



James Cerf

March 14, 1915 - January 1, 2006

James Henry Cerf was born on March 14, 1915 in Corsicana, Texas and passed away January 1, 2006. He was the son of Isaac and Eugenie Levy Cerf. James graduated from Corsicana High School and followed in his father's footsteps at the State National Bank, becoming the youngest bank vice-president in Texas at the time. He became director at the bank and after his father's death took over the family's private investment business. Ranching and Hunting were James' passions. He was a great outdoor sportsman, killing the Big Five game in Africa in 1964. He was such a sharpshooter the natives called him "One Shot Bwana". James supported many charities, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Red Cross, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the YMCA, the National Jewish Research Center, and Benai Brith. He was past president of Temple Beth El and a member of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas. James is survived by son and daughter-in-law Irwin and Jackie Cerf of Dallas. Daughter and son-in-law Linda Cerf Garner and husband David of Dallas. Grandchildren: David Cerf, Rebekha Thompson, Anson Switzer, and Brooklyn Garner. Great grandchildren: Nicholas and Jeremy Cerf. Myra Lanier his longtime friend and business assistance, and Frances Soloman, his caretaker of five years. Graveside services will be held Monday January 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hebrew Cemetery in Corsicana with Rabbi Gerald Klein officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Kent Rogers, Les Leskoven, Gary Brown, Abe Stroud, and Robert Walker. In lieu of flowers the family request that

donations be made to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Cerf*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Corsicana and the Jewish community have lost a good friend. We shared birthdays and a nice friendship for many years. James will be missed. Babbette*

Babbette Samuels - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that my thoughts are with you. I am so sorry . Love*

Roslyn Rosen - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Cerf was one of the first people we met after moving to Corsicana. He was dear to us and we will miss him very much.*

Monica and Thad Miller - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, Dave, Anson, & Brooklyn: Our thoughts are with you during this trying time. We know how very much you loved your dad and that you will deeply mourn his passing while also remembering your beloved mom on the anniversary of her yartzheit in just a couple of days. We wish we could take away some of your pain, but only time can accomplish that. May both your parents rest in peace.*

Mitzi & Rick - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ It was my pleasure to work for Mr. Cerf for about a year and a half. At that time, I was privileged to meet most of his family. I send my sympathy, condolences and love to all of his wonderful family and to Myra as well. I learned a great deal, particularly about the history of this city, from James and I am happy I had the opportunity to do that. He and his family certainly made a large contribution to this area and we should all be grateful to them for that. My best wishes to you all.

Polly Martin Thomas - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I first knew James as Linda's dad when we were growing up. Many years later he became a close friend to me. We shared many many hours talking about old times, new times, investments, children and grand children and lots of time about food.(He loved a good meal) We shared stories about guns and pets too. He was very very special to me and I am blessed to have had those wonderful times with him. He will be missed always. I pray for his family and friends that God comforts you in your time of loss. Much love to you all.

Beth R. Chapman - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I remember your father as being bigger than life when we were growing up. The trophy room at your house was proof positive of his great hunting skills. Thinking of you, Becky

June DE Chaume - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your father.

Nancy York Ryan - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Linda: Just wanted to extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy...
Audrey and Louis Kariel*

Audrey and Louis Kariel - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *we the staff and owners of The
Other Place wish all well and are keeping the family in our hearts
and thoughts*

*Mr.Cerf was a great man and has accomplished his deeds here on
earth and now gone on to the fathers house to meet those gone
before and to rejoice with them*

*we will miss him very much and hope to dine with him some day
soon on the other side!*

walter - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *My friend, Mr. Cerf, will always be remembered in my heart. He was
one of my best patients at Medical Arts / Trinity Clinic-Corsicana in
the laboratory. I'll forever remember his smile and his dapper
manner. My love for his memories will never end. Peace.*

Rick Hickson - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *linda-very sorry for your loss-my thoughts and prayers are with you*

jeff smith - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I will surely miss Mr. Cerf. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Teresa Canant-Finch - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM