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James Marnen Craven, 91, passed away December 1, 2014. He was born January 31, 1923 in Memphis, TN. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Dorothy Fallo Craven; children Nancy Pierce (Bob), Michael Craven, Ginger Jordan (Don); 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Betty Craven Hayes, brother Ed Craven, sister Mary Virginia Craven Mount, and parents James and Sarah Carlin Craven. Jim was a member of the Christian Brother High School Class of 1940. He graduated from Christian Brothers College and earned his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University Law School. He was a B-17 navigator in World War II. While flying a mission over Germany, his plane was shot down and he was a POW. After 30 years of service he retired as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He served Memphians as an independent insurance agent for almost 60 years. He began his career with Marx & Bendorf. He eventually owned his own agency, serving as President of Craven & Scharff Insurance. Jim was a MIFA volunteer delivering meals on wheels for over 25 years. He was a member of the Serra Club. He was inducted into the CBHS Hall of Fame in 1987 and served on the CBHS Alumnae Association Board of Directors. A founding member of St. Louis Parish Jim was a Hospitality Minister and Eucharistic Minister. Visitation will be Wednesday, December 3, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park, followed by the Rosary at 7:00. Funeral Mass will be Thursday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church. Memorials may be sent to the Betty Craven Hayes Scholarship at St. Louis School or to the charity of the donor's choice.



Tribute Wall

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JS

Judy Swanson posted:

I was a teacher of two of Jim's grandchildren, Ryan and Lindsay. Jim & Dorothy came to the school to visit, probably for Grandparent's Day, and I always remember their kindness and encouragement. It was obvious that they loved and were loved. We send our deep sympathy to the family. Thanks, Bob, for sending this our way so that we could know more about your father-in-law. And many thanks for his service to our country, and love of family and love for the Lord. What a blessing that you can know he's with the Savior! With our love, Judy and John Swanson

December 6 at 2:52 PM

BP

Bob Pierce posted:

I was the first addition to the Jim & Dorothy Craven family of 6. I married Nancy in June of 1976. And I was blessed to have married a pretty little girl from Memphis that had the very nature of her Dad. I really didn't know that then of course, but through the years it became very clear, she was the chip off the ole block; kind, considerate, unselfish, caring of others, & giving. Pops was a great example of a father to me in addition to being my father-in-law. This is one committed family to each other. They cared for "Daddy/Jimmy/Pops", with all their hearts. There is a big whole in the Craven family today and in addition there is a big whole in my heart as well. The tears will continue to flow in the Craven family because Pops was well loved, by us all. I along with the rest of this family will miss him greatly. But I know there is a greater love that he believed in with all his heart, and that is the love that he possessed that God gave him through his Son Jesus Christ. I know that Pop's hope and trust were set on not what his eyes could see but what they couldn't see. He believed in a place that was to come, and now is, where he would experience the promises that he bet his life on. I am thankful to have been his son-in-law and I look forward our reunion one day. Thank you Pops for being my Pops. Bob Pierce

December 2 at 4:41 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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