



James Allen York

February 21, 1924 - February 17, 2017

James Allen York, the oldest son of Clara Nadene Goodbar York Vansandt and

Thomas Monroe York, Jr., was born February 21, 1924 and passed away February

17, 2017 at the age of 92 years and 361 days.

Jim was reared in a God-fearing family in the Archie, Missouri community and made a profession of faith at the age of nine. He graduated from Archie High School in

1941. Jim York married Betty June Highley on September 6, 1942 and they celebrated

their 61 st wedding anniversary on September 6, 2003.

Jim served in the United States Army during World War II in the Engineer Corps

and was stationed for a time on an outlying island off the Alaskan coast building

infrastructure for the U.S. Army. He is a member and regular attendee of the First

Baptist Church in Bolivar since 1961 and has served his church in a variety of areas

including teaching Sunday School, financial planning, and budget committees.

Jim moved to the Bolivar community in 1961 to take the position of Polk and Webster County Baptist Associational Missionary after serving as pastor in a

number of
small churches south of Kansas City including Amsterdam Baptist Church. He
remained
in this position until 1968 when he joined the development staff at Southwest
Baptist
College.

As past President and active member of the Bolivar Optimist Club since 1962,
Jim initiated, participated in and supported the many community activities
sponsored by
the Optimists. In 2012, Jim was named Optimist of the Year.

An avid fisherman, Jim enjoyed frequent fishing expeditions to Roaring River
and
other area fishing holes.

Even after his retirement in 1989, Jim remains active in civic projects serving
Bolivar and the surrounding areas. One of his special projects was
Enterprises

Unlimited, the sheltered workshop providing employment for persons with
disabilities.

In addition to serving for numerous terms on Enterprises' Board, Jim has been
a faithful

contributor in support of Enterprise Unlimited. After the death of his wife, Jim
donated a

substantial sum in her memory to Enterprises Unlimited and the June York
Sheltered

Workshop, serving approximately 120 persons with disabilities throughout the
area

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Jim York was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas York and Clara York
Vansandt, one sister Mildred Jean Sliffe and one brother Richard Monroe
York. He is

survived by two daughters: Sandra York Woods of Bolivar; Linda, York York

and
husband Wayne of Marshfield; one son: James Allen York II and wife Shirel of
Overland
Park, Kansas; 7 grandchildren: Donna Woods and husband Tim Hornbrook,
Richard
Woods and wife Carrisann, David York and wife Terri; Andrew York and wife
Amy,
Elisabeth York and fiancée Danny Turnbow; James York III and wife Taylor,
and
Michael York; 7 great-granddaughters: Abbey and Hannah Woods, Marilyn,
Clara, and
Elisabeth Grace Woods, Katelyn and Kelsey York, and 2 great-grandsons:
John York
and James Woods; one sister Mary Grait and husband Jack, one sister-in-
law Ruth
York, many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great
nieces and
nephews and a host of friends.

Jim was a man with a giving and forgiving heart. Even in his last years spent
in
the nursing home with limited mobility, Jim never voiced a complaint and
continued his
contributions to a variety of worthy causes.

Jim has gone home to meet his God and Be reunited with his beloved wife,
June. He will be accompanied by the love and prayers of his family and many,
many friends. He would want us to remind you to be generous to those less
fortunate and to let your actions demonstrate that generosity.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, February 20, 2017 at the First

Baptist church in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will take place Monday morning from 9:30 AM to service time. Burial will take place in the Crescent Hill Cemetery in Adriane, MO.

In lieu of Flowers the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Heifer International or to CBF Heartland.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
Bolivar, MO 65613

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *James Allen York*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Allen York*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE JIM YORK FAMILY, JIM WAS A MAN I CONSIDER A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE AND TO EVERYONE HE ASSOCIATED AMONG IN HIS GENEROUS WAY!! ON BEHALF OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF, AND EMPLOYEES OF ENTERPRISES UNLIMITED,I WISH TO THANK HIS FAMILY FOR SHARING JIM WITH US. JIM'S GENEROSITY AND KIND HEART WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED BY US. GOD BLESS JIM'S FAMILY DURING THIS TIME. MAY YOU R I P MY FRIEND AND FLY WITH THE EAGLES. YOUR FRIEND, GARY KING AND ALL EUI PERSONNEL*

GARY L KING - February 21, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JC

“ To Sandy and Linda, Your parents both were living examples of good Christians and love for each other and family. They were always a delight to be around and in their company. I am grateful that Jim's limited life is over and that he is rejoicing in heaven with no sickness or liabilities hindering him. Perhaps he and June have a little circle up there and my George will be part of that too. May God bless you in your loss but comfort you in Heaven's gain. Love you both. Jane Campbell

Jane Campbell - February 21, 2017 at 09:05 AM

HG

“ We want you to know that we have your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - February 20, 2017 at 11:14 AM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. I had the opportunity to work with him for a number of years at SBU and will be forever grateful for the role he played in my development. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald Andrews

Jerald Andrew - February 19, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Allen York.



February 19, 2017 at 01:42 PM