

Jimmy “Jay” Dufer **December 6, 1936 - November 28, 2020**

We gather here to dedicate the Jay Dufer Memorial Pavilion, on this day March 27, 2022, as part of our 9 AM worship service as we commemorate the two year anniversary of our first Outside Drive-In Worship Services in our beautiful Pecan Grove during COVID 19. These services enabled our congregation and community to safely gather for worship for encouragement, inspiration and hope in the midst of trying and uncertain times. During that two years several of our Congregation, including Jay Dufer passed.

Before Jay’s death he provided the resources and requested a pavilion be built that could be used for outside worship and other purposes for the church to the Glory of God. Very little is known about Jay Dufer. What follows is that part of his life that he shared with us. He was born in Kentucky December 6, 1936, adopted by an older couple and moved to Oklahoma where he spent his childhood. He didn’t have any siblings or other family. Upon graduation from High School he joined the United States Marine Corp and fought in the Vietnam War. Jay was proud of his service and loved our country. He worked at Langley Airforce Base and then in North Carolina for a number of years before settling in Lillian in 2005. He met and fell in love with Alma Lohman. Alma was very active in the Church and Jay dedicated himself to her and this Church.

That dedication included accepting Christ as his Savior, regarding this Church as his family, caring for Alma, and volunteering at the Church several hours each week. Jay didn’t own a car nor did he have a driver’s license. He’d walk the 3 miles from Alma’s home to the Church and do “whatever” was asked of him before returning. This was Jay’s “routine” during the months he and Alma were in Lillian.

On November 28, 2020, Jesus welcomed Jay with open arms and he was instantly in the abiding the presence of his savior with all who have gone before him. To God be the glory for Jay’s Eternal Life.

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