



Andy Clayton James, Jr.

November 14, 1932 - December 27, 2014

ANDY CLAYTON JAMES, JR. AGE 82

And a resident of Franklinton died early Saturday morning December 27, 2014 at his home. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton and a U.S. Army veteran. Clayton was a practicing attorney in Franklinton since 1959 and later became a District Judge for the State of Louisiana 22nd Judicial District for 18 years, also serving on the Court of Appeals in Baton Rouge for a brief time after his retirement. He later served as an Ad Hoc Judge when he was needed. Clayton was a longtime active member of the Washington Parish Bar Association.

He was instrumental in the formation of CASA for under-privileged children and served on the Board of the Washington Parish Council on Aging. Clayton loved to play golf and was an original member of the Franklinton Country Club. He enjoyed fishing and was a longtime member of the Long Range Skeet Club.

Survived by:

Daughter: Elizabeth Leblanc of Mandeville

2 Sons and Daughters in law: Dr. Mark and Holly James of Franklinton, John and Yanghee James of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2 Step-daughters: Deborah Susan Pankao, Sandra Jo Cascio

6 Grandchildren: Mark James, II, David James, Andrew James, Katharine James, Michelle James, Robert James

Also step-grandchildren

13 Great-grandchildren: Owen James, William James, Clayton James, Henry James, Jackson Henriques, Anderson Henriques, Avery James, Simone Clark, Heather James, Mary James, Graham James and Karla James

Brother and Sister in law: John and Betty Jean James of Monroe

Nephew: Michael James of Chicago

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jo Nutt James, his parents Clayton James and Jettie Head James and son in law Joseph Leblanc.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home; 1109 Bene St., Franklinton; Sunday December 28th from 5 pm until 8 pm and after 9 am on Monday. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Paul Watts, Dr. Gene Richards, and Rev. Percy Frazier officiating. Burial will follow in the Ellis Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Mark James, II, David James, Robert James, Evan Tageant, Clay Tageant, James Knight

Honorary Pallbearers are all current and former judges of the 22nd Judicial District.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Our prayers and profound sympathy are with all of Clayton's family. We will remember him with great fondness.

John & Martha Thigpen Denison - December 29, 2014 at 11:14 PM

BL

“ Clayton was always one of our favorite people; a kind and gentle man who wielded great judiciary power with dignity, decorum and compassion when necessary. We have all lost one of our best friends.

Bob and Nancy Lawrence - December 29, 2014 at 02:40 PM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With Love, Jo Anne & Family

Jo Anne Kitchens - December 29, 2014 at 11:14 AM

GB

“ He served well. A life well lived.

Gwendolyn Ross Young Bell - December 29, 2014 at 10:56 AM

DP

“ Andy Clayton James, Jr.

David Perry - December 28, 2014 at 05:39 PM

JP

“ You will be greatly missed. I have had some wonderful times with you over the years and will never forget so many of your words of wisdom to me. I will miss our yearly hunting trips to Coleman Texas at the Bomer Ranch. You have made such a great impact in my life. Rest in PEACE Mr. Clayton

Joe Pittari - December 28, 2014 at 05:20 PM

JV

“ Judge James was a very important man to my family. He was my Daddy's golfing buddy and a mentor to my brother, Kenny, when he became an attorney. And as the judge who introduced CASA into the 22nd Judicial court system in the late 1980's, he set the stage for me to make this my career all these years later. Rest in peace Judge James. And peace and comfort to your family.

JoBeth Gatewood Valentino - December 28, 2014 at 03:41 PM

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“ Just wanted to express my condolences to the family of Mr. Clayton James. I will always remember playing golf on occasions with him, Buddy Crain (my dad), my Uncle Robert Magee and other golfing friends at the Franklinton Country Club. A lot of friendly back and forth teasing to win a couple bucks! Somehow he always seemed to be on the winning team. Good times! Also enjoyed visiting and hearing about he and Mrs. Mary Jo's white perch fishing trips. I will miss him dearly!

Wes Crain & Judge Lilynn Cutrer (Crain) - December 28, 2014 at 03:28 PM

JT

“ Our prayers are with the James Family. The Tate Family

Jackie Tate - December 28, 2014 at 03:13 PM

TH

“ Clayton was a great man and a great friend. He will be so missed by many!! Prayers for his family during this time.

Tony and Jackie Harrison - December 28, 2014 at 02:44 PM

JL

“ Dear John & Family:
Thoughts of deep and sincerely sympathy are with you and your family at this difficult time.
May memories ease your sorrow and may time bring you peace.
Jackie Lye

Jackie Lye - December 28, 2014 at 02:00 PM

SC

“ Wish we could be there. Thinking about you and the family. Sandy and Chuck Casteel

Sandy Casteel - December 28, 2014 at 01:54 PM

RS

“ Mark, Liz, and John,
So sorry to hear of your loss... your Dad was such a fine man, and the entire community will miss him greatly. Even though I didn't see him often, he always had a big smile and a warm welcome for me, along with a good story about my dad.
We shared many good times when our families would get together in our younger years, and since, and those memories will always be with me.
I know its hard, but if there is anything I can do, please let me know.
Hang in there and take care of each other.
Ron

Ron Simmons - December 28, 2014 at 11:44 AM

RJ

“ *Just a cousin hating to see you go so soon, Randall*

Randall and Kathy James - December 28, 2014 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Judge James. He was a kind caring man and lived a long happy life.*

malinda larsen - December 28, 2014 at 12:08 AM

MI

“ *So sorry to hear of Clayton's passing. Truly a Southern gentleman.*

Mona icamina - December 27, 2014 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ *Deepest sympathy during these days. .*

John & Sharon Beckett - December 27, 2014 at 08:21 PM

TL

“ *I pray for the repose of Judge James' soul. I enjoyed our visits and his teasing about me "naming" my middle son's middle name after him. May you share and treasure memories of him for generations.*

Tom Lewis - December 27, 2014 at 07:03 PM

DS

“ *Great man. He helped me a lot in this game we call life. I will miss him along with this community. My prayers go out to all his love ones.*

Dale Spencer - December 27, 2014 at 06:43 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to Mr. Clayton's family. He was such a nice person.* ”

Teri Lyles Tanner - December 27, 2014 at 06:30 PM