2023 at 05:52 PM

BD

“ Jim led a Christian faculty group at UT Tyler several years ago, which was a pleasure to be part of. Jim was one of the kindest and most prayerful persons I have known. My deepest sympathies and prayers to the family.

Belinda Deal

Belinda Deal - January 10, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jim Tarter.



January 10, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AC

“ Amy Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Jim Tarter



Amy Cunningham - January 10, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Tarter.



January 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM

PT

“ There was never a time at Bethel Bible Church when I would see Jim that he wasn't the most humble man you could hope to meet, always showing an interest in how others were doing. He truly cared about other people, and it showed. We will miss His presence but rejoice that He is with the Lord. We are trusting God to comfort Ann and Jim's children and other family.

Paul Tanner - January 10, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ Jim showed God's love to everyone he knew. I will so miss seeing Jim and hearing, "How can I pray for you?" at the end of our conversation. He was a mentor and encourager to me while he was my Dean at UT Tyler.

Tammy Cowart - January 10, 2023 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ I worked with Dr. Tarter at UT Tyler. One of the favorites I worked with over the years. He was such a kind man. My condolences.

Susan Harris - January 10, 2023 at 02:38 PM

MA

“ Marwan lit a candle in memory of Jim Tarter



Marwan - January 10, 2023 at 01:31 PM

KC

“ I will truly miss Jim. He was a mentor to me and was the Dean that believed in me and hired me at UT Tyler. He freely shared his faith and was an encourager to everyone he met.

Kerri Camp - January 10, 2023 at 01:18 PM

BW

“ Jim or "Dean Candy" as Ford our son called him was a wonderful person, boss, and friend. We will truly miss him. Jim was a servant leader and a wonderful Christian, who led by doing not talking. The world is a little less sweet and gentle. Our deepest sympathy and prayers, Barbara, Stan, and Ford Wooldridge

Barbara Ross Wooldridge - January 10, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jim Tarter.



January 10, 2023 at 12:32 PM

CP

“ Sweet man, always complimented me in my cowboy hats, became someone I looked for at services, will truly miss

carl philpott - January 09, 2023 at 09:25 PM

JM

“ Dear Ann I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Praying for you and family. God will show a way when there seems to be no way. 💕🙏❤️

Joan Mullen - January 08, 2023 at 06:24 PM

HT

June 11, 2024, I just heard that Jimmy died last year without us knowing. He was always a fine young man of high caliber. We never lost connection as he often would come to the Capitol Hill High school class reunion in Oklahoma City with his wife Ann. What a loss and yet a blessing to our class.

Helen Hart Taylor - June 11, 2024 at 10:43 PM