



James Franklin Ball

May 30, 1952 - December 31, 2025

James Franklin Ball, born May 30, 1952, in Van Buren, Missouri, passed away December 31, 2025, in Bunker, Missouri, at the age of seventy-three years.

James was the son of Lindul “L.G.” Gene and Maudeline “Mae” (Yearwood) Ball. He grew up in Gladden, graduating from Salem High School in 1970. He was a man of faith. In 1990, he was baptized at New Hope Baptist Church, Blue Springs, Missouri.

James was a hard worker and jack of all trades. Throughout his working career he worked at a pesticide company in St. Louis, drove a tow truck, and worked as a mechanic and welder. He also worked at the sawmill for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

James was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Anna Beyer, April 6, 2002. This union blended two families and together they shared nine children. James adored his family and loved teaching his grandchildren skills to set them up for success in life. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his world. He also had a deep love for his fur baby, Ozie, who was his emotional support dog.

James is survived by his wife: Anna Ball; bonus mom: Kathy Ball; mother-in-law: Maxine Grauf; children: Christina Land and fiancé John, Nathaniel Beyer

and wife Michelle, Karroll Beyer and fiancé Laura, Suezanna Wright and husband Aason, Julieana Lowe, Scott Ball, David Ball, Jay Gibbs, and Janice Griffith; siblings: Thelma Livesay and husband Terry, Clinton Ball and wife Brenda, George Ball and wife Shellia, Jarred Strange and wife Crystal, Tracy Strange, Sarah Montoya and husband Scott, Justin Burns and wife Carolyn, and Jocelyn Hodges and husband Clark; grandchildren: Christopher, Kendrick, Garrick, Adrian, Sidney, Hope, Elaina, Alice, Nora, Alexandra, Benjamin, and Carson; great-grandchildren: Raylee, Bryson, Braxton, and several other great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his previous wife: Linda Ball; mother: Maudeline (Yearwood) Ball; father: Lindul Gene Ball Sr.; and brother: Lindul Ball Jr.

James will be remembered for the love he shared with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by those who loved him most.

Funeral Services were held January 7, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with George Ball officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Benjamin Hobson, Adrian Beyer, Garrick Yates, Kendrick Beyer Yates, Hunter Strange, and Jerrad Strange. Burial was in the Ball Farm Cemetery. The Family was served by Wilson Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of James Ball to help with Funeral Expenses. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Leave the family a condolence or share a memory on his tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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“ *Didnt know Jim too well but know his family wife and all the kids n grands. I know he was loved by all of them so he must have been a great man. Fly high JIM rest now in GODS arms.*

Betty Russell - January 02 at 01:32 PM

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“ James, along with myself, was two of the 30 or so 1966, (if memory serves) Salem FFA chapter that went on a trip to Yellowstone and then to Yosemite National parks. It was a lot of fun for all of us. I am sorry for your loss. James was a good person. Jerry Lewis

Jerry Lewis - January 02 at 09:20 AM