



James Bolinger

September 7, 1943 - January 2, 2023

James Grover Bolinger, 79, of Huntsville; passed away Monday, January 2, 2023, at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville. He was born Tuesday, September 7, 1943, at Prairie Grove, Arkansas; to Denton "Tooter" and Bonnie Mae Fancher Bolinger, and the middle son to his older brother, Jerry, and younger brother, Max.

As a young boy, growing up on Wharton Creek, he ran his parents' store and Post Office, and did so until he was a grown man. He was known to have a knack for counting money and was a great salesman.

James started school at age 4; he won most spelling bees he entered and was a great athlete. He was on the Huntsville High School boxing team and was a Golden Glove Boxer. He was left-handed and good at baseball, playing competitively on a local travelling baseball team. He graduated high school early and attended the University of Arkansas where he graduated with an associate degree.

He first married Linda Montgomery on December 16, 1961. They bought and operated a cattle and poultry farm at Wharton Creek and became parents to two children. James began his career at the garment factory (Claymore Manufacturing) working in the shipping room, but quickly worked up to the highest position in the plant, as factory manager.

On April 25, 1975, James wed Kathleen Mary Lacy, and became the father to three more children. In 1976, he joined the Arkansas Forestry Commission and had a 40-year span of employment fighting forest fires, cruising timber, planting trees, and wearing the "Smokey Bear" costume; rising to the level of Ranger III, In 1997, James And Kathy opened and operated Granny's Kitchen in Huntsville, which has become one of the most popular restaurants with the best food available in the Northwest Arkansas Area.

James was a Baptist by faith and a lifetime member of the Mountain Meadows Monument Foundation. He and Kathy travelled many miles over two decades attending ceremonies, establishing libraries, riding horses, and promoting public awareness about the Mountain Meadows Massacre - an event that was very close to his family,

He loved to hunt, both locally and traveling out west to elk hunt in Colorado and Oregon. He was a part time auction clerk, enjoyed buying and selling antiques and guns, and maintained several flea market booths. James also enjoyed riding horses, which included his Steel Horse, his favorite Harley Davidson Motorcycle. It was his love of family, especially his grandchildren that made James the happiest.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Denton "Tooter" and Bonnie Bolinger; and one son-in-law, Rick Cartmell. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Bolinger, of the home; one daughter, Jamie Cartmell, of Huntsville: four sons and three daughters-in-law: Phil and Kimberly Bolinger, of Hindsville, Craig Bolinger, of Wharton Creek; Wayne and Marnie Bolinger, of Rogers; and Junior and Kari Bolinger, of Huntsville; 14 grandchildren, Megan, Colby, Cameron, Colton, Cooper, Taylor, Caden, Grayson, Reese, Tisha, Kalli, Brek, Wyatt, and Cameron; and nine great-grandchildren, Paislee Porter, Beckham, Colston, Wren, Rowdy, Cyrus, Paislee Bolinger, Westley, and Titus. James is

also survived by two brothers and one sister-in-law, Jerry and Cheryl Bolinger, of Hindsville, and Max Bolinger of Huntsville: as well as a host of many nephews, nieces, and friends.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Friday, January 6, 2023, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Brashears Funeral Home with Larry Montgomery officiating. Pallbearers will be Colby Bolinger, Cameron Bolinger, Grayson Bolinger, Reese Bolinger, Colton Cartmell, Cooper Cartmell, Caden Cartmell, Brek Bolinger, Jacob Porter, and Aaron Gahr. Honorary pallbearers will be Darby Spurlock, Ben Leftwich, Leon Lyman, Cameron Roy, Wyatt Mitsch, Jarred Rogers, Steve Nelson, Dean McChristian, John Montgomery, Darrell Bohannon, Richard Gustin, Bob McCall, and Harold Logan. Interment will immediately follow services at Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville

Cemetery Details

Kingston Cemetery

Highway 74
Kingston, AR 72742

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 North Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740
(479) 738-2123
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James Bolinger*



Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - January 05, 2023 at 12:04 PM

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“ *James was always friendly and took time to say hello. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family at this time.*

Rita Sharp - January 22, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Bolinger.*



January 06, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Bolinger.*



January 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *The Wirebelt Inside Sales Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James Bolinger.*



The Wirebelt Inside Sales Team - January 05, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Bolinger.*



January 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Bolinger.*



January 05, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Bolinger.*



January 05, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - January 05, 2023 at 12:30 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kelly Hudgins Powell - January 06, 2023 at 08:47 AM