



IN MEMORY OF  
**JAMES  
KEITH  
VENCILL**

**Obituary for James Keith Vencill**

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James Keith Vencill of Stillwater, OK passed away Memorial Day May 25, 2020. Services will be held Saturday, May 30th at 1:30PM at the First Christian Church, followed by internment in Morrison, Oklahoma Cemetery.

James was born on March 9th, 1938 in Harlingen, TX, and he spent much of his youth in Waleetka, OK. He served for twenty-one years in the military, with both the Navy and Army, on submarines and vessels in the Army surface fleet. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran and retired from the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer (CW4). His life and career took him and his family to many places around the world including Busan, South Korea, Fort Eustis, Virginia, and Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. His work took him to Australia, the Philippines, Panama, Guam, Singapore, and many more places in United States. He was an avid fan of OSU sports including football and men's and women's basketball and attended as many events as he could. He enjoyed bowling, western films, cooking, travel, and Gaither gospel music. He was intensely interested in current affairs. Daily he called friends and family to check on them and was exceptional with how connected he was to people. He was a devout Christian and exemplified his religion's teachings of kindness and service. He loved serving Stillwater through his church and many civic organizations including the Lion's Club, the VFW, and the American Legion. Some of his favorite service activities included helping with pancake breakfasts, providing free vision screening for school children, and helping run the pumpkin patch fundraiser. He was a good neighbor and great friend. He loved people and animals and exuded goodwill and strength.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gregory and Mary Vencill, and his Aunt Dorothy Bowman. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Grim Vencill, his son, James Vencill, his daughter, Vallory Vencill, his grandson, Alex Good, his

adopted granddaughter, Amber Dillon, and his brothers, Clark (wife Lana) and Greg (wife Susan) Vencill and his brother-in-law Larry Grim. Also, he is survived by his nephews, Leon Grim, Randy Grim, Kyler Grim, and David Vencill, and his nieces, Amber Grim, Michelle Vencill, Shannon Vencill, Jeanine Vencill, and Kathy Vencill. He is also survived by his fur-babies- Furs, Goldie, Muffin and Biscuit. His nephews will serve as pallbearers. He had so many friends that he cared for.

His family would like to give special thanks to the community for the outpouring of support. We ask that memorial contributions be made to the Stillwater Lion's Club for vision screening.

If you choose to attend the service, please be considerate of the high-risk population that will be in attendance and wear a mask if you are able.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Oklahoma Lion's KidSight program.

James Vencill was a member of the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater for 40 years. Jim was always early and helped in the kitchen serving food.