



James "Jim" Allen Birdsong

February 28, 1954 - January 18, 2020

James Allen "Jim" Birdsong, 65, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 2:40 a.m. on January 18, 2020, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

He was born on February 28, 1954, in Tuscomb, Missouri, the son of Ira Michael Birdsong and Wilma Rosetta (Lindsey) Birdsong.

On May 16, 1987, at Harvey's Point Christian Church, he married Kathy Gaston, and she survives.

Mr. Birdsong was a Service Analyst for the Illinois Department of Employment Security and was a veteran of the U.S. Air force. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, and was a skilled carpenter. He was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his wife Kathy Birdsong, he is also survived by three sons, William Brad Thurman and wife Krystal of Salem, Christopher James Birdsong of Jiaxing, China, and Dustin Michael Birdsong and wife Annie of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Lindsay Roberts and husband Ben of Roanoke, Virginia; and six grandchildren, Wade, Gracie and Emily Garrison, Breanna and Allison Thurman, and Jada Roberts. He was looking forward to his seventh grandchild Adalynn Roberts who is due in April. He is also survived by one brother, John Birdsong and wife Cheryl of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Lenetta King.

Funeral services will be Wednesday evening, January 22, 2020, at 6 p.m., at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Tod Parchman and Jonathan Schnautz officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until the hour of service. For those

who wish, memorial gifts may be made to Heart for Central Africa or the American Lung Association and will be received at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



January 22, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



January 22, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



January 21, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *OMF Roanoke, Joey, Mary, Malinda, Ashleea, & Rose purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



OMF Roanoke, Joey, Mary, Malinda, Ashleea, & Rose -
January 21, 2020 at 11:48 AM

ES

“ *Estelle lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong*



Estelle - January 21, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



January 21, 2020 at 09:54 AM

JK

“ *I worked with Jim at World Color. He was a good guy. Hate to hear he's gone.*

Jill Kline - January 20, 2020 at 09:09 PM

JL

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to the family. Love you Annie and Bird. Prayers for you and your family.*



Jennifer and John Larson - January 20, 2020 at 06:41 PM

DR

“ Don And Karen Ruston lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong



don and karen ruston - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.



January 20, 2020 at 10:59 AM

ML

“ Mr. & Mrs. Earl Lindsey purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.



Mr. & Mrs. Earl Lindsey - January 19, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.



January 19, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



January 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Debbie and Jim Delaney purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of James "Jim" Allen Birdsong.*



Debbie and Jim Delaney - January 18, 2020 at 07:59 PM