



## Jim Cypert

May 24, 1934 - November 12, 2020

Jim Cypert, 86, passed away November 12, 2020 of COVID-19 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Burl and Opal Cypert, brother, Carl David Cypert, and brother-in-law, Leon Gaines. He is survived by his wife, Gaye Warren Cypert, sister, Donna Kaye Gaines, daughters Julie Roblee (Dr. Rick) of Fayetteville, Jamie Kitzmiller (Michael) of Newport Beach, CA, six grandchildren, Anna George (Carl), Dr. James Roblee (Holly), Dr. Thomas Roblee, Claire Zimmerebner (Dr. Scott), Emily Kitzmiller, Caroline Kitzmiller, and four great-grandchildren, Lillian, Ella, Charlotte, and Teddy, sister-in-law, Joyce Roberts, nephews, Art and Sam Pruett.

He was born May 24, 1934 to Burl and Opal Sisco Cypert in Springdale where he remained a life-long resident committed to the good of the community. He married Gaye Warren, his high school sweetheart, in 1956 and they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary this year. He began his education at Washington Elementary on the east side of Springdale. A 1952 graduate of Springdale High School, he served as class president and enjoyed planning and attending his class reunions and get-togethers.

He went on to the University of Arkansas where he graduated in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in business and received his law degree in 1959. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. As a member of the ROTC, he was commissioned and served in the artillery and earned the rank of captain.

In 1959, Jim joined Crouch, Jones, and Blair Law Firm in Downtown

Springdale - later becoming senior partner and practicing for 56 years before retiring in 2015.

Jim was very active throughout his life in his profession, community, and church.

His fervent commitment to law began early as he was President of the Arkansas Young Lawyers in 1962. Beginning in 1976, Jim was active in the Arkansas Bar Association. He served the Bar as a member of the House of Delegates (1976-1979), Chairman (1978), Director (1980), and, eventually, President of the Bar (1981). He was honored with several awards on behalf of the Bar including the Arkansas Bar Foundation Special Award (1980) as well as the Lawyer-Citizen Award (1986). Additionally, he was chosen as a member of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Specialization.

Jim was a passionate member of his community and participated in many avenues of service. He was President of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce in 1966 and served on numerous organization's Board of Directors including: Arts Center of the Ozarks, Washington County Red Cross, Springdale Kiwanis Club, Springdale United Way (Chairman), Elizabeth Richardson Center, Springdale School Board (Chairman), and Springdale Memorial Hospital. He was an avid supporter of the Susan G. Komen Ozark Affiliate.

An active member of Springdale First United Methodist Church, Jim enjoyed more than 50 years as a Sunday School teacher. He was a founding member of the Schneider Sunday School, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees, and participated in many other Church committees.

Throughout his life, Jim was honored for his service to the law and his community. He received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Service Award, the Cornerstone award by the Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation, the Phi Delta Theta Legal Fraternity Distinguished Service Award, the Arkansas Bar Foundation Special Service Award, and was appointed as a delegate for the 1964 Democratic Convention.

Jim co-founded the American Fishing Association, which grew into a national organization focused on providing opportunities for competitive fishing and support of clean water initiatives across America.

Jim was a jack-of-all-trades with a variety of interests - even deemed "the Renaissance Man" by a colleague. He enjoyed painting, travel, music, dancing, photography, reading, architecture, golf, and snow- skiing. He was famous for teaching tricks to the family dog. Additionally, he was committed whole-heartedly to spending time with his family. They enjoyed road trips in the Winnebago complete with Roger Miller 8 track music and stories around the campfire. Daughters, Jamie and Julie, were always in awe of their Daddy's Christmas light display on Circle Drive that became a neighborhood tradition. He always lent invaluable life-lessons to his daughters. Jim (2-Daddy) taught all six grandchildren how to ride bicycles during the summer, planned and executed family vacations to many destinations, and became a master milkshake-maker, all the while passing along his words of wisdom they value to this day. During time with friends, Jim enjoyed entertaining at home, sharing travels, and cutting up over coffee and pie at a local cafe.

He loved humor and loved to laugh. He lived his life in hopes of making other people's lives better.

A special thanks to Jim's friends and caregivers, Andy King, Shella Schulze, Tom Sanders, and Shelly Telford and the staff at Butterfield Trail Village Healthcare Center and the many friends he treasured along his life journey. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Jim's memory may be sent to the First United Methodist Church Foundation, 206 W. Johnson Springdale, Arkansas 72764 and the Springdale Public Education Foundation, 800 E. Emma Avenue Springdale, Arkansas 72764.

A private interment will be held at the Springdale First United Methodist Church columbarium. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

A video tribute and a book will be available for signing at Sisco Funeral Chapel, 705 West Meadow Street, Springdale, AR. on Monday, November

16th, and Tuesday November 17th from 9-4. You may also visit [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Cypert*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Brian and I are so sorry to hear Jim passed. We were in one of the Sunday School classes he taught. We both have fond memories of Jim and Gaye. He was always so kind to us.*  
*Elaine Valentine*

**Elaine Valentine** - February 23, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Julie and family,*

*Our condolences on Jim's passing. Your family are in our prayers.*

*Melinda Gay*

**Melinda** - November 20, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *So sorry to read of Jim's death. He and Gaye were devoted to each other, as well as the rest of their family, so know it has to be very difficult.*

*He was a good boss, and I enjoyed my job for many years until it became necessary that I retire for health reasons.*

*My sincere sympathy to all your family.*  
*Elva Brown*

**Elva Brown** - November 18, 2020 at 03:34 PM

CH

“ I was standing in line at the Little Rock Peabody during some event , person in front ask me where I was from . I said Cypert Arkansas , mr Cypert was standing behind me we had a moment when he told me his name. We talk over the phone maybe twice ,he impressed me as a true southern gentleman . When I travel through Cypert Arkansas know I will think of Mr Cypert .  
Clark Hall Phillips county judge

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**clark hal** - November 17, 2020 at 07:32 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Cypert, Julie, Jamie and family,  
  
We loved Mr. Cypert so.....he had such a kind spirit and warm smile. He just had a way of making you feel like he was always happy to see you...He was a blessing to so many people and will be dearly missed....

*Lots of Love and prayers for your family....*

*Meagan Steele, Jacob and Joshua McKinney*

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**Meagan Steele** - November 17, 2020 at 06:16 PM

AR

“ What a lucky man to have such wonderful "daddy's girls!", a beautiful wife and a host of grands and great-grands. He has left an amazing legacy. Sadly, I know that doesn't mend the hole in your hearts and the void in your lives. Please know we are sending lots of love your way!

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**Ann Rosso** - November 17, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Cypert.*



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November 16, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Jim was a Blessing to our Sunday School class (Genesis). He will be missed.*

*Michael Coleman*

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**MICHAEL COLEMAN** - November 16, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Gaye, Julie*  
*Was so sorry to learn of Jim's death. I was fortunate to have had many discussions with and advice from Jim. He was a very special man who will be very much missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers to your family.*  
*Jim Buchanan*

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**jim buchanan** - November 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM



*Gaye & Julie, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a special man to so many people. What a blessing he was to the community and to those who had a chance to know him. He will be missed. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Robyn Breshears** - November 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

DB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jim passing. My prayers are with you, Gaye and your family.  
Debbie Basham

Debbie Basham - November 16, 2020 at 03:02 PM

KD

“ Gaye, I just heard about Jim's passing. Many thoughts and prayer are going to you, I sure. Mine included.

kai dare - November 16, 2020 at 12:50 PM

CR

So sorry to the family my love to all

carolyn rigg - November 16, 2020 at 05:06 PM

TW

“ Dear Mrs. Cypert, Julie and family,

I am very sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. He was a very strong Christian influence on my life. He was a mentor to all of us. Tom and I are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God's comfort bring you peace.  
Love,  
Terry Watson

Terry L Watson - November 16, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Cypert.



November 16, 2020 at 12:11 PM

CR

“ I was fortunate to be an associate while he remained as of counsel. He was always generous with his time, and taught me more about life than he did the law. He was a mentor, and someone I truly admired and respected. More importantly however; he as someone I was very very fortunate to call my friend. He will be greatly missed by many. Although he may no longer be here with us, his legacy lives on in the lives he touched.

Chris R. Reed

Chris R. Reed - November 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Jim Cypert Program

The image shows a collage of four files. The top-left file is a portrait of a man in a suit, with the text "In Loving Memory of" below it. The other three files are pages of text, likely obituaries or program notes, with some text visible but mostly illegible due to the small size.

