



James Martin "J.M." Preslar

August 11, 1929 - August 9, 2021

James Martin "J.M." Preslar joined his Lord on August 9, 2021 in Boerne, Texas. He was born on August 11, 1929 in Coleman, Texas to Luther Gilliam Preslar and Martha Louella Burrow. He is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Virginia Beck Preslar; daughter, Rhonda Preslar Buckert (Benny); son, Gary Preslar (Sharon); sister, Madelene Conner; grandchildren, John Preslar, Amy Johnson (Richard), Carl Buckert (Amanda), Erin Grenwelge (Jason); great-grandchildren, Ethan Winburn, Madi Winburn,, Sidney Preslar, Slade Nolan, Waylon Buckert, Cash Johnson, Lily Buckert.

JM grew up in Coleman, TX (a small farming community) and his Dad got a job in Brownwood, so they moved there.

JM attended Brownwood High School and graduated from Early High School in 1948. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on the destroyer USS Perkins (DD/DDR-877) commissioned on April 4, 1945. He travelled to Okinawa and Republic of China, just before the communists came to power.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, he married Virginia (Ginger) Beck. Needing employment, he took a defense job at Carswell AFB in Ft.Worth, TX doing maintenance work on the Convair B-36 "Peacemaker".

As a young man, he wanted more. He tried selling appliances at a local dealer in Ft. Worth, but the commissions were thin. He was persuaded to try life as an insurance salesman, so he started with John Hancock Life Insurance company in 1953. He found his calling, so he stayed with the company until 1989 and decided to retire. The job offered him some managerial opportunities which required a relocation to San Antonio, TX in 1959, and he and Ginger have been here since that time, raising family, making lifelong friends, and becoming members of Dellview Baptist Church and serving as a Deacon of the church.

JM was a proud member of the Freemasons, and the Gideons International, a devout Christian, an excellent Dad, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, and Husband, Brother, Uncle, and Cousin.

He loved people, loved making them laugh, and never met a stranger.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 beginning at 11:00am, followed by funeral services at 12:00 noon at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Interment

AUG 16 (CT)

Mission Burial Park
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

GP

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of JM*



Gary P - August 14, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of James Martin "J.M." Preslar.



August 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Martin "J.M." Preslar.



August 12, 2021 at 01:03 PM

RV

“ JM you were such a blessing in my life. Thank you for always being a great part of the Dellview Baptist Church family. I will miss your smile and bug hugs. I know you are with our Savior. I will miss you.

Love,
Becky

Prayers for Ginger and all the family. We love you Ginger.



Rebecca Lee Virgen - August 10, 2021 at 06:29 PM

RV

Big hugs

Rebecca Lee Virgen - August 10, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BM

“ Our "42" player is playing "42" with the Lord and HIS Angels. Earl and I played many games with J.M. and Ginger. We will always remember him calling our daughter Vicke - "Vicke Lou" Too many great memories to share them all in this space. Dellview Baptist was blest many years for his service to the Lord and the Church. Blessing now to Ginger. Love, Earl and Billie Marvin

Billie Marvin - August 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM

JH

“ My heartfelt condolences to Ginger and her entire family. JM was a great man, a great servant of God, and the best church greeter and hugger. I will miss him and his sense of humor by telling me, and all the church ladies, that each of us was his number one girl friend. I know that when he reached the pearly gates God told him, welcome home and well done my good and faithful servant. ❤️

Love, JoNell Haschke (your true number one girlfriend 😊)

JoNell Haschke - August 10, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JM

Ginger what a great husband you have!!
JM, we had a lot of laughs and fun trying to “work out” together at the gym with all the guys, and topping all our hard work off with donuts!!
Haha
Always looked forward to seeing you and sharing our love for JESUS and life. Gonna miss you my friend, but we have a future and a hope in Heaven! Be seeing you when my allotted time here comes! What a joy to know you...,,
Jerry martinez

jerry martinez - August 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

GP

Pop: as the old verse in the song goes: "You're gonna miss me when I gone".....well it was right. We all miss you so much.

Gary P - August 14, 2021 at 09:36 PM

RH

Daddy you are truly missed by all. We miss your stories and your happiness and I love you so much. Love ,you're daughter,
Rhonda

rhonda - August 15, 2021 at 07:11 AM

GS

One of the most precious, loving and comical men ever born. He probably is looking for the nearest fishing hole and trying to locate mother to convince her he is the youngest. To Ginger, Rhonda and Gary my thoughts and prayers are with you as his memories will live on forever. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul and guardian angel for us all. Love you all. From Glenda Conway Swan.

Glenda Swan - August 18, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JL

JM...I praise the Lord for the way you blessed my life! Your loving heart, faith, optimism and humor are going to be missed. You were such an inspiration to me. I look forward to seeing you in heaven one day. Enjoy it...and I know you will! Ginger...Joyce and I are praying for you and are certain you will feel God's love and strength to see you through this. Jerry L.

Jerry Laird - August 24, 2021 at 07:54 PM