



James A Petty

November 18, 1938 - June 9, 2025

James A. Petty, age 86, of Strawberry Plains, left his home on earth for his Heavenly home on Monday, June 9, 2025. He was a member of Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church. James was very proud to have sung bass with the Dumplin Valley Quartet and the Dumplin Valley Boys. He was a good Christian man that was loved by many. He would give you the shirt off his back. James will always be remembered as a wonderful husband.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Arthur and Wilma Petty; sister, Carolyn McGhee; nephews, Terry Petty, Anthony McGhee and Eric Watson; niece, Dacia Watson; and sisters-in-law, Ruby Petty and Imogene Watson. He is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Wanda Petty; great-nephew “grandson”, Braylin (Kendra) Watson; brother, Wayne Petty; nephews, Vaughn (Susanne) Petty and Sherrill Watson; great-nephews, Zane, Zack, and Zeb Petty, Craig and Chase McGhee, and Jason Scalf; great-great-niece and his “pride and joy”, Layla Watson; brother-in-law, Don Watson; sister-in-law, Nancy Watson; and many, many friends that he was so proud of.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the wonderful people at Smoky Mountain Hospice, especially Rainy, Lorraine and Rev. Jim Yeary. The family would also like to thank Brittany Lewis for taking such good care of him. “We love you all and we will never forget any of you.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or Smoky Mountain Hospice.

Graveside memorial service will be 11:00 am, Monday, June 16, 2025, at

Eastview Memorial Gardens with Rev. Ronnie White officiating. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Petty family.

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Eastview Memorial Gardens
1320 Andrew Johnson Hwy
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Shelly Adams lit a candle in memory of James A Petty*



shelly Adams - June 27, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SA

“ *He will be greatly missed. The family and i will have everyone in our prayers. Love Jay & Gail Petty and also Kenneth & Shelly (Petty) Adams.*

shelly Adams - June 27, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DC

“ *We send you our deepest Sympathy at the loss of your loved one. Jimmy was a great person to talk with and very kind. Sincerely, Doyle Petty and Dottie Chudina*



Dorothy Chudina - June 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

 Paula Dunlap

“ *Oh my...a legend in Kodak has gone to his heavenly home. It wasn't a good day if I didn't run into Jimmy Petty at Handy Dandy. I know he's singing and entertaining in heaven. Prayers for all who loved him and that's a HUGE crowd!*

Paula Dunlap - June 19, 2025 at 07:14 PM

AR

“ Wanda, your family is in my prayers. Eddie always enjoyed playing golf with Jim and the friendship they shared. He loved listening to the Dumplin Valley boys sing.

alice reneau - June 15, 2025 at 08:24 PM

SB

“ I am praying for comfort for all of you who love Jimmy. I loved listening to the quartets he sang in

Sue Cate Bragg - June 12, 2025 at 07:30 PM

EJ

“ Dear friends Wanda and Wayne, I just could not believe what I was reading in the Fielden's obituary listing. I guess I thought he would be around forever to tease and laugh and cut up . I have always thought of this family as friends since their Dad was my Pastor and their dear Mother was always there. That was back in 1958 . Seems like a long time, but when you have remained friends, it just seems like a short time . She was a great bass singer and I always liked to listen to he and Wayne on the albums they made. Will be with you in thought and prayers as you go thru this sad time. Sad that I will not be able to attend the services . Take care ❤️🙏



Evelyn Jenkins - June 11, 2025 at 11:16 PM

DM

I will miss my good friend Jim , he was a great neighbor always out in the yard waving with that sweet smile , and his laughter you will never forget. He loved his God, and his beautiful wife Wanda and family, my heart goes out to you all. I know Jim is loving his Heavenly Home, walking the streets of gold with no more pain or sorrow . I will miss you neighbor !

Della Maples - June 12, 2025 at 07:40 AM

AC

Wanda I was so sorry to hear about your lost. Jimmy was so enjoyable to be around with. We have good memories. Your family are in my prayers. Love you.

Alyce Ann Cate - June 15, 2025 at 10:35 PM

SU

“ *What a great man he was, as we all will miss him and his funny jokes! RIP Jimmy ❤️*



Susan - June 11, 2025 at 07:08 AM

DT

“ *Darlene Roach Turley lit a candle in memory of James A Petty*



Darlene Roach Turley - June 10, 2025 at 02:21 PM