



James Paul Klingensmith

June 20, 1927 - April 25, 2025

James Paul Klingensmith, 97, passed away April 25, 2025, at U of L Hospital.

James was born on June 20, 1927, to the late James Delbert and Minnie (Evans) Klingensmith. He retired from Kroger as a diesel mechanic for 32 years and was a member of South Jefferson Baptist Church. He was a member of Valley 511 Masonic Chapel and was a Shriner and a Ky Colonel. James also served our country as a Merchant Marine. He was also a Scout leader.

Preceded in death by his parents, loving wife of 63 years Ruby (Dunn) Klingensmith.

Survived by his daughter Paulette Hatfield (Jim), grandson James Matthew Harp, two sisters Katherine Knott and Helen Jean Morelock.

Funeral service will be Wednesday April 30, 2025, Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be Monday from 2:00-7:00pm and Tuesday from 2:00-7:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South Jefferson Baptist Church, 6505 Pendelton Road Louisville, Ky 40272.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ He taught me how to fish. He taught me how to work on cars. When I joined the Boy Scouts, he rejoined as an adult leader, for me. He taught me a lot about how to be a real, honorable man. I wasn't the only one. Paul Klingensmith was my grandfather, but he mentored dozens of young men. He is gone, but he hasn't really left. His memory lives on in all of us he taught, mentored, all of us he believed in.

Matt Harp - December 31, 2025 at 11:23 PM