



James Ellis Presson, Jr.

July 10, 1933 - August 11, 2017

James Ellis Presson, Jr., 84, of Gulf Breeze, FL, formerly of Cairo IL, died Friday, August 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, FL.

He was born July 10, 1933 in Charleston, MO, the son of the late James and Margie (Rothschild) Presson. He married Louise Marie Grigsby on April 12, 1954 and she preceded him in death on July 22, 2011.

He was a teacher, coach, and school administrator, having worked in the Mascoutah, Waterloo and Freeburg, IL school districts.

Mr. Presson was a graduate of Murray State University and received two advanced degrees from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville.

Survivors include four sons, Stephen Presson of Gulf Breeze, FL, Stan (Betsy) Presson of Columbia, IL, Stuart (Anne) Presson of Eastsound, WA, and Stirling (Susanna) Presson of Columbia, IL; brother, Joe (Chris) Presson of Pace, FL; five grandchildren, Erin (Eric) Ladd, Daniel (Jessica) Presson, Andrew Presson, Matthew Presson, Savannah (Robert) Roth; and two great grandchildren, Deacon and Bobby Roth.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Schlechtweg.

Visitation for James E. Presson will be from 10:00am to 11:00am, Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 11:00am at the funeral home with Rev.Larry Buckles officiating. Interment will follow in Beechwood Cemetery in Mounds, IL.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
4815 Sycamore
Cairo, IL 62914
(618) 734-4291
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Ellis Presson, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Coach Presson was the most powerful positive force as my high school years. He was a great leader and role model for young men. Although he tried very hard to be a rock hard bad ass , and he was, the man had a heart of gold. I loved you Coach and may you Rest In Peace. Edgar White*

Edgar (Ed) White - August 06, 2018 at 11:22 PM



*Coach Presson was my track and cross country coach from 1963 to 1966. He helped me in so many ways!! I miss him!!!
Gordon C. Rains*

Gordon Rains - January 04 at 09:43 PM



“ *May God's peace be with you as you go through these difficult days.*

Rene' (Heller) Owens

Rene' Owens - August 26, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *I taught school with Lou when she moved to Gulf Breeze and then later met Jim. They were both wonderful people and I send my sympathy to his family. Faye Cibula*

Faye Cibula - August 21, 2017 at 07:58 PM

JW

“ Jim and Lou were my back yard neighbors here in Gulf Breeze, FL Lou started exercise class for seniors and Jim did too. We shared our love for hummingbirds and butterflies. Neat couple great neighbors. My thought are with the family .Jean Whitmire

Jean Whitmire - August 18, 2017 at 04:54 PM

MJ

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of your father. I haven't stayed in contact with coach, but when visiting Mascoutah I often think of him.

Jim helped me personally as well as in sports. He got me my first job. Working at WIBV radio as an on air reporter. I was petrified at first, with his encouragement and support I was able to succeed. I have many fond memories of fishing and golfing.

He was a tough and demanding, but he drew out the best in you. Coach cared for everyone that played for him.

Coach is in my prayers. I wish the best for all of you as you deal with this loss.

*Sincerely,
Mike James*

Michael James - August 16, 2017 at 11:18 PM

TS

Coach Preston was like all other teachers at that school during '73-'74, was a hard core dimwit.

tj stewart - March 26, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ellis Presson, Jr..* ”



August 14, 2017 at 10:05 PM