



## Dr. James L. Fulton

October 22, 1936 - April 14, 2020

Dr. James L. Fulton, 83, of Westfield, slipped peacefully away to meet his Lord at 8:15 am on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Westfield.

One of 14 children, James was born on October 22, 1936 at home near Sheridan, Indiana, a son of the late Virgil Franklin and Carrie Ethel (Mundy) Fulton.

James was a humble man, always kind, always calm, devoted to God, devoted to his family, and devoted to those he served. He was a man whose walk and talk were identical. James loved to tinker with machinery and could “fix anything or fix it so no one could.” A deep thinker, James had an avid thirst for knowledge.

He was a graduate of Sheridan High School and then earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Butler University in 1958. James dedicated his heart to Christ in 1956 and later enrolled in Union Bible Seminary (UBS) in Westfield where he taught while earning a degree in education.

While at UBS, James met the love of his life, Grace Hegwood. They were married on October 28, 1961 in LaGrange, WY. While feeling a call of God to missions, he spent time preparing and in 1966, James and Grace became missionaries to Bolivia where they served until 1976. They returned to Union

Bible Seminary where James served in various capacities. In 1989, he and Grace returned to Bolivia finishing a second term in 1999. The crowning achievement of his scholastic career was when he received his Honorary Doctorate Degree from Union Bible College after 50 years of teaching.

Those left to cherish James's memory include his four children, Eunice (James II) McBryant of Cicero, Carol (Rodney) Farney of Sheridan, Stephen (Kimberly) Fulton Sr., of Traverse City, MI, and David (Leah) Fulton Sr., of Frankfort; 11 grandchildren, Elizabeth (Daniel) Xinico, James (Kimberly) McBryant III, David (Christa) Fulton Jr., Rachel (Abel) Dela Cruz, Carrie (Joshua) Kline, Sarah McBryant, Ashley (Andrew) Wilhelm, Stephen Fulton Jr., Joanna McBryant, Whitney (John) Boecker, and Amanda (Justin) Gross; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Clarence Fulton of Jamestown, TN, a sister, Delores Summitt of Kokomo, and many several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Grace Fulton on November 16, 2018; 11 sisters and brothers, Mary Overstreet, Esther Schafer, John Fulton, Paul Fulton, Ruth Michael, Lincoln Fulton, Florence Stern, Martha Mullin, Lawrence Fulton, George Fulton, and Bertha Robinson.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, services will be held privately with immediate family members only. James will be laid to rest beside his wife at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

At 7:00 pm Monday, April 20, 2020 and afterward, you may view a tribute to Dr. James L. Fulton offered by his son, Rev. David Fulton Sr. The video will be posted below.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

Memorial contributions may be offered to Central Yearly Meeting of Friends Missions. Please mail to Nathan Covert. 8316 South Pleasant St. Daleville, IN 47334.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Dr. James L. Fulton.

# Cemetery Details

## **Summit Lawn Cemetery**

1154 Westfield Blvd  
Westfield, IN 46074

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James L. Fulton*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - April 19, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JH

“ *We always had a great time at the reunions listening to his missionary stories. Nancy has a lot of great memories of Uncle Jimmy growing up together. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*

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**John and Nancy Hobaugh** - April 21, 2020 at 08:46 PM

CC

“ *Humble. Gracious. Merciful. Committed. Brilliant. Faithful. These are words that come to my mind as I remember Bro. Fulton. As a former student, my life was greatly impacted by his godly example and impressive intelligence. Bro. Fulton impacted my young life and the passing years have only deepened my admiration of him. Julie and I pray for you all during this time of earthly loss.*

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**Chris Cravens** - April 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RM

“ I will always remember the first time I met your Mom and Dad. I went to family camp for the first time and they were so kind to me and took time to help me feel at home. Their friendship I shall always treasure. Your Dad always!!! Had a smile for me. He was such a blessing

Ruth McCormick - April 20, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Dr. James L. Fulton Eulogy



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2020 at 06:41 PM

CC

Great eulogy, Dave! Well said!

Chris Cravens - April 21, 2020 at 12:59 PM

AR

“ i have so many wonderful memories of bro. fulton..... as my principal, teacher, my best friend's dad, visiting them in bolivia on an eye mission (driving in that jeep!! ha), and such a wonderful friend! we loved him greatly, and so happy he was able to teach my kids, too! i am so happy to know he is in heaven now...tho he will be missed here greatly! love you so much... anne (gebby) roark.... and the whole family (mark, anita, david and darla)

Anne eugenia Roark - April 18, 2020 at 03:07 PM

TK

“ *the roark family (mark, anne, and kids) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. James L. Fulton.*



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**the roark family (mark, anne, and kids)** - April 18, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ *A true example of the Savior and worker in the kingdom.*

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**Jeremy Baker** - April 15, 2020 at 04:25 PM

MA

“ *Dr. Fulton was a wonderful man of God and great blessing to the UBC family as well as the CYMF family. The Bible Methodist Connection of Churches sends their condolences to all the family.*

*Michael Avery*

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**Michael Avery** - April 15, 2020 at 03:51 PM

BT

“ *He taught me missions at UBS. I count it an Honor that I got to have him as a Teacher. He taught me the only way to get people saved was to love them and He lived what He taught. I am so glad I KNOW he is at the feet of Jesus.*

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**Beverly Thacker** - April 15, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James L. Fulton.*



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April 15, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Nataniel Guachalla** - April 15, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *On behalf of the InterChurch Holiness Convention, I join you in honoring the life and ministry of Dr. James Fulton. This humble man of unwavering faith was an inspiration to all. With anticipation we await a glad reunion. Our sympathy to the Fulton family. Our gratefulness to your father for His years of service to The Kingdom. We are all blessed.*

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**James Plank** - April 15, 2020 at 07:39 AM

JS

*We remember Brother Fulton as a gentle, committed Christian, always ready to serve in any position where he was needed.*

*Watching him from a distance, it seemed he was more than willing to play in the second chair as long as the kingdom was advanced.*

*Our sympathy and prayers for the family, Joe & Sharon Smith*

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**Joe Smith** - April 15, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JE

*I always think of Uncle Jim's game of rooster (forehead), pullet (nose), hen (chin). Then he would point back to nose and ask what it was. When the child replied pullet, he would give the nose a tug then say he was following the child's instructions to "pull it". My favorite memory will always be when he put ice down my back the day after Amanda's wedding. He was a wonderful uncle to me and my children.*

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**Jeanette** - April 17, 2020 at 02:55 PM

WC

*I knew Brother James before he knew Grace. He visited our home many times. There's many memories: like when he couldn't stop talking about the beautiful girl he met (Grace), the choice he made to finish college and then go to UBS-- he had become a Christian and that is what his Mom said to do, and my parents encouraged that. Many funny and serious times. Precious memories.*

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**Wayne Covert** - April 18, 2020 at 08:56 AM

JE

*On behalf of Central Yearly Meeting of Friends, I give tribute to a Godly man who I always held in high esteem. Of the myriad of memories that come to mind, I especially remember the privilege I had to spend several weeks in the summer of 1984 with him and James McBryant ministering in the country of Bolivia, SA. There were many precious memories including both humorous and very serious. Throughout the decades of his service in multiple capacities to Central Yearly Meeting, he was ALWAYS an exemplary representative. My primary thought centers around the fact that in his life and in his demeanor, he was such an example of Jesus Christ!*

*Jonathan Edwards*

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**Jonathan Edwards** - April 21, 2020 at 09:28 AM