



## James Thomas Ramsey

October 7, 1921 - November 27, 2014

Dr. James Thomas Ramsey loving husband, father, grandfather and great grand father died Thursday Nov. 27 after giving thanks with his family at his home in Frankfort. Dr. Jim was preceded in death by Kathleen, his wife of 64 years, parents: George and Grace Ramsey, sister Lois, and grandson James T. Ramsey III. He is survived by his 7 children: Josie (Glenn) Stegemann of Louisville, Jim, Jr (Ginny) Ramsey of Lexington, Steve (Rose) Ramsey of Lawrenceburg, David (Cora) Ramsey of Bergenfield, NJ, Bob (Ann) Ramsey of Lexington, John (Lisa) Ramsey of Lexington and Karen Putchka of Cincinnati, Ohio, 19 grandchildren and 10 great grand children, sister Alice Gross of Coshocton, Ohio along with numerous nieces, nephews and cherished friends. Born October 7, 1921 in Coshocton, Ohio, Dr. Jim attended Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, served during World War II in the Army Air Corps as a pilot, leading his crew in 50 missions. After the war he graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School, completed a residency at the University of Cincinnati and practiced medicine for over 40 years in Owenton and Frankfort, KY. He continued consulting for the dept. of disability until his retirement at age 90. Dr. Jim had many accomplishments and touched many lives during his life. He held life as a miracle from God and treated all patients with dignity and respect. As a physician he assisted in the delivery of thousands of births, made home calls to the sick and disabled, and proudly admitted the first black patient into the formerly segregated Kings Daughters Hospital in 1959. Dr. Jim also was active in his community as chair of the

Franklin County Board of Education, board member of the Frankfort Country Club, Salvation Army, KY Medical Association, American Medical Association, VFW, KY Aviation Club and a 60 year member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. He received many awards and accolades for his service to his country, community and profession but most important to him was his faith and his family. He lived his life with integrity; he was cherished and will be missed.

A celebration of Dr. Jim's life will be held at 11 am Wednesday at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Frankfort. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, 312 Washington St, Frankfort on Tuesday from 4-8pm. A Christian prayer vigil and affirmations of Dr. Jim's life will be shared at 7pm Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations are asked for Nan's House for Homeless Veterans c/o Catholic Action Center P.O. Box 324 Lexington, KY 40588 or online at [www.godsnet.info](http://www.godsnet.info) .

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at [www.harrodbrothers.com](http://www.harrodbrothers.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Thomas Ramsey*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Wishing you strength and peace.*

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**Aasiya & Chris McCoy** - December 04, 2014 at 08:55 PM



“ *Dr. Ramsey took care of my mama, daddy and me while he practiced. He even helped care for my daddy after he left his practice. My family will always remember what a wonderful person he was. I will also miss seeing him at Mass on Saturday night and the conversations we would have on the way to our cars. Your family is in my prayers.*

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**Becky Crockett** - December 03, 2014 at 01:22 PM

CH

“ Dr. Ramsey took care of my parents, me and my siblings, and my children through his span as a family physician in Frankfort. Never once called his office for anything and was turned away or told he was booked, he always took exemplary care of both his patients and their families. My Mother had rheumatic fever back in the 1960's. She refused hospital admission because she had four children at home. Dr. Ramsey hooked up her medicines and fluids to an IV pole beside her bed at our home and every night after he had spent a grueling day at his office, he would knock on our door, with his black bag in tote, and take care of Momma. What a blessing he was to Frankfort and to his patients! Prayers for the Ramsey family for their great loss of a very admirable and special man. Thank you for sharing him with us!

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BW

“ Dr. Ramsey was a remarkable man who influenced and inspired so many. He was loved by all. My condolences to the Ramsey Family.

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**Bill Woodrum** - December 02, 2014 at 12:32 PM

JK

“ Dr. Ramsey was a noble man who made such a positive difference in so many lives. When he retired from DDS he shared a poem with me from Alice Cary and this stanza is what reminds me most of him:

*"Tis not in the pages of a story  
The heart of its ills to beguile,  
Though he who makes courship to glory  
Gives all that he hath for her smile  
For when from her heights he has won her,  
Alas! it is only to prove  
That nothing's so sacred as honor,  
And nothing so loyal as Love!"*

*I will miss him tremendously.*

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**James Kuhn** - December 02, 2014 at 11:25 AM

CL

“ I wish to express my condolences to the Ramsey family. It is not often that a doctor is spoken of as respecting and dignifying his patients. During this time of grief please know that the thoughts and prayers of friends are with you. A bible text that always comforts me is 2Corinthians 1:3,4. May the God of comfort be with your family at this time. As we await the end of death and mourning Revelations 21:3,4.

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**Clara** - December 01, 2014 at 02:03 PM

LA

“ *Dr. Ramsey was one of the great gifts to Frankfort, Ky., my hometown. He was the epitome, and one I put on the highest pedestal, of his profession. I grew up with his children, and knew Dr. Ramsey for over 50 years. I was fortunate enough to have lunch with Dr. Ramsey and his son Jim, the last few times I was in town. Dr. Ramsey was a great husband, father, and veteran. Truly an exemplary example of America's "Greatest Generation". God Bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Larry Andrews** - December 01, 2014 at 09:06 AM

LG

“ *He was a fine man, an inspiration to those that knew him. My condolences to the family.*

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**Leo Griffin** - November 29, 2014 at 06:10 PM