



James Harvey Durrett, Jr.

August 3, 1946 - July 14, 2008

Funeral services for James Harvey Durrett, Jr., 61, of Sugar Land, will be held at 2:00 P. M., Friday, July 18, 2008 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Entombment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M., Thursday, July 17, 2008 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home.

James was born on August 3, 1946 in Houston to James Durrett, Sr. and Irene D. Whitaker. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of Sugar Creek Baptist Church. James passed away on July 14, 2008 in Houston.

James is preceded in death by his father, James Durrett, Sr.; mother, Irene D. Hughes and step father, Ben.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Lee Durrett; Children: Sandra Diane Durrett, Molly Chaloupka McRae and husband, Kelly, Larry James Chaloupka, Jr. and wife, Rochelle; Grandchildren: Elizabeth and Ryan McRae, Maggie Lee Chaloupka; Brother: Jackie M. Durrett and wife, Deborah Kay; Uncle: H. John Durrett and wife, Virginia; along with numerous other family members and friends.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Sandra and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish his memory and may
he live in your thoughts always.
Love,
Maggie Scott
Friend and Teacher at Gleason*

Maggie Scott - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear Sandra and family:
I was a member of the Memorial High School class of 1964 with
Buddy. He was a good friend and I remember great times with him.
Many of us have fun memories of him in his old convertible at drive
ins and just cruising. I am very saddened by his departure.*

My prayers go out to you and your family.

Dave Farries - August 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I have had the opportunity to work with Jim at Lone Star College. He
was a great professor, and a long-time adjunct. May God comfort
your family during this difficult time.*

*Shawn Miller
Professor of Accounting
Lone Star College*

Shawn Miller - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Sandra and family,
Buddy and I were in the class of '64 together at Memorial High School. All of us are saddened by the news of his untimely death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children and grandchildren.

Tempe Crump Thomas - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Buddy will be missed by his Memorial high school class of 1964 friends. Sandra, as you know he has always been a great fellow - even as a very young man.

George

George Harcourt - August 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Diana K Pence - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sandra and Family,
I just learned of your heart breaking loss. I'm speechless. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I'm thinking and praying for you all. Sandra, let's keep in touch. I'm here for you.
Linda Stone
lstone1@houstonisd.org

linda Stone - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ You have My prays

Ralph Butler

Ralph Butler - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. He was a valued member of the LSC-CyFair community and he will be missed for all his contributions to our institution and students. On behalf of the faculty of the college I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all he did and let you know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Idolina Hernandez, LSC-CyFair Faculty Senate President.

Idolina Hernandez - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Sandra,
You are such a dear, treasured friend. It saddens me to know that you are having to go through this. I remember advice you gave me years ago when I was struggling. You said, "it's God's plan and HE has already written your path through life." I remember that all the time and use it often in my day to day life. I can only hope now, that you will lean on the strong faith you have and your amazing sense of humor during this time. Please know that we are praying for you and your family. If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to call. We love you so much!!

*Love,
Holly, Dan, and Cole Fischer*

Holly Fischer - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Sandra: Words cannot express what we feel in our heart. The time we spent with you at Gleason were some of our fondest. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers and that God has James looking down from heaven and guiding you. Always, Alice, Mike, Lauren and Jake Greenspoon*

The Greenspoon Family - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Oh Sandra,
Our hearts are heavy as we breathe in the news of your dear husband's passing. Feel our arms reaching out across the miles wrapping you in love and comfort. We can't know God's plan, but we know He has one for each of us. You were a gift to your husband and you shared a wonderful life together. Every day is a gift. You have left an indelible mark on our children and our family. We will be forever grateful to Buddy for sharing you with us and so many others. We love you.*

Leigh, Tim, Cam, Morgan and Kate Keating - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Dear Sandra,

I am so sorry and am thinking of you and your family. My prayers are with you.*

Much love, Rene

Rene DeShazer - July 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My Dear Friend, I am so sorry for your loss please know that you and your family are in my heart my thoughts and in my prayers.*

Lupita Ramirez - July 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Sandra,
I was saddened to here about Buddy. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love you,
Aunt Ann

Ann Whitaker - July 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Sandra and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. I remeber loving to be around Buddy when I was a little girl visiting Auntie and Uncle Ben. He was always a lot of fun to be around. He always joked with his little cousin.
Love ya,
Vickie Whitaker-Smith

Vickie Smith - July 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Sandra and family,
We're so sorry about your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Brandi, Chris, Brandon, and Nathan

Brandi Rios - July 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ We are so very sorry to hear about your husband's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that the Lord will guide you through this difficult time. Let us know if you need anything.

*With Love from The Diese Family
Tina, Matt, Megan, and Trevor*

Tina Diese - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sandra,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please look to the Lord for strength and hold tight to the memories that you and your husband shared. I am thinking of you.

Jessica Hernandez - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sandra,

We are very sorry to hear about your husband, and please know that our prayers are with you and your family. Know that the Lord is with you always!

Love,

Dana, Guy, Kerigan & Nicholas Pike

The Pike Family - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Dear Sandra,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel the comfort of our Lord's loving arms wrap around you and carry you through this time. May God's Peace be with you,
Virginia

Virginia Leoni - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Buddy was my best friend even when we were apart for approximately eight years since moving to New Mexico and then Oklahoma. We went to Junior High, High School and were roommates in college in Nacogdoches. I have many many great memories from this good man and I miss him greatly. Business prevents me from attending the funeral but my thoughts and prayers will be with Sandra in her grief. My wife Jeanette also sends her condolences and we will miss him very much.

Frank Rudolf Hanke - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Ms. Durrett,

So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Patsy Rios - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Sandra*

I'm saddened by the news and thinking of you. I regret not knowing your family over the years. Yet I'm always cheered by memories of how close we and our families were growing up. I miss you.

Much love, Mac

Dallas Lee - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ Dear Larry,

Ecclesiastes 3 states:

â€œ1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. 9 What does the worker gain from his toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on men.â€

I want to encourage you and your family right now; know this time in your lives was planned by God. It was not a surprise to him. Right now, God is not wringing his hands because he does not know what to do about the situation. He is still on his throne, and his perfect will is going to happen. He will bring you through this time, and he will be glorified in the entire situation.

Let the knowledge of Godâ€™s supreme control support you and your family. You can throw yourself on him because he is the same as he was when man was created, and tomorrow, he will be the same as he is today. He is and will be holy God: mighty, perfect, and worthy of all the praise of man.

â€œWhat does a worker gain from his toil? â€ This is the â€œburdenâ€ we have as humans; the burden of not gaining anything from our hard work. However, if we work for Christ and store our treasures in heaven, we will gain much. We will gain more than we can imagine; we will gain Christ! Focus your heart, soul, and mind on Jesus at this time.

Know the Townsend family cares for you; you are like a big brother to Nathan and me, and if there is anything we can do to be a greater blessing to you, let us know. We love you Larry!

Matthew Terrell Townsend - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *So sorry for your loss. God Bless you and your family.*

Kathy Mears - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My Condolences to all the family*

Margaret Gibson - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Dear Sandra,
The love you have for your family and husband will give you strength during this difficult time. Hunter wants to send a sympathy card to his "first grade" teacher. He is sad for you as well.
Love and prayers to you.
Jim, Robyn, Hunter and Haley*

The Carlin Famly - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Sandra--am so sorry about James. You are certainly in my thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you....Jeanie*

Barbara Jean Brown - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Sandra, Larry, Molly and Diane,
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We hope fond memories can help get you each through this difficult time. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.
Love,

Myke, Guy and Trevor Gregg - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Sandra and Family,
I am so sorry to hear that your loved one has passed. I have you and your family in my prayers and thoughts. Take Care and may God bestow upon you all his strength and love to get you through this time of loss.

Nita Moghaddam - July 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Sandra and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. May God guide you and your family through this difficult time. Sandra, I am here for you anytime you need someone to talk to. I have always enjoyed talking to you.

God Bless you,
Perla Alanis

Perla Alanis - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ James Harvey Durrett, Jr.

Marshall Durrett - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Sandra,
I am so very sorry to learn of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Meredith

Meredith Miller - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Sandra and Family,
I am devastated to hear of James' death. The Durrett family is in my prayers as you grieve your loss. I'm shocked by the news and find myself at a complete loss of words . . .

Mary Ann Walker - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Sandra,

I am very sorry about the loss of your husband. May your heart always remember the joy and love you shared. We are praying for you and your beautiful family.

Love,

Soraya, Mark, Nicholas, Christian and Sofia

Soraya Dettmers - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dad,

I don't have any words to express how devastated I am. I was hoping to have you around a lot longer so that you could see me grow up and finally become a true adult. I am so blessed to have had you as long as I did but I wanted more. I love you so much and know that you are in a better place but I wish that you were still here. I'm so happy that you got to see me finally graduate from college and I hope that I made you proud. I will miss you so much and miss our times together laughing and talking about music and movies. I know you will be watching over me as I go through life and I can't wait to see you again someday.

I love you so much.

*Your Daughter,
Diane*

Diane - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Sandra,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. No words can express my condolences enough. Please let me know if you need anything. God bless you and your beautiful family.

Allison Bryant - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Sandra, I was very sad to hear that Buddy had passed away. Know that Byron and I have you and the family in our prayers. I will get in touch with you in a few weeks when everything settles down just a bit. Love, Carolyn

Carolyn Welch - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Sandra and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.
Buddy and I shared many fun experiences in our youth. I will always
remember his great sense of humor and easy manner.
Affectionately,
Judy & Carl Brenner

Judy & Carl Brenner - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Sandra,
I love you and Buddy.I'll miss having lunch with him.I grew to love
him in the last 4 weeks.Reminiscing about old times.
Remember: John 14
Love,
Becky

Becky Richardson - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mrs. Durrett,
I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing. Please know
that you and your family are in my prayers.

Debbie Homan - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sandra and children: It is hard to pick the right words to express my emotions in the lose of Buddy. It is such a shock. From what I have been told, he was an excellent college teacher and well respected by his students. This respect has to be earned from the students and not all teachers can say that. Also, he was a dedicated stepfather to Larry and Molly and a proud father to Diane. In the days ahead, if there is anything I can do for you, please contact me. Buddy will be missed by all. May God bless you in your continued walk through life. Always Larry

Larry Chaloupka Sr. - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Sandra,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this most difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

Kim Maxian - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Mrs.durrett lam so sorry for your lost.We love you. annie
ricky
eric
key-era
cameron
donavyn

Annie Traylor - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Molly and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you and your family.*

The Tipton family

Kim Tipton - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My Dear Brother
I miss you so much, thank you for your love and kindness. I wish
everyone could have known you the way that I did. Someday we will
be together again.*

Jackie

Jackie Durrett - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I do not pretend to know exactly what you are feeling at this time. I
do know that you are a loving and devoted wife and mother and
Buddy knew that all of the time you were together.*

*The hole in your heart will never heal, but the wonderful memories
will overshadow this shock.*

*I am here for you, as you well know, in any way that you or the
children and grandchildren need. Just call.*

God bless you and keep you in His grace.

*Love,
Linda*

Linda C. Chaloupka - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Sandra,
Please know that I love you. I am so sorry I have not been able to get to see you. However, you and your wonderful family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Love
Mona Gale*

Mona Gale Gibson - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. James is and will be missed for a very long time to come.*

One of my fondest memories with him is reminiscing about old comedy films and the great humor they contained that you do not find in day to day life today. Those times will never be forgotten.

~Jason

Jason R Posten - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We all loved you dad and you always have a place in your hearts.*

I just wish Gods plan had you here alittle long so all of your grand - children could have enjoyed you alittle more.

Love larry, Maggie and Rochelle

Larry Chaloupka - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM