



## James L. Goforth Sr.

August 23, 1939 - January 5, 2022

A funeral service for James L. Goforth Sr., age 82, of Rusk is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 7, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Rusk with Rev. James L. Goforth Jr., Rev. Lee Welch and Rev. Brian Givens officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mr. Goforth passed away January 5, 2022. He was born August 23, 1939 in Melbourne, AR to the late Carl and Frances Evans Goforth. James Goforth Sr, better known as “Brother Jim” to so many over the years, loved playing golf and fishing in his free time. He was competitive and passed that along as a hereditary trait to the rest of the family. Whether dominoes, softball, golf, fishing, or just about anything could be a competition. He loved his family as much as anything. But the most important thing to him was sharing Jesus. As of 2019 over 60 years of ministry he had been the Pastor of 15 churches. He had preached 3,800 sermons, seen 2,255 Decisions for Christ, and 1,102 Baptisms. He led mission endeavors on 4 continents. Through it all he had One Lord – Jesus Christ, and One Call – to Preach the Gospel.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Goforth of Rusk, two sons, Rev. James L. Goforth Jr. and wife Lisa and Dr. Thomas Goforth, four grandchildren including Andrew Goforth, Bryan Goforth and wife Maggie, Jo Goforth and Ashley-Kate Lazarides and husband Chris, three great-grandchildren including Lydia Goforth, Elliot Goforth and Nastassia Lazarides, and a brother, Bobby Goforth and wife Pat.

Pallbearers will include Andrew Goforth, Ronnie Hendrick, Gene Smiley, Jeff Carroll, David Fulton and Ty Hendrick. Honorary pallbearers will be John Paul Dixon and James Campbell.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery  
Rusk, TX 75785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th Street  
Rusk, TX 75785  
(903) 683-2222  
info@wallacethompson.com

## Funeral service at First Baptist Church Rusk

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
372 E 4th St  
Rusk, TX 75785

# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Goforth Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM

BM

“ *James was 42 partner at Howard Payne University. We won all of the time. A great preacher, pastor and friend. See you soon partner!!*

Bunny Martin - February 02, 2022 at 07:15 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Duane Henderson - January 24, 2022 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ *We will miss Jim very much. We know hard hard the lost of a loved one is. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*I saw some pictures of Uncle Jim recently at my parents house when we were looking at pictures of my dad. There were several of Uncle Jim on their dock holding up a fish he had caught, and he always had a big smile.*

*Duane, Denise, Logan Lewis, Wade Bruce, Fallon De Vay.*

Duane Henderson - January 24, 2022 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ *My many thoughts and prayers for Bro. Goforth and his family. He was always a very sweet man and very Godly. I thank God for his kindness and his generosity.*



Christen Booth - January 07, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..*



January 06, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..*



January 06, 2022 at 02:21 PM

MK

“ *Marvin and Melba King purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..*



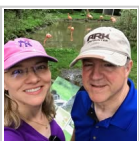
**Marvin and Melba King** - January 06, 2022 at 11:40 AM

CG

“ *We are saddened at the passing of Bro. Jim, but know he is with our Lord and is present in Heaven in a perfect body. He was such a wonderful friend and Godly, caring man. He will be missed by so many. Our prayers are with Virginia and the family.*

*Keith and Carlynn Gardner  
Centerville, Texas*

**Carlynn Gardner** - January 06, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *I have pleasant memories of golfing with Jim, he always had a nice smile and soft voice. Many happy returns on the day of your, for now, you will have beautiful birthdays in heaven. Loved you brother*

**Michael Guldan** - January 06, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..*



January 05, 2022 at 11:23 PM

MR

“ *Praying for his family. He was a kind man.  
Roberts Family*

**Mandy Roberts** - January 05, 2022 at 08:42 PM

CV

“ *SHOCKED. BUT NOT DISMAYED. JAMES LONNIE AND I HAD MANY GREAT MEMORIES. GREW UP TOGETHER AT MARKET STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. WE BOTH SURRENDERED TO THE MINISTRY THERE; ATTENDED NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST SEMINARY AND WERE PARTNERS IN YOUTH REVIVALS,  
CONDUCTING OVER TWENTY-FIVE IN OUR EARLY TWENTIES.*

*FAREWELL FAITHFUL FRIEND AND WATCH FOR ME.*

*I KNOW YOU ARE WELL WITH NO MORE PAIN AND THE GOODNESS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS FLOWING AROUND YOU.*

*YOU ARE NOT LOST . . .WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!*

*CODY AND SUZY VOSS*

**CODY VOSS** - January 05, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..*



January 05, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..



January 05, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..



January 05, 2022 at 02:48 PM

LM

“ Heaven truly rejoices when a faithful saint arrives home. Bro Jim will be so missed by many....praying God gives you perfect peace.  
Loeta

Loeta Martin - January 05, 2022 at 02:23 PM

LP

“ Love Penny purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of James L. Goforth Sr..



Love Penny - January 05, 2022 at 12:27 PM