Funeral services for Mr. James will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14, at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes.

Brother Mark Stinnett and Mark Medley will officiate and interment will follow in the Baird Memorial Cemetery. Visitation with the James family will be held on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m., on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Friday after 9 a.m. until service time at 11.

Mr. James, 87, of Hickman, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012 at Elmcroft in Lebanon.

Mr. James was born Oct. 6, 1924 in Hickman, the son of the late Frank Bryant James and Delia Ann Gwaltney. After graduating from Gordonsville High School, he enrolled at Tennessee Tech University. In June 1943, he entered in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, he attended both the University of Louisville and Iowa State College. He served until the end of World War II, when he enrolled at Tennessee Tech University again. He graduated from there in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and minors in both Math and Education.

He married Una Lee Lawrence on Feb. 14, 1948. His first job was with NASA at Langley Field, Va. In 1951, he came back home to be the principal at Chestnut Mound School, as well as teaching grades five through eight. The next two years found him teaching Math, Chemistry and Physics at Watertown High School. In 1954, he came to Gordonsville High School where he taught for 32 years in the Science Department until his retirement in 1986. In 1956, he earned his Master's in Education with a minor in Biology. He served as Principal of GHS from 1976 to 1977 and served as Guidance Counselor from 1969 to 1986.

Mr. James was a member of Hickman Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Una Lee Lawrence James on Feb. 28, 2003, and special friend, Leslie Armistead.

He is survived by his two children: Teresa (Howard) Ballard of New Middleton, and William (Vicky) James of Lebanon; three grandchildren: Rachel (Jon) Kelley of Gordonsville, Joshua (Susan) James of Arlington, Va., and Andrew James of Washington, D.C.; three step-grandchildren: Paula Withrow, Penny Kinslow and Pamela Sweat; two great-grandchildren:

Kaitlin and Lucas Carter; seven step-great-grandchildren; and special friend: Clarence Nixon of Hickman.

The James Family requests that memorials be made to the GHS Science Club or to the Pat Summitt Alzheimer's Foundation.

Bass Funeral Home, Gordonsville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements..