



James Wilkinson

November 3, 1932 - September 14, 2015

James "Jim" Wilkinson, 82, passed away on September 14, 2015 at 1:49am at his home in Raytown, Missouri after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Jim was born on November 3, 1932 in Bolivar, Missouri to Paul and Dorothy Wilkinson. He grew up in Bolivar and graduated from Pleasant Hope High School in 1950. Jim had a passion for working on motors and enjoyed drag racing with his friends. This passion eventually led him to fall into the elevator trade where he worked for Montgomery (Kone) Elevator Co. for over 50 years. Jim's father, Paul, owned an auto parts store and Jim carried on his father's legacy by opening Jim's Auto Parts at his family's building at 202 E. Jackson in Bolivar, MO. Jim was entirely committed to providing for his family and received many accolades of excellence in his chosen profession. Jim never met a stranger and would give the shirt off his back to a stranded motorist or neighbor in need. He touched the lives of people from all walks of life with

his

generosity.

Jim is preceded in death by his first-born son Michael, his mother and father,

his

brother Charles Wilkinson and his niece Cheryl Madden. Jim is survived by

his son

Kelly Wilkinson of Raytown, MO, his daughter Jill Wilkinson of Springfield,

MO, his

sister Mary Thiessen of Bolivar, MO, his granddaughter Taylor Rotramel and

her

husband Anthony of Nixa, MO, his great-granddaughters Kinsley and

Kennedy

Rotramel and the mother of Kelly and Jill, Phyllis Wilkinson. He is also

survived by

two nephews, Richard and David Thiessen (and family) and one niece, Joy

Lynn

Rush (and family).

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 5:00-7:00pm at

the

Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Graveside services will be held at

Greenwood

Cemetery on September 19, 2015 at 1:00pm.

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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *James Wilkinson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Wilkinson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Jimmy was a dear friend of our family. In the early 1950s he used to come to our house in Mission Ks and go to the drag strip with me an my dad Bert Russell. I wish the family my deepest sympathy .*

Barbara Russell Salazar - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Jim from back in the 50s. We had a restaurant beneath his fathers Auto Store. He was a good friend of my brother, Earnie. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a happy person and will be missed.*

Carol Watson Sutherland - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your lose.*

James Whitman - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and I were buddies our teen age years, sorry for his death.*

Ernest Pierce - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jim was a good friend and we shared many good times over the years*

wendell whitman - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We will always be thankful for knowing Jim...he was a good neighbor and a wonderful friend to both of us. He loved his elevator job and recommended the business to Ken many years ago...he always had a great attitude, a great car story, and a great smile! We will miss him.*

Ken and Trish Lee - September 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM