



James Newell Voss

October 17, 1944 - July 25, 2020

James Newell Voss of Fairview, TX passed away peacefully in his home on July 25, 2020, at the age of 75.

James was born on October 17, 1944 to Gilbert and Juanita Voss in Lubbock, TX. James spent his early years at various air force bases before his family settled down in Greenville, TX. James attended Greenville High School and graduated in 1963. He attended Abilene Christian College (later Abilene Christian University), where he received a degree in Communications. While in college at ACC, James was very involved and was a member of the Wildcat track team and the varsity cheerleading squad. James graduated from ACC in 1968 but continued to serve as a very active alumnus and supporter.

James met his first wife, the late Darlene Handy, in 1965 while they were both attending ACC. They married in 1968 and had two children: Bradley and Ashley.

James spent the first 20 years of his career in youth ministry, serving in churches in Winston-Salem, NC; Irving, TX; Weatherford, TX; Amarillo, TX; Dallas, TX; and Arlington, TX. In the Churches of Christ, James was a pioneer in youth ministry and helped lead the way for growing ministry to middle school and high school students in churches across the country. He was fundamental in developing Christian camps and mission trips for teenagers. James received the Youth Minister of the Year Award from Lubbock Christian College in 1977. After youth ministry James continued his education and received a master's degree in counseling, as well as certification as a Texas teacher. Shifting to a career in education, James served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in districts across East Texas. James retired from education in 2013 after serving as Textbook and Transportation Coordinator for the Richardson ISD.

In 2013 James reconnected with Johnetta Morton, his high school prom date from Greenville High School. The two were married on February 8, 2014. James and Johnetta lived the last six years in Fairview, TX where they were very involved in their neighborhood, church, and community. James served as an elder at Greenville Oaks Church of Christ.

James is survived by his wife, Johnetta, and his two children and their spouses; Brad and Shannon Voss of North

Richland Hills, TX, and Ashley and Ruth Ann Voss of Fort Worth, TX; along with six grandchildren: Phoebe, Judson, Kamalyn, Karis, Arianna, and Kodah.

The family will gather for a memorial service and celebration of life at Greenville Oaks Church of Christ on August 2 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to join the celebration online at [Greenvilleoaks.online.church](https://greenvilleoaks.online.church). In lieu of flowers, James asked instead for donations to MADE IN THE STREETS, an organization dedicated to changing the lives of street kids in Nairobi, Kenya. Donations can be made at <https://madeinthestreets.kindful.com/?campaign=273395>.

Memorials

I was a stranger and you invited me in. Thank you, James. You did it for the least of these.

LEA JASPER, AUGUST 2, 2020

Brad, I am so sorry about your dad's passing. He sounded like he had a full, blessed life in service to the Lord. Our prayers are with you, Shan, the kids, & all the rest of your family for comfort from God.

RICKY & AMELIA MAXWELL, AUGUST 1, 2020

James was like my second father and was there for me, guiding me through life for the past 20 years. He provided sound advice and always available to just listen. I am definitely a better person because of James. I feel blessed that God brought James into my life.

KELLEY GREGORIEW, JULY 31, 2020

Johnetta and family, I want you to know that my walk with the Lord has been enriched by knowing both of you! God has a way of helping us with community with others. May the Spirit comfort and bless you with precious memories!

RON ANDERS, JULY 31, 2020

James, all of us in AREA enjoyed meeting you and Johnetta, getting to know you and your love of life, children, and the Lord. May you be in good stead as you counsel with Him in heaven, and we'll all continue watching over Johnetta for you. In His Most Holy Name,

SUZY JANSKY, JULY 31, 2020

More than anything, I associate the summer camps of my youth, at Camp Goddard in Sulfur, OK, with James Voss. His energy from morning to night,

the activities he planned for us (Olympics, Sham Battles, Devotionals at the Rock) are emblazoned in my memory. While it has been many years since I have connected with James, he will live on in the lives of all of us whose lives he touched in youth group. We will miss you James!

RYAN LUNSFORD, JULY 31, 2020

James was a Christian with a life of love and giving. Our family has many great memories. We attended High Pointe Church together and saw his many works for God. The students of North Texas Christian Academy, where he served as Head of School, all loved him and his Christian Influence. He was very special to Morgan, a student there. Our thoughts, prayers and sincere sympathy. Earl, Lena, Holly and Morgan Milstead

LENA MILSTEAD, JULY 31, 2020

James, will miss you but I know you have received the gift God promised. Prayers for all the family.

JAMES HERVEY, JULY 30, 2020

We know he was a good man who lived the life of a Christian man. Thanking of you in your sorrow.

RAYMOND RANDOLPH, JULY 30, 2020

Please accept my sincerest condolences for the loss of Mr. Jack Voss. In reading his eulogy, it is an honor to be a member of IMCAT (Instructional Materials Coordinators' Association of Texas) in which Mr. Voss was a founder. His legacy is an inspiration! I will pray for Mr. Voss and his loved ones.

CYNTHIA M. GARCIA, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COORDINATOR, JULY 30, 2020

Special condolences from Kenya to the entire family, may the good Lord rest his soul in eternal peace. Amen

MICHAEL KYENZE, JULY 30, 2020

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort, peace, and support from family, friends, and our heavenly father.

AL STEWART, JULY 29, 2020

James was a man who deserved respect and honor. A good example to our

*children. My deepest sympathy to his wife, sons, and all family members.
Great is his reward in heaven.*

HARLA CARPENTER, JULY 29, 2020

Johnetta and James' sons, I send my deepest sympathy and love. James will be so missed by so many. A Christian in every way and a friend to many. God has gained another angel. I pray God's blessings on you and pray He will be your comfort. Love and prayers,

ANN DALE, JULY 29, 2020

My prayers and thoughts are with you, Johnetta, and the family at this time of your loss. May you feel God's comfort now and the days to come.

JOYCE ABERNATHY, JULY 29, 2020

Being invited to have coffee at Starbucks was always an invitation to join in some new activity.... James was a catalyst for many new hearts.

FRED CLEMENTS, JULY 29, 2020

James. Johnetta. I love you both, and I miss you, James, already and very much. I wish you had stayed, but know you had to leave. I admit that God's ways are higher than mine, so I trust He knows best. If you ever want to visit, I'd welcome it. I ask that God give us someone who can fill your shoes.

JOSHUA SUPROBO, JULY 29, 2020

Johnetta, Our sincere sympathy to you in the loss of James. We know that he is in the arms of our Savior and you have peace with that. Blessings.

SANDY AND MICHAEL DEVAULT , JULY 29, 2020

I met James when he was working for Richardson ISD several years ago. He and I were active in the Instructional Materials Coordinators' Association of Texas (IMCAT). I was so sorry to hear of his loss. He was a great friend and super Christian man. He will be missed by so many.

PD THOMAS, JULY 29, 2020

Our prayers are with you in these sad times.

LARRY ELLIOTT , JULY 29, 2020

*Such a legacy of love and service. Prayers for Johnetta and all his family.
Love you!*

LORI TURNBOW, JULY 29, 2020

James' life story tells what a wonderful man he was.

MARCIA MONTGOMERY , JULY 29, 2020

My love to all the family! James was a special guy & friend to all!

TEMPE HATTER, JULY 29, 2020

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