



JM DuVall

March 3, 1930 - March 12, 2023

JM DuVall was born March 3, 1930, in Solgohachia, Arkansas, to Lee (Doc) and Ethel Magnolia DuVall and died March 12, 2023, at home surrounded by friends and family. He was a man who had many roles: son, brother, friend, sailor, husband, teacher, principal, father, assistant superintendent, and grandfather.

JM graduated from Wonderview High School in 1948. He worked odd jobs and played baseball before his navy enlistment in 1950. He served with the Mines Sweeping Boats Division #1 during the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1954. Upon returning home he obtained both a bachelor's degree in education from Arkansas Tech University and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas within the GI Bill's time constraint. He later earned a specialist's degree in administration from the University of Arkansas.

JM married Louise Poteet on August 12, 1956, while they were both students at Arkansas Tech. Together they pursued their careers in education until retiring in 1988. He worked as a classroom teacher, high school principal, elementary principal, and assistant superintendent for the Dardanelle and Cabot School Districts.

JM became a father to Marcia Gayle in 1963 and a grandfather to Kayla Erin

in 1991. He proclaimed them as his pride and joy.

After retiring to Cleveland, Arkansas, JM worked in the yard and garden as much as his health allowed. He was an avid reader, an eclectic music lover, and a collector of stamps and coins. The St. Louis Cardinals, Arkansas Razorbacks, and Red Wolves were his favorite teams.

JM was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Ethel; by five brothers: Duane Lee, Vernon Duriel, Wayland David, Lendell Van, and Donald Lynn; and by one sister, Johnnie Dale Wheaton. He is survived by his wife of 66.5 years, Louise Poteet DuVall; daughter, Marcia, and son-in-law, Steven Lynn Miller of Cabot, AR; his granddaughter, Kayla Travis of Jonesboro, AR; by his sisters: Daphene Marie Bewley of Edmond, OK; Glenna Marlene Webb of Plumerville, AR; Sharon Nell Dunn of Hattievville, AR; Brenda Kay Williams of Sherwood, AR; one brother, Larry Nathan DuVall of Memphis, TN; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

After being baptized in a creek near his home as a youth, JM never moved his membership from Hattievville Baptist Church. For the last 35 years, he regularly attended Cleveland Baptist Church. His time on Earth has ended. He was not afraid of dying for himself; he only worried about the security of those he'd leave behind. This man's greatness came from living a humble life of kindness, hard work, and unconditional love. Honor his memory by doing your best in all the little moments that define life.

Service will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 16 at the Harris Chapel with Bro. Gib Cole officiating. The family will receive friends 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

2826 Pleasant Grove Loop
Scotland, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral

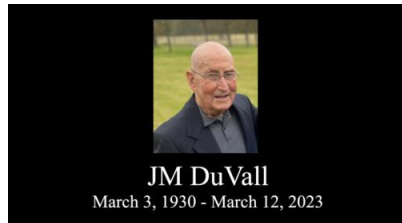
MAR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of JM DuVall*



Harris Funeral Home - March 15, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of JM DuVall.*



March 14, 2023 at 06:39 PM

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“ My earliest memory of Uncle JM was when I was a preschooler after my family had moved to central California. Uncle J was coming to visit us when he was discharged from the Navy where he was stationed in San Diego. My excitement was immense knowing this was our Dad's brother and when my brother and I saw him in his Navy Blues we were certain that he was a combination of hero and visiting angel. We were seriously awestruck. When he saw us he knelt down to pull us into his arms for an embrace and that has left a clear and lasting impression of his kindness and care. Uncle J has been an inspiration and mentor for me ever since by encouraging me to work for personal growth and improvement. What I love and will remember the most however was his gentleness and good humor and ever present smile. He was a true and kindly gentleman and I love him forever.

*His oldest niece
Beverly DuVall Crawford*

beverly crawford - March 14, 2023 at 06:34 PM

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“ Mrs. Duvall I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Duvall's passing. Marcia I am very sorry for your loss as well. I'm very honored to have had you as a teacher in Cabot and my daughter Carmen had Marcia as well when she taught at Westside Elementary her very first year. Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss of a fine man.

*Candace Mahoney Shepherd
Carmen Mahoney Culbertson
Carmen "Caitie" Shepherd Hall*

Candace Shepherd - March 14, 2023 at 06:23 PM

LB

“ *Lex Ginn, The Russells, and The Betts purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of JM DuVall.*



Lex Ginn, The Russells, and The Betts - March 14, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of JM DuVall.*



March 14, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of JM DuVall.*



March 14, 2023 at 01:26 PM