



James Edward Burnes

February 20, 1939 - September 19, 2023

James Edward Burnes, 84, of Dix, passed away at 10:50 a.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at Nature Trail Health and Rehab Center, in Mt. Vernon. He was born February 20, 1939, in Bristow, Oklahoma, the son of James Nobel and Betty Jo (Burriss) Burnes. On December 22, 1960, he married Mary Tinsley, and she survives.

Mr. Burnes worked for many years as a public school Teacher, Coach, and Administrator. He was a member of Boyd Christian Church. He graduated from Woodlawn Grade School, Woodlawn High School, Mt. Vernon Community College, McKendree College, and Eastern Illinois University, obtaining his Education Specialist- School Administration Degree. He served as the Executive Director for the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, any and all sports (playing and coaching), any outdoor activity, and painting landscapes. He was inducted into the Woodlawn High School Sports Hall of Fame, and was a member of multiple professional fishing organizations, including Bass Caster's Association, Lunkers Unlimited, and Bassmasters.

In addition to his wife, Mary Burnes of Dix, he is survived by a son, James Brett Burnes and wife Nina of Dix; daughter, Monte Jo Clark and husband Craig of Centralia; seven grandchildren, Jessa Jines, Hayden Poninski, Kaela Johnson, Adra Burnes, Nobel Burnes, Emmett Burnes, and Elroy Burnes; and eleven great-grandchildren, Alivia and Liam Jines, Rylan and River Johnson, Molly Jacobs, Bryce, Linny, Matthew, and Nolan Poninski, Malakhi Hails, and

Aiyla Burnes.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services for Mr. Burnes will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023, at the Boyd Christian Church. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, September 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the church. Memorial gifts may be made to Boyd Christian Church or Kingdom Seed Ministries, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Boyd Cemetery

Dix, IL 62830

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
19844 N Boyd Ln
Dix, IL 62830-3418
(618) 735-2804

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
Dix, IL 62830

Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of you Mary and family,sorry for your loss.i remember how good looking Jim was when I was in 7 and 8.you both was sure a team.

Becky worthey - September 23, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ Mary and family, Heartfelt sympathy from the Dock family. I'll never forget Jim's eulogy for my Dad and his willingness to honor him. And, who can forget his story about G'pa Herschel being tied to his chair in the boiler room at Kell Grade School by an unknown person? Heaven has gained a true treasure. God Bless... Sheree

Sheree Morrison - September 23, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CM

“ Always enjoyed the conversations with Jim, usually had something to do with fishing. Goes way back to Bass Creek Boat & Motor, the Ambassadors fishing club, trips to Ky Lake--all great memories. Sorry we missed the visitation & funeral, didn't find about it until late today. Condolences to Mary & the family. Carl & Sandy Mecum

Carl Mecum - September 22, 2023 at 10:14 PM

RF

“ Jim was a team mate on our Wayne City softball team for one season. He was a super nice guy,

Ray Fansler

Ray Fansler - September 22, 2023 at 06:35 PM



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



September 21, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Edward Burnes.



September 21, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Edward Burnes.



September 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of James Edward Burnes.



September 21, 2023 at 09:40 AM



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



September 21, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *We send our heartfelt love and prayers to Mary and the family as you all process the void left by Jim's passing. Jim was a great mentor for young coaches and athletic directors eager to benefit from his years of serving downstate IL. We were always welcomed with a big grin, handshake, and a hug when our paths crossed and Jim never failed to let us know how pleased he was to see us. The feeling was always mutual. May God hold each of you especially close in the days ahead. Terry and Pamela (Gillespie) Irvin*

Pamela Irvin - September 20, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Kenny has always admired Jim as his teacher, coach, mentor and friend. We will be out of town but wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mary and family. Kenny and Carolyn Clark*

Carolyn Ckark - September 20, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Burnes.*



September 20, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Edward Burnes.* ”



September 20, 2023 at 03:45 PM