



## James Clayton Hodges

January 17, 1931 - January 8, 2015

January 11, 2015

Mr. James Clayton Hodges, age 83, of Forrest City, Arkansas, went to be with Jesus on Thursday, January 8, 2015. He had made Forrest City his home for his entire life.

Born on January 17, 1931, he was the youngest of five children born to the late Reuben Hodges, Sr. and Rosa Emerson Hodges. Preceding him in death were his brother, Ruben Hodges, Jr., and a sister, Annie Mae Parker Dover. He is survived by his wife (married for 62 years), Helen Jeanette Hodges of Forrest City; daughter, Janet Cagle and husband , Mike of Conway, Ar.; son, William Royce 'Billy' Hodges and wife, Mary of Benton, Ar.; brother, Gene Hodges and wife, Evelyn of Forrest City; also Jesse Hodges and wife, Barbara of Jonesboro.

James spent 42 years in the Arkansas Army National Guard. His devotion to his family led him to deny time away for commissioned officers' training. Therefore, many years he held the position of first sergeant in the local guard unit.

As a telegraph operator and clerk with the railroad for 39 years, he was adept at using Morse Code. His duties ranged from typing train orders, keeping up-

to-date with federal regulations for railroad transportation, operating a teletype and checking the level of the St. Francis River at Madison, Ar.

Serving his Lord and Savior in various capacities (a deacon for 59 years and a Sunday School teacher) was near and dear to his heart. A priority for him was leading his family in daily Bible devotional time and prayer.

He enjoyed many different kinds of sports, but especially baseball and football. Family vacations to various locations in the United States and visiting Branson on numerous occasions were always fun.

Services for Mr. Hodges will be held at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 13, 2015 with Dr. Gene Crawley, officiating, and eulogy given by Wayne McFall. Visitation will be at the church, Tuesday, 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service. Music will be presented by Eddie Fleeman, soloist, and Wrenetta Austin, organist. Pallbearers are Mike Cagle, Lewis Etheridge, Barry Hodges, R.E. Hodges, Jody Nail, and Raymond Parker. Honorary pallbearers are the Adult Men's Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, Forrest City. Burial will be at Forrest Park Cemetery. Memorial donations should be given to First Baptist Church, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Ar. 72335. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Interment

JAN 13 (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR



# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Keith Causey lit a candle in memory of James Clayton Hodges*



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**Keith Causey** - July 07, 2015 at 04:38 PM

KC

*I'm so sorry for 1st Hodges's passing. Mr. Jim was a very wonderful gentleman .I guess that many of my kin in the Forrest City area has passed over the years. Joe Hodges was my step brother and I know that he loved Mr. Jim very much.*

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**Keith Causey** - July 07, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JZ

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Hodges was a wonderful man and neighbor. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Jerry, Mary Beth, Bethany & ZachDoler** - January 20, 2015 at 08:48 AM

BM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Mr Hodges passing away he was a fine man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family peace of the Lord be with you all.*

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**Bobby Morphis** - January 13, 2015 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ *Helen and Family,*

*It is with a heavy heart we offer our condolences and pray that God will ease your grief in the loss of James a fine Christian man, husband and father.*

*Littell and Janice Sparks*

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**Littell Sparks** - January 13, 2015 at 09:23 AM

LE

“ *Lewis And E.J. Etheridge lit a candle in memory of James Clayton Hodges*



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**Lewis and E.J. Etheridge** - January 13, 2015 at 06:17 AM

LE

*You are getting to enjoy what we will some day soon!!*

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**Lewis and E.J. Etheridge** - January 13, 2015 at 06:19 AM

JA

“ *A very fine man whom I enjoyed working with for a number of years. A man everyone could be proud of.*  
*Joe N. Adams*

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**Joe Adams** - January 12, 2015 at 05:55 AM

RL

“ I commanded B Battery 5/206th Field Artillery in Forrest City for three years. SFC Hodges was my First Sgt. He was not only a valued member of the unit but also a very good friend. I always valued his opinions and honesty. He called it like he saw it and was hardly every wrong.

*Please accept my condolences and sorrow in his passing. He was a great soldier, friend and an inspiration to all who knew him.*

*Bob Luper  
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

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**Robert D. Luper** - January 11, 2015 at 10:55 PM

GS

“ *What an important part of our family James was!! He was always by Helen's side at family functions. We will miss him - but what a legacy he left!*

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**Gloria Strohl** - January 11, 2015 at 04:28 PM