



James "Jim" Rush

February 24, 1925 - July 21, 2015

James (Jim) Robert Rush went to be with his Lord and Savior July 21, 2015. He was 90 years and 5 months at the time of his passing. James was born February 24, 1925 in Huckabey, MO, to his parents Roy L. Rush and Roxie (Emory) Rush.

As a young boy he attended Urbana Schools and enjoyed being around his parents store at Huckabey, where he played checkers with all the elder men. He said he always won. Going fishing and playing in the creek was a favorite part of his childhood. He received Christ as his Savior at the age of 16 and was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Urbana, MO. He later attended the First Baptist Church of Bolivar. He graduated from Urbana High School in 1942.

Serving in the Southwest Pacific region in the 158th Infantry during World War II, James was a demolition specialist and received a Purple Heart and other medals of honor. James served from September 1943 to January 1946. Later going on to be one of the first in his family to attend college. Attending Southwest Missouri State and Draughons Business College in Springfield,

MO.

After returning from the war he married Marie Franklin on July 17, 1949 at First Baptist Church in Urbana. James had several business with his brother in-law Amos Franklin. Starting with a grocery store, then feed store and mill. Selling those, they bought a Chevrolet dealership in Urbana having it for 8 years. James built a new Chevrolet dealership in Osceola, MO where he worked alongside his wife, sons and family for 30 years.

James was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved competing in bass fishing tournaments with his sons; Ronnie and Rick and family friend Darrell Reach. Even winning a Show Me state medal. In 1990 Mr. Pick up came to Bolivar, MO with a GMC and Chrysler dealership. Where, until his passing, he worked six days a week from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm where he loved to visit with, and entertain his customers, and give children a dollar, a balloon, or candy. He loved going in his boat on Truman Lake and catching a lot of Crappie with his best friend Gene Carrell. He went every day that the weather allowed, and some days that weather should have kept him home. Every day at 12:30 you could find James in front of the TV watching Andy Griffith, the only time he didn't want a customer to interrupt him.

Leaving to mourn his passing is his wife Marie Rush of 66 years of the home, Son Ronnie Rush and wife Nancy of Bolivar, Son Rick Rush of Bolivar, MO and Grandchildren Amy Rush of Bolivar, MO and Courtney Rush of Springfield, MO. Great-Grandchildren Mickayla, Lydia and Brant Meredith of

Bolivar, MO and Step Grandson Eric Hines of Springfield, MO. Sisters Irene (Rush) Franklin of Bolivar, MO and Evelyn (Rush) Reser of Marshall, MO. Many nieces, nephews, friends and customers.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm, Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO, with Brother Jack Sawyers officiating. Gene Carrel, Gary Franklin, Heath Hawkins, Darrell Reach, Phil Hare, and Bob Katz will be serving as casket bearers, with Russell Emory, Kelly Franklin, Lonnie Hoppers, Keith Pennington, and Tom Denouden serving as honorary casket bearers. Musical selections will include "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness" performed by Connie Riddle, with "Go Rest High on That Mountain" by Vince Gill played.

Visitation will take place from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, one hour prior to the funeral service, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow services in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Urbana, MO.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the OACAC (for children) P.O. Box 419, Bolivar, Missouri 65613

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Rush*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James "Jim" Rush*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sorry to see Jim go. Didn't get to see him very often but he was always a lot of fun. Cousin Eva Lee*

Eva Lee Cates - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's been many years since I've seen your family, but my daddy, Charles Wadlow, considered Jim one of his closest friends. They especially enjoyed going to all the SMS basketball games together! Daddy and mother (Joann) were married 64 years until God called her home this past April. Daddy has Alzheimer's and is not aware that she is gone. It is just as well, because it would have devastated him. Daddy is living in a wonderful Alzheimer's care unit in Ash Grove and doing very well. He still loves to sing and laugh, and his favorite "hobby" is eating sweets! I know he would truly have been saddened at Jim's passing, so I wanted to write this for him. God bless you all, and hold on to your cherished memories.*

Ann (Wadlow) Pippin - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sending our sincere sympathy to you all following your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Derral and Brenda Cloyd - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Rush's passing. I always looked forward to visiting with him. I so respected his warmth, sense of humor and genuine love for his family. My son, Wyatt also always looked forward to our visits, leaving with a pocket full of suckers and dollar bills, which Mr. Rush reminded me, "let him spend it." The world was certainly a better place with him in it and he will be missed.

Kristi Perryman - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sorry to see him go. I enjoyed dealing with him. He was always fun to visit with.

James H. Whitman - July 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss.

Cathy McNatt - July 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ It was an honor to have known Jim. He was a good friend and businessman and served our family for 4 generations. It just won't be the same without him there to greet us. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marie, Ronnie, Rick, and their families. Paul, Debbie, and Melissa Peterson.

Debbie Peterson - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We just wanted you to know that Jim was a fantastic person. He was always so kind and helpful to my family. We will always miss him, but yet remember him for the great individual he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marie, Ronnie, Rick and families.

Kathy, Ryan, and Kent Stoumbaugh - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Jim was such a wonderful family friend for decades! Our family will miss him dearly.

Lisa J Carrell - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ So sorry for your loss. Love, Livie

Livie Noakes - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ If you did not like and respect Jim. Then you did not know Jim. RIP Jim.

Roger Vote - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Sending our hugs and prayers to each of you.

JR and Tina Leiber - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jim passing. My prayers are with you and your family

Curtis Voris - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a very personable man and we enjoyed working with him when we had to buy vehicles.*

Naomi Buckner - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Marie, Ronnie, and Rickie, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

Marty Garrison - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM