



James Merlin Christensen

May 1, 1937 - August 16, 2016

James Christensen was born May 1, 1937 in Denison, Iowa to Arthur and Dorothy Christensen. James was primarily raised by his grandparents on a farm in Denison and lettered in multiple sports including his favorite sport, baseball. He would later go on to play minor league baseball for the Red Sox. He lived in La Crescenta, CA for 25 years where he was a radio minister as well as acting interim pastor for many churches and a Senior Pastor at San Gabriel Union Church. James moved to Monroe, OR with his wife Betty Ann Christensen in 1999. James achieved great success in higher education earning multiple degrees. BA - University of La Verne, BA in Ministry – Berean Christian College and Seminary, MA – Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Divinity – Berean Christian College and Seminary, Doctor of Ministry – California Graduate School of Theology, Doctor of Philosophy – California Graduate School of Theology, Cum Laude, Teachers Diploma – Evangelical Teacher Training Association, Fellow – California Graduate School of Theology

James was an inspiration to many locally and abroad as a member of Bellfountain Community Church, Former President of West Coast National Religious Broadcasters, President and host of The Heaven and Home Hour (38 years), Honorary member and chaplain for the 8th Armored Division, liaison to graduate students at Talbot Theological Seminary, guest speaker at many camps and evangelistic events and schools. He taught young men seeking to become ministers in Singapore for the Asia Evangelistic

Fellowship, led tours to the Holy Land and visited more than 35 countries around the world.

James was preceded in death by his dear wife Betty Christensen October 14, 2012. He is survived by his daughters, Christine and Karlyne and two sons, Jeff and Mark, his eight grandchildren and one great grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 10am, Saturday, August 19th at Bellfountain Community Church 25387 Dawson Road, Monroe.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330
(541) 757-8141
info@mchenryfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Bellfountain Community Church
25387 Dawson Road
Monroe, OR 97456

Reception

AUG **20** (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a long time friend, confidante and co-worker with me in AEF International. We travelled to Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore and Nepal. I was privileged to be a guest at Jim and Betty's home in Oregon. In addition Elizabeth and I hosted Jim and Betty at our home in Perth, Australia.

In one of my last emails from Jim--he sent a congratulatory message for my birthday. He said "" When its time for you to meet the LORD ---I will be standing behind Him to welcome you, next to my beloved Betty".

What a man, what a Savior, what a magnificent GOD we serve.
I look forward to that great welcome in heaven.

Dr Jonathan James

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Jonathan James - August 21, 2016 at 10:30 AM