Sisco Funeral Chapel - November 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

MT

“ So sorry for your lose. Please accept my deepest condolences. Margaret Taylor

margaret taylor - November 16, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Memories Album



Sisco Funeral Chapel - November 16, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LC

*Precious pictures and memories; our thoughts and prayers are with you Gaye as well as the extended family.*

*Blessings,  
Lonnie & Kim Copps*

Lonnie N Kim Copps - November 16, 2020 at 02:02 PM

BB

*An outstanding video tribute to Jimmy Cypert*

Betty Brandon - November 16, 2020 at 04:32 PM

SG

*What a wonderful memory tribute to such a good man! It made us smile and feel blessed to have known him. He had a rewarding life and deservedly so! He had all a man could ever want. Loving wife, daughters and grandchildren! RIP our friend we are happy to have known you. Mahlon and Sondra Gibson*

sondra gibson - November 17, 2020 at 01:45 PM

MS

*Loved, loved, loved this precious video.....prayers up Mrs. Cypert for you and your entire family....He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.*

*Meagan Steele, Jacob and Joshua McKinney*

Meagan Steele - November 17, 2020 at 06:09 PM

PS

“ Dear Julie, Gaye and family,

*I am sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. He was always smiling, gracious and kind to me and my family. He lived a good life and will be missed dearly. You are in my thoughts, take care of each other and share the happy memories of a fine man.*

*Love,  
Patti Spradley & family*

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**Patricia S Spradley** - November 16, 2020 at 08:42 AM

LV

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Cypert and am deeply saddened by his passing. I grew up spending almost as much time in the Cypert household as I did my own. I don't recall one occasion when I saw him mad, although I'm pretty sure that Jamie and I gave him several good reasons to be so. I still laugh, and tell, the Winnebago story and often write the time I would like to wake up with my toe at the bottom of the bed like he told me he did. He claimed it served as his alarm clock. I can't say that it has ever worked for me, and maybe it didn't work for him either, but I believed. So many wonderful memories he gave me and I feel blessed to have had him as a part of my life. My sincere condolences to the family. May you find comfort in all of the wonderful memories he left with you.*

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**Laura Perryman Vaughan** - November 16, 2020 at 12:08 AM

CS

“ *Sending many thoughts and prayers to you all. I have always loved and admired each of you. Mr. Cypert was a wonderful person- always so kind to us! Hugs to you all. Charmaine LeFevre Stuteville*

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**Charmaine Stuteville** - November 15, 2020 at 11:55 PM

ST

“ Even though I only knew Jimmy for a short time, I am happy that I can call him my friend. He was truly a kind and caring person that could turn a bad situation into a good belly laugh! I enjoyed his stories and words of wisdom as well as his ability to bring out the best in people. He was happiest surrounded by family and their love for him was limitless. I will miss him and pray that his family will find solice knowing that he is at peace. Shelly Telford

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**Shelly Telford** - November 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

RL

“ I will always remember Jim Cypert at the church. He was a great man and will be missed. Love Rhonda Leslie and Kayleen Weatherby.

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**Rhonda Leslie** - November 15, 2020 at 09:53 AM

RL

Your family in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Rhonda Leslie** - November 15, 2020 at 09:59 AM

ES

“ Jim lived an amazing life! We were fortunate to connect with him in church, professional and social aspects. He was a remarkable blend of integrity and humor.

We send sympathies to Gaye, Julie and Jamie and Donna Kaye and all the extended family and friends who treasured him as well.

We know the day will come when tears are replaced by the smiles that reflect the wonderful influence he had upon you. Please know we share your sadness and send our prayers.

How unfortunate that these difficult conditions make us delay the chance to honor him at a service. We look forward to remembering his exemplary life you when conditions allow!

