



## James Thurman (JT) Sexton

October 21, 1935 - October 19, 2024

Known to many as Dad or JT, James Thurman Sexton aged 88, of Harriman passed away at home on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Dad stayed busy. He was a long-time member of Harriman Baptist Tabernacle and for years drove the church bus or church van. He retired from Y-12 after a long career running back to 1976 and K-25 plant. He was one of two who received an Award of Excellence for Significant Contribution to the Nuclear Weapons Program for Recognition of a Major Component Failure from Martin Marietta Y12 Plant, Assembly Division in 1985. Prior to that he worked simultaneously at Roane Hosiery Mill and Wampler's Gas Station as mechanic, and before that as driver for Pepsi and the family's taxi service and lumber mill in Oneida. He was also a member of Walden Ridge Car Club.

Dad joined his beloved wife, Edith Jeffers Sexton, parents Archie Sexton & Bessie Phillips, aunt Geneva Phillips & husband Barney Newport, grandparents Mount and Oma Phillips, uncle George H Phillips, brothers Luther E Sexton (infant) & Paul T Sexton, niece Paula Yancey, cousin Hubert Blaylock, and many friends in the presence of his Lord. He left behind:

Children:

James R Sexton & wife Dinah L Livengood of Knoxville, TN

Bill R Sexton & wife Kathy J Loy of Atlanta, GA

Phyllis A Sexton of Knoxville, TN

Janet E Sexton & husband Rickey L Wallace of Oakdale, TN

Barbara L Sexton & husband John W Gandy of Burke, VA

Grandchildren:

Stacey M Sexton & husband John P Farrell of Atlanta, GA

Alexander (Alex) Q Wallace of Oakdale, TN

Lindsey N Sexton & husband David P Martin of Atlanta, GA

Kevin N Wallace of Oakdale, TN

Andrew J Gandy of Burke, VA

Great-Grandchildren:

John (Jack) P Farrell, Jr of Atlanta, GA

Liam C Farrell of Atlanta, GA

Pafford (Ford) D Martin of Atlanta, GA

Benjamin Ray Martin of Atlanta, GA

More family and loved ones:

Ines Sexton Lane, Irene Sexton Yancey, and Charles Sexton of Oneida, TN

James, Sandra, Steven, Rachel, and Anna Ruth Jones

David Reed

Clint, Amber, Tyler, Hunter, Taylor, Jordan, and Hanna Boyer

Missi Lemmons Scandlyn

The Youth (and former youth) of Harriman Baptist Tabernacle

Many close friends, neighbors and coworkers, too many to list

If you know Dad, you know it had to be a special event to wear a tie. He didn't

want to wear a tie for his funeral and didn't want anyone to feel required to

either. Come dressed like yourself to the receiving of friends on Tuesday,

10/22/24 at 5 PM followed by the Funeral at 7 PM at Kyker Funeral Home

chapel in Harriman with Revs. James Jones and Clint Boyer officiating.

Interment will be in Roane Memorial Gardens. If desired, donation in lieu of

flowers may be sent to Harriman Baptist Tabernacle Youth fund at PO Box

575 Harriman, TN 37748. Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman is serving the

Sexton Family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR HARRIMAN CHAPEL  
PO Box 232, 430 Morgan St  
Harriman, TN 37748  
(865) 882-1515  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Thurman (JT) Sexton*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - October 21, 2024 at 09:14 PM

DP

“ *So sorry to hear this news. The Sexton family was always like a second home for me growing up, I have nothing but great memories of this extraordinary family. RIP. You were a good man!*

*David A. Payne  
Greenville, SC*



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**David Payne** - October 22, 2024 at 07:59 AM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - October 21, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Thurman (JT) Sexton.



October 21, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ I miss you All ? Ok.Regina Ann Beard I love you all. Have peace and your heart,? ❤️💙 by miss Regina Ann Beard 💕💕



Regina Beard - October 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM

RB

“ Hey this Miss Regina Ann Beard that I love you all .you was in life to be you and the family of love ok

I was a member of youth choir of the member people I hope member mother because she's pass way on November 11 2023 at my apartment that night before I get ready for bed ok. Tell all the family hello from me to you all.? St.john 14-6 Proverbs 17-17 st.John 3- 16 from miss Regina Ann Beard ❤️💖💖



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Regina Beard - October 21, 2024 at 10:11 AM