



James Doss Petty, Sr.

January 2, 2010

Surfside Beach James Doss Petty, Sr. James D. Petty, Sr., age 84, died Saturday, January 2, 2010 at his home. Mr. Petty was born in Society Hill, SC October 14, 1925, son of the late William Doss and Fannie Louise Freeman Petty. He moved to Hartsville, SC in 1929. He was a World War II veteran, serving as Chief Petty Officer on ammunition ships, and a member of the American Legion. He lettered in football and baseball in 1940 and 1941. Mr. Petty completed aviation school in 1946 and earned his wings as a private pilot. He attended Kings Business College in 1947 and Belmont Abby Junior College, on a football scholarship. In 1949, he transferred to USC to play football and baseball. Mr. Petty was Scout Master of Troop 513 in Hartsville from 1952 until 1974 and also coached football and baseball for 45 years. He also served as a Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Hartsville from 1979 until 1981. Mr. Petty retired from the Real Estate Development field in 1982 and moved to Myrtle Beach. Mr. Petty was predeceased by his first wife, Nina Petty, to whom he was married from 1952 until 1982. Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Theresa A. Petty of the home; children, Zane Paul Petty, Kurt Gene Petty, Cheryl Petty, James D. Petty, Jr., LeGrand Richard Petty, Alayne Preselar, and Joel Wynn Petty; grandchildren, Blake Anderson, Eric Anderson, Marleina Harvey, Christopher Petty, John Michael Petty, Adriene Evitt, Richie Petty, Brian Petty, Amber Petty, Jonathan Brown, Jade Brown, and Ashton Petty; ten great grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy Watkins of Florence, SC and Jackie

Jones of Hartsville, SC. Graveside services with military honors will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 4:00 PM at Hillcrest Cemetery with Bishop Jerry Edwards officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Avenue North, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Floral tributes may also be made. Please sign the guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements

Tribute Wall



“ *Your entire family has been such a positive influence in my life. My the knowledge of The Plan of Salvation be of comfort to you at this time.##imported-begin##Linda Franklin Moore##imported-end##*

January 06, 2010 at 12:43 PM



“ *Jim will be deeply missed by all who were close to him. He was a great man, I am thankful for the time we spent together. He taught me a lot and will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. Please accept my sincerest sympathies.##imported-begin##Winn Bigham##imported-end##*

January 04, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ *I would like to take a moment to express my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. I called him last March and spoke with him for an extended period of time. He was your father but he was a father to so many children. A little league coach, a scoutmaster, but above all else he was an individual who touched and molded the lives of children. His voice was always one of encouragement. He treated every child he coached with fairness and with respect. He taught children how to win with humility and to lose with grace. I know I can speak for all his little league players, he always put the child first. Words alone are inadequate in attempting to express what he did for children in Hartsville. You knew him as your father, but we knew him as our coach. Simply stated, he was the best.##imported-begin##steve huggins##imported-end##*

January 04, 2010 at 03:52 PM



“ My condolences to the Petty family, I have lost a good neighbor who helped me when I was experiencing a time of sorrow in my life. Jim will be missed.##imported-begin##Richard Phenegar##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ So sorry that we have lost a wonderful uncle. He was a blessing to us all and we will miss him. I am so sorry I could not be there with you today. Alice##imported-begin##Van and Alice Petty Beasley##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:09 PM



“ DearTheresa and family, It's been a great while since I have seen you and the family. I am so sorry to hear about great Uncle Jim. You all are in my thoughts and prayers forever and always! Please let me know if you guys need anything at all! With love, Heather Ragan Clohessy##imported-begin##Heather Ragan Clohessy##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ Dear Theresa and family, All Our Heavenly Father's blessings in dealing with your great loss. James was a great friend and role model for me. His love and support and guidance has blessed my life and that of my family eternally . I don't know how my life would have turned out without his influence. Everytime I see or hear the word "scoutmaster," James and such fond memories comes to my mind. No one else can ever measure up. What a great example of service. I loved him greatly and I know he is hearing the words, "My good and faithful servant, enter in." I thank each of you for allowing me to share a portion of James' life with you. Love, Wayne and Yara Selph###imported-begin##Wayne and Yara Selph###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle James. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.###imported-begin##Cindy Wynn Bowers###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 08:09 AM



“ Words escape me right now, he was a wonderful man with a big heart. I know how very much he meant to you all. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire Petty family. May God see you through this tough time. With Love, Cassie & Ben Browning, and Ethan Evitt###imported-begin##Cassie Browning###imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 08:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle James! :(I am praying for you all! Love, Crystal###imported-begin##Crystal Wynn###imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ Our hearts are with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers! We love you all very much! Uncle Tom, Aunt Nell and Family##imported-begin##Tom Wynn, Jackie Wynn & Family##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ Zane, Kurt and Mrs. Petty, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May faith, family, friends, and your wonderful memories give you strength and comfort. Sarah Lane Norton##imported-begin##Sarah Lane Norton##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 08:02 PM



“ I was blessed to be a niece to Uncle James and have many fond memories of him. I will miss him deeply. Tillie##imported-begin##Ken and Tillie Petty Johnso##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 07:51 PM



“ I am truly sorry to learn of the passing of Jim Petty. He was looked upon by many as their earthly father figure. I know that he will be missed.##imported-begin##Denise Hatchell##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 06:52 PM



“ I am so very sorry to read of the passing of your husband, father, grandfather. Please accept my sincere condolences. I am not sure I can be at the services tomorrow, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you. God Bless you all. Bonnie###imported-begin##Bonnie Kowalkowski###imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 03:20 PM



“ My thoughts will be with you at this dreaded time of our lives, the passing of our parents. The memories will be your comfort.###imported-begin##Andy Owings, Sr.###imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 11:32 AM



“ While my memories of Uncle Jim are distant from when I was a child, he was always so great to our family. Some of my favorite vacations were down in South Carolina, at the beach house, singing and playing at the reunions. I will hold onto my memories and send loving thoughts and prayers to the family!###imported-begin##Ashly Ragan Steier###imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I never met anybody with more fire in his belly, then this fella.###imported-begin##Will Snyder###imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:06 AM



“ *Uncle James, how we will miss your kind giving spirit! Some of our fondest memories are our summers at the beach house with you in the kitchen. You weren't just cooking meals to sustain our bodies, but love, to feed our spirits. You were truly Christ like. We will all carry your sweet spirit in our hearts.##imported-begin##Jane Mae Robertson Rheins##imported-end##*

January 02, 2010 at 08:29 PM



“ *To all my Petty friends: I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Brings back lots of memories of the Hartsville days. Your Dad and Mom ARE great people who loved life and others. Please know of my love and concern for all of you. Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Davis Tenney##imported-end##*

January 02, 2010 at 03:23 PM