



James Eugene Petty

July 3, 1925 - November 20, 2016

James Eugene Petty, 91, passed away on Nov. 20th, 2016 at his home.

James was born July 3rd, 1925 in Pratt to Joseph and Florence (Wolcott) Petty. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. James was united in marriage to Betty Lou on Nov. 8, 1947 in Pratt.

On May 1, 1957 he started his first shift for the Pratt County sheriff as a dispatcher. He became undersheriff of Pratt County from 1961 to 1964. In 1965 he became sheriff of Pratt County and held that position until Sept. 13, 1968. At that time, he resigned to accept a position appointed by Governor Robert Docking as the state probation and parole officer in Kansas City, Kansas.

In 1981, he moved back to Pratt and he became the chief court services officer for the 19th Judicial District of Kansas. In 1983, he was appointed as chief court services officer for the 30th Judicial District.

On Dec. 16, 1974 James was installed as Worshipful Master of Kilwinning Lodge No. 265, AF & AM during the annual election and installation. He later served as Pratt County commissioner from 1991 to 1995. James enjoyed golf, HAM radio, painting, gardening, fishing and reading. James loved his family and playing with his grandkids.

James is survived by his children; Jerry L. and wife Kathy Petty of Garland, Texas, Jon J. Petty of Wichita, Jana and husband Cameron Colvard of Augusta; grandchildren; Chad (Stephanie) Petty, Marc (Meredith) Nickols, Matthew (Jennifer) Petty, Chelsea (Patrick) Sampoll, Taci (Mike) Hicks, Bryson (Chasity) Petty, and Shawn Petty and great-grandchildren; Addison and Caden Nickols, Tanner and Hunter Petty, Lane Thomas, Jordan Wright, Grayson Hicks and Aubrey Petty.

James is preceded in death by his parents; wife Betty Lou; brothers Joseph, Jack and Leonard and sister Florence.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS with John Hamm presiding. Graveside service with Navy honors will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Comments



“ It was always a hoot to be off to the side with Gene and his brother Jack. You never knew what they were going to talk about or what items from the past they would bring up. Al & Pat Enlow



Al & Pat Enlow - December 14, 2016 at 05:03 PM