



## James Harry Skidmore

June 4, 1921 - May 20, 2013

James H. Skidmore, 91, of Bolivar passed away Monday, May 20th at the Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri the eldest child of James A. Skidmore and Margaret Skidmore. He was a graduate of Flemington High School and the University of Missouri at Columbia. Jim's military career included active duty in World War II where he served as an Infantry Lieutenant in the European Campaign as a Reconnaissance Platoon leader. He later served 25 years in the US Army Reserves retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was a teacher in both the Wheatland and Bolivar school systems under the GI Bill for returned veterans of World War II and the Korean War. Jim enjoyed a long career as a farmer and stockman on his farm in Flemington. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Jane Boatright; and by his first wife Ellen Yoast. He is survived by his wife Phyllis of the home; daughter Jenny Bithos and her husband Charles of Kansas City, Kansas; brother Robert B. Skidmore of Springfield; brother-in-law Joseph Boatright of King City, Missouri; many cousins, nieces and nephews. The only service will be a visitation held from 1-3 PM Friday, May 24, 2013 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar. Memorial contributions are suggested to the CMH Hospice, 113 E Broadway, Bolivar, MO 65613. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.murrayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *James Harry Skidmore*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Harry Skidmore*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *jenny,i am so sorry for your loss,but without people like JIM HARRY SKIDMORE I WOULD not be the person i am and we all might be speaking german. IT WAS MY GREAT FURTUNE TO WORK FOR AND KNOW YOUR FATHER.*

**ken kump** - May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jenny, Very sorry to hear about Jim. I have fond childhood memories of fishing at his farm pond. He was a great friend and neighbor to me and my parents.Take care Kirk*

**Kirk Morrison** - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phyllis, We met you and Jim at cardiac rehab and remember the good times going out for breakfast with our group from rehab. Jack and I enjoyed your friendship. We are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our Lord will comfort and bless you and your family.*

**Jack & Bluebell Crozier** - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Jenny, sorry to hear about your dad. I still remember him from when we were kids (so long ago). I am so grateful for his military service. I hope your memories will comfort you.

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**Myrtie (Yazel) Frazier** - May 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jenny, So sorry to read of your Dad's passing in the paper. I know this must be a very difficult time. I have such fond memories of when I would spend the night at your house when we were kids. Your Mother & Dad always made me feel so welcome. I'll be seeing you on Friday. Take care & cherish your memories. Sincerely,  
Debbie

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**Debbie Morrison Murray** - May 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim was a long time family friend. He and my Dad, Earl (Pick) Blackwell, made many a trip to Kansas City as Dad hauled Jim's cattle to market and they always managed to eat a steak at the Golden Ox Steak House at the Kansas City Stockyards. Jim visited regularly the eight years that Earl was bedfast after suffering a massive stroke. When Jim went on vacation a pictorial card always arrived to Earl and Christena. After Earl's death, Jim continued many kindnesses to Christena over the years. One day Christena went to her backdoor and found a bouquet of flowers on the doorstep. She later found that Jim was the mystery giver. He was bringing his wife flowers, and thought Christena would like a bouquet. Jim was a cookie lover. One day I was apologizing for some cookies that I had brought him, and his words were, "There is no such thing as a bad cookie!" I have appreciated Jim's dedication to Flemington School and its history as well as the history of the town and his knowledge of the surrounding area, including Rondo. The world was a better place with Jim in it and he will be sadly, but fondly missed. My condolences to Phyllis; Jenny and Charles; and Robert. Pat Shoemake

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Pat (Blackwell) Shoemake - May 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM