



James "Jim" Eugene Bowen

July 14, 1939 - March 9, 2025

James "Jim" Eugene Bowen was born July 14, 1939, in Hawk Point, Missouri. He was the son of James Arley and Irene (Crouch) Bowen. He grew up in Salem, Missouri, and at a young age, was saved and baptized at Second Baptist Church. Jim graduated with class of 1957 from Salem High School.

Jim met his wife, Beverly "Jeanie" Wood, while drag racing the streets of Salem. The two fell in love and were united in marriage on May 23, 1959. Jim and Jeanie shared sixty-five years of marriage and lasting memories together. They enjoyed summers at the Lake of the Ozarks and the winters in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Jim and Jeanie were blessed with one beautiful daughter, Kim who later blessed them with one lovely granddaughter, Megan. Jim loved "his girls" more than anything. He found joy in the time spent with them. He was a devoted husband and a true pillar of strength for his family.

Jim started working at a young age; while working for his dad, he was approached by Farris and Alice Craig to work for them at Craig Distributing. Jim started in the warehouse and later moved to a salesperson position. He was the first to reach a million dollars in sales with Kraft and earned the Circle of Excellence with Alliant. Jim retired from US Foods after forty-three years of dedication.

Jim enjoyed making memories with his family while fishing and boating at the lake. He loved watching the NASCAR Races while cheering on Dale Earnhardt. When the races weren't on, he was watching the St. Louis Cardinals or Mizzou Football.

Jim departed this life March 9, 2025, in Rolla, Missouri, with his family by his side, at the age of eighty-five years. He is survived by his loving wife: Jeanie Bowen of Salem, MO; granddaughter: Megan Shults and significant other Luke Lucas of Salem, MO; sister: Susan Swindell and husband Doyle of Warsaw, MO; son-in-law: Steve Shults of Salem, MO; niece: Rachel DeMand and husband David; nephew: Travis Swindell; great-granddaughter by heart: Gracie Lucas; as well as many other nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his daughter: Kim Bowen; and his parents: Arley and Irene Bowen.

Jim lived a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. He leaves behind a lasting legacy that will be treasured for years to come. He will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for James "Jim" Eugene Bowen were held Saturday, March 15, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Bro. Scott Shults officiating. Special Music was provided by Janet Ellis singing "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" and additional song selections played were "Go Rest High On That Mountain", "Remember When", and "When I Get Where I'm Going". Serving as Pallbearers were Steve Shults, Luke Lucas, Steve Wofford, David DeMand, Brian Martin, and John Gibbs. Honorary Pallbearers were Doyle Swindell, Larry Gibbs, Harold Martin, Tom Halbrook, Junior Shelton, Wayne Sapaugh, Gene Milsapp, and Lawrence Smith. Burial was in

the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Jim Bowen to Russell House and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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“ 1 file added to the album Videos Album



Wilson Mortuary - March 17, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ 143 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - March 14, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ With Aloha, Jerry & Rena Hindman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen.



With Aloha, Jerry & Rena Hindman - March 14, 2025 at 07:25 AM

CS

“ Carol Ann Frits Stephens lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen



Carol Ann Frits Stephens - March 13, 2025 at 11:17 PM

CS

Jeannie, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing!

Love and sincere sympathy to you and the family!

Carol Ann Frits Stephens

Carol Ann Frits Stephens - March 13, 2025 at 11:33 PM

SB

“ Steven & Sheryl Birdsong purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen.



Steven & Sheryl Birdsong - March 13, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GF

“ Gary Riley and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen.



Gary Riley and Family - March 13, 2025 at 01:51 PM

OC

“ One of my pleasant childhood memories of Jim is when, in the summertime, my sister and I would stay with our Grandma McCall, who lived on Carty St. in Salem. There were several young kids who lived in her neighborhood, and he was one of them. We would play tag, dodgeball, red rover, drop the handkerchief, and have picnics. Jim's parents were kind enough to allow us to have weiner roasts in their backyard! After Junior Shelton had taught me how to ride my bike, we rode bikes together! These are my sweet memories of Jim and our fun days of youth! Love, sincere sympathy, and prayers to Jeanie and all of the family. Mrs. Betty(Stephens)Carmack



Our Sympathy message & candle should be C - March 12, 2025 at 10:52 PM

TF

“ Thelma Lee, Cassie, James & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen.



Thelma Lee, Cassie, James & family - March 12, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LM

“ I worked with Jim for many years in food service. He was salesman #1 and did a great job. He was a kind and gentle person. He will be greatly missed and glad I got to know him. Prayers for Jeanie and all the family. Linda Maledy

Linda Maledy - March 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Eugene Bowen.*



March 10, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Jim and I were classmates from the first grade thru graduation in 1957. He was a quiet, sincere and steady guy. We sure need more like him today. Sympathy and Blessings to his loved ones.*

Bert Porter - March 10, 2025 at 04:25 PM