

Lane

Funeral services for James "Jim" Yuhl Lane, 71, were held Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Coldspring with Pastor Jerry Blizzard and Pastor Brian Calvert officiating. Interment was at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Cleveland. He was born in Huntington, West Virginia on September 15, 1935, the son of Roy and Stacey Spencer Lane.

Jim retired from Tyler Junior College in 1996 and later worked for Crosby ISD. He was the author of his autobiography, "Surviving the Hungry Years", Story of a West End Champion. He was the 1953 Eastern National Champion of the Golden Gloves Boxing. He served his country in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army in the 50's and did a tour of duty throughout Europe. He was an avid sports writer, writing for numerous newspapers throughout the years. He enjoyed studying the Bible, spending time with family and friends, playing golf, playing jeopardy and doing crosswords. He was good-hearted and had a witty sense of humor. He wrote in his book, "As I look back to the years of poverty in those West Virginia hills, I thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me. I was born in poverty but through the grace of God I have conquered poverty.

..I used my God given talents to rise about those 'hungry years' and found lots of friends along the way."

He passed away on Friday, August 3, 2007.

Survivors include his wife of forty years, Bettie Jane Lane; daughters, Pam Calvert and husband, Marvin, of Coldspring, Patricia Regester and husband, Eddie, of Palestine, Phyllis Blizzard and husband, Jerry of Crosby, and Stacie Underhill of Athens; son, Jimmy Lane of Lavalette, West Virginia; sister, Barbara Clagg and husband, Mel, of York, Pennsylvania; brother, Eddie Lane of Huntington, West Virginia; grandchildren, Brian, Jeremy, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jacob, Sebastian and Olivia; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pace-Stancil Funeral Home, Cleveland, was in charge of arrangements.