



When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears and  
Hug your sorrow to you through the years,

But start out bravely with a gallant smile  
And for my sake  
And in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,

Feed not your loneliness on empty days;  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I, in turn, will comfort you and hold you near,

And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

Join us in Celebrating the Life of  
**James Thomas Stewart**

*Husband of Phyllis*

*Father of Brenda, Linda, Glenda and Kenda*

**Entered This Life**

April 8, 1927  
Childress, Texas

**Departed This Life**

November 13, 2017  
Goodland, Kansas

**Funeral Service**

Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:30 PM MT  
Koons-Russell Funeral Home Goodland, Kansas  
Pastor Ryan Baty - Officiant

**Music**

“Amazing Grace” “Daddy’s Hands”  
“Wind Beneath My Wings” “Dancing in the Sky”

**Interment**

Goodland Cemetery, Goodland, KS

**Pallbearers**

Greg Derieg Shannon Stewart Wayne Smalley  
Sam Stewart Steven Menefee Tim Richard

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Lyle Chatfield Russell Smith Philip Bach Brian Allaman  
Bryce Chatfield Stewart Bach Heath Chatfield Tyne Allaman  
Justin Smith

*Arrangements are entrusted to Koons-Russell Funeral Home in Goodland, Kansas.  
For safety in procession to the cemetery, please turn vehicle lights on.  
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James Thomas Stewart (Jim Tom or Jim) was born on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1927 in Childress, Texas to Dyas Vernon and Ola Jewell Stewart. He grew up in Tyler, Texas. Jim passed away on Monday, November 13, 2017 at his home in Goodland with his family by his side.

Jim joined the Merchant Marines and MSTs at the age of 17 and served from 1943 through 1945. He then moved to Tribune, Kansas with his parents in 1945. In 1949 he rejoined the Merchant Marines and MSTs and served until 1958. He traveled to 48 different countries and 43 different states before Hawaii and Alaska became states.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> 1958 he married Phyllis Goken in Leoti, Kansas. He owned a custom combining crew and did harvesting in Oklahoma and Kansas. He later sold this and started a Red-Mix business in Tribune, Kansas. He later sold this business in 1965 and moved his family to Goodland, Kansas so that he could attend school at the Vo-Tech College.

Jim went to work in 1965 at Boothroy Memorial Hospital in Goodland. He was in charge of maintenance and the boilers. He left there in 1970 to work for the Goodland Police Department until 1971. In 1971, he went to work for Consolidated Freightways until he retired in 1985. After retiring from Consolidated Freightways in 1985 he went to work driving the school bus for USD 352 until 2002.

Jim is survived by his wife Phyllis of the home, 4 daughters, Brenda (Lyle) Louise Chatfield, Linda (Brian) Marie Allaman, Glenda (Russell) Michelle Smith and Kenda (Philip) Colette Bach, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; one brother Robert Stewart, one sister-in law Mary Mae Stewart and a brother-in-law William (Denise) Goken. Also surviving him are many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Benton Stewart.

Memorials may be designated to the James Stewart Memorial Fund and may be left at the services or mailed to Koons-Russell Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, KS 67735.