Dennis and Evelyn Shaw

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**Evelyn Shaw** - November 14, 2020 at 06:18 PM

JH

“ Gaye, Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. I first remember Jim's name being said by my sister, Dorris after a visit to Springdale in the early 1950's, I first met Jim in 1956. My roommate at UofA was Joyce Warren, Gaye's sister, and I would go home with her a lot of weekends and would see Gaye and Jimmy. I have always felt close to Gaye and Jim over the years even though I didn't see them that often. The last time I saw Jim was at the Mermaids Restaurant when he and Gaye, Joyce & Carl, John and I all gathered for a very enjoyable evening. So glad I have these memories. My heart goes out to you Gaye and your family.  
Love, Philia and John Hill

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**John Hill** - November 14, 2020 at 03:33 PM

JC

“ sorry to hear of jims death. i was his secretary and jim blairs from 1960-1966

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**jane s collins** - November 14, 2020 at 03:23 PM

FM

“ *Jim and I spent a lot of time together serving mutual clients. I will miss you dear friend.*

*Frank Mendenhall*

*Rogers AR*

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**Frank Mendenhall** - November 14, 2020 at 12:37 PM

BH

“ *Our deepest sympathy. The Bobby Hopper Family*

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**BOBBY OR LOIS Hopper** - November 14, 2020 at 12:11 PM

 Carla  
Watkins

“ I can’t begin to express the sadness I feel hearing of Mr. Cypert’s passing, the world has truly lost a great man.

*I had the privilege of working for him for several years and even after I left he would call me every year to invite me to lunch at the office with everyone for his yearly tradition of everyone getting together in the conference room to celebrate the “Old Year Out and New Year in” where everyone would share stories of things that had happened over the years and of course you could always count on Mr Cypert to have a funny story to share that would make you laugh until you almost cried.*

*Occasionally he would give me his personal advice on life and he would always start off with “I’m going to offer you some advice, I’m going to tell you just how I’d tell my daughters” 😂. I always appreciated his unsolicited advice and always took it to heart.*

*He was such a wonderful man and he absolutely adored his grandchildren! He loved it when you would ask about them, he was extremely proud of each and everyone of them.*

*I’ve always had so much respect for him and I know that he will be greatly missed, not just by his family but by everyone that had the privilege to know him.*

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**Carla Watkins** - November 14, 2020 at 10:10 AM

LL

“ Gaye, Julie, and Jamie, I’m so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. My mother was a classmate of Jim’s from those early days at Washington Elementary, going all the way through the decades of the Schneider class at FMC, and he was someone she remembered well even as her memory was leaving. I send you all my best wishes during an exceptionally difficult time. —Liz Lester

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**Liz Lester** - November 14, 2020 at 09:46 AM

KJ

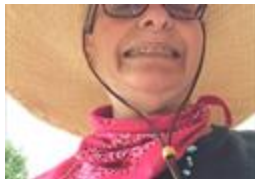
“ So sorry . I am Ken Jones from Harrison, My Maternal grandmother was Linda Dodson Bishop sister of Dona Sisco. Aunt Dony as we called her and uncle Lewis always welcomed us to their home. I remember the big strawberry patch. I loved getting to visit with Inez, Opal, and Alf. While my wife Pam and I were attending the University of Arkansas we would drop granny to visit uncle John Dodson at his little farm north of Springdale. Most of all we remember the wonderful meals aunt Dona would prepare for us. My good friend Ken Reeves just retired as chairman of the Arkansas Game and Commission often spoke of the important contributions Jim made to fishing and water purity. My son Jentry Jones who lives in Rogers is good friends with the George family and also sends his condolences.

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**Ken Jones** - November 14, 2020 at 07:10 AM

JD

“ Gaye, I release the BLESSING, the Thousand times more Anointing upon you and your family to comfort you with all the fullness of His Presence, His Peace and His Love, in Jesus Name.



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**Jan DeWese** - November 14, 2020 at 06:50 AM

CS

“ *This is so sad, Jim will be greatly missed by family, friends and Springdale.  
He was a good person and did a lot for people as well as his home town.  
Jim, may you rest in peace in Jesus' arms.  
God bless and give strength to the family he's left behind.  
Cindy(Poling)Strawser  
SHS 1963*

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**Cindy (Poling) Strawser** - November 13, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy - The lose of your husband and father isn't easy, just remember the good times*

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**Nettie Everett** - November 13, 2020 at 06:18 PM

RH

“ *Condolences to Gaye and the girls. When I pass by the restored Washington School building facing North Thompson Street here in Springdale, I am reminded of a class photo he was fond of, little JIM CYPERT sitting in a row of boys, grinning ear-to-ear.*

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**Ron Harrison** - November 13, 2020 at 05:49 PM