



## James Elbert Potts

February 22, 1935 - October 18, 2020

James “Elbert” Potts, 85, of Greenville, passed away Sunday, October 18th at home surrounded by his family.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm at Holly Hill Memorial Park.

Elbert was born February 22, 1935 in Union City, GA to the late Elbert Herman Potts and Lennie Pearl Parrott Potts. He is also preceded in death by his son, Elbert Herman Potts and siblings, Donald Lamar Potts, Sr. and Alice Corine Potts Rainwater.

He is survived by his wife, Joann Murray Potts, Brother Walter Leon Potts (Diane), Sister Pauline (Cricket) Teate, Sons, Jim Potts (Dallas), Barry Potts (Benita),), Daughters, Vicky Henderson (Steve), Jill Price (Chris) and former daughter-in-law, Naomi Murphy. He was blessed with Grandchildren, Jody, Crystal, Melissa, Joshua, Amanda, Ashley, Gabrielle, Noah, Morgan, Madeline, Lauren and many nieces, nephews, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren .

Elbert was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict as an “All Wheel Mechanic”. He was proud of his services that ranged all the way from working on a bicycle up to a tank. He retired from Gulf Oil after 36 years and worked with his brother, Walter, at George H Green Oil, Inc for several years after retirement.

He had a strong Christian faith and was a member of Harmony Grove Baptist for most of his life. He was a faithful “All Wheel Servant”, ranging from his

handyman duties, driving the church bus and in desperate times, leading music. He strived to be the best Christian, Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle and Friend he could be. He lived his life by helping the sick and those in need. Elbert had a great love and commitment to his family. He was completely devoted to his wife, his children and maintained a strong bond with his brothers, Walter and Don. Throughout his long battle with Alzheimer's, he kept close to his devoted wife of 64 years, Joann. She never left his side and even when he could not recall anyone else, he always remembered Joann. The family is accepting flowers or asks you to follow Elbert's legacy in spending time with family, helping those sick or in need. Special thank you to his many caregivers, family and friends that provided comfort, prayers, meals and love during this difficult time.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street  
Fairburn, GA 30213

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ James was such a kind and gentle man. He was a joy to work with at Green Oil, and always had a smile. My sincerest condolences to the family. My heart is with you and I am sending out prayers and hugs. May the family find peace and comfort knowing he is in the arms of Jesus, and you will someday meet again. Love, Scotty and Jim Pleasants

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**Scotty Pleasants** - October 22, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DO

“ DENISE ONEAL purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Elbert Potts.



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**DENISE ONEAL** - October 21, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DO

“ Elbert is my uncle by marriage and was helpful to my grandmother and me throughout many years. I remember his talent for drawing and creativity. I remember as I got older and went down for visits he always checked my car for potential problems and always reminded me to "change the oil". (just like a father) . I enjoyed riding the golf cart with him and Joann to check out their property . A property he worked for. a home he built, and one he was proud of. Elbert was a caring, giving and a good, man. He shared a love and bond with Joann that not many will ever have. I know God will look out for him now , he will see loved ones that have gone before , have peace and be drawing pictures of heaven. I wish my aunt Joann and all the family love and strength. Most of all I wish that the family rallies together , helping Joann and each other and always keep a bond of love.

denise oneal - October 21, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Elbert Potts.



October 20, 2020 at 05:40 PM

NM

“ Nancy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James Elbert Potts



Nancy Mitchell - October 20, 2020 at 02:59 PM

NM

“ So sad to hear this. This is my Sister's husband's brother. I've known him all my life and what a great man he was. I have a lifetime of nothing but good memories. Out of all the great talents he had the one I remember most is his talent of being a great Artist. He would free handling draw the most a beautiful picturesque scenes you could imagine in front of our Church while the piano would play Christian music. My heart goes out to his Children who are like family to me, especially his devoted wife, Joann. My heart breaks for them all, but without a doubt we know where he is. He's expecting God's holy face. I know he was glad to see his brother and Sister who has also passed this year. Especially his son, Herman, who was very dear to my heart. My thoughts and many prayers are with the Potts family Lord give them comfort and peace. I truly love you all. ❤️

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**Nancy Mitchell** - October 20, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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*I meant experiencing, not expecting. Sorry*

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**Nancy Mitchell** - October 20, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Elbert Potts.



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October 20, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Elbert Potts.



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October 19, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Elbert Potts.



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October 19, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *From All Of Us At Green Oil* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of James Elbert Potts.



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**From All Of Us At Green Oil** - October 19, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Elizabeth Williams* lit a candle in memory of James Elbert Potts



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**Elizabeth Williams** - October 19, 2020 at 03:27 PM

DC

“ *David And Brenda Crews lit a candle in memory of James Elbert Potts*



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**David and Brenda Crews** - October 19, 2020 at 01:49 PM

JB

“ *Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of James Elbert Potts*



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**Jayne Bennett** - October 19, 2020 at 10:58 AM