



## James Livesay

November 18, 1929 - March 12, 2022

James "Jim" Livesay, 92, of Centralia, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Odin Healthcare Center.

Jim was born November 18, 1929, in Richview, Illinois, the son of Lewis Franklin and Dora (Haun) Livesay. He married Donna Sheldon, who preceded him in death on February 24, 1994. He then married Zona Mae (Wilson) Boldt, on April 8, 1995, and she survives him in Centralia.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, and was honored to participate on an Honor Flight, with other Veterans, to Washington, in 2019. Jim was a retired teacher, having taught in Irvington, Little Grove, and New Athens. He served as an Elder at Fouts Christian Church, and also served on the boards of New Horizon Christian School, and the Illini Christian Children's Home. Jim loved gardening, and was an avid Orphans and Cardinals fan, and worked as a referee for many years.

In addition to his wife, Zona Livesay of Centralia; he is survived by his children, Julie Hart and husband Jerry of Centralia, and Joseph Livesay and wife Heidi of Centralia; grandchildren, Mollie Staats and husband Jason of Salem, Seth Hart of St. Charles, Missouri, and Emmaus Livesay of Centralia; step-children, Marilyn Chesnek and husband Bill of Ashley, Les Boldt and wife Nancy of Hoffman, David Boldt and wife Vicki of Fairfield, Robert Boldt and wife Jackie of Woodlawn, and Julie Klebba and husband Ben of Mt. Vernon; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and very special caregivers.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Dora Livesay; his first wife, Donna Livesay; and nine siblings.

Funeral services for Mr. Livesay will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Fouts Christian Church, with Jerry Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Fouts Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the church. Memorial gifts may be made to Fouts Christian Church or to the New Horizon Christian School, 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](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Fouts Cemetery

1629 E Dix Irvington Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fouts Christian Church  
1629 E Dix Irvington Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fouts Christian Church  
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# Tribute Wall

BK

“ Jim Livesay was my 6th grade teacher at Irvington Grade School, 1957-58- school year. I have a lot of good memories of him. I had the pleasure of spending an evening with him and Zona, and with another old friend, Rusty Lockwood, in the fall of 2013. I am not far from the end of my journey now. See you on the other side.

Ben Ketcherside - September 25, 2022 at 06:37 PM

JB

“ Zona, Joe and the rest of Jim's family. I am so very sorry for your loss, but I also know Jim is walking in paradise, and for him, I am happy! One of the best memories of Jim I have is when my son Noah wanted to get baptized after a church service, and Jim asked us if he and Zona could stay and witness the baptism. Of course, we said yes!! After Noah made his confession of faith, my dad spoke about how my mother could now, someday, meet her firstborn grandchild as she was already waiting in paradise. I looked over at Jim and Zona and they were crying as hard as we were!!! I am sorry we were prevented from attending the visitation or service. I truly respected Jim for the way he lived his life and the way he lead the people at Fouts. With love, Julie, DH, Noah, and Evan Bryant

Julie Bryant - March 16, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JW

“ I always enjoyed talking to u when we would go visit gma gpa roper. U will b deeply missed. Ur family is in our thoughts and prayers. Joey,Laura,Ruthann,Macie,McKenzie,and Emma weisel

Joey weisel - March 16, 2022 at 06:09 PM



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



March 16, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Nancy Livesay Stewart and Jerry Stewart purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Livesay.*



**Nancy Livesay Stewart and Jerry Stewart** - March 16, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Livesay.*



March 16, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your father Joe.  
jeff parker*

**Jeff Parker** - March 16, 2022 at 09:12 AM

L'

“ He was such a fun and interesting teacher. I have often thought of him. It was obvious that he enjoyed his career as a teacher. He touched so many lives. RIP Mr. Livesay. You won't be forgotten.



**Lisa Houston Schmalenberger Class of '83** - March 15, 2022 at 10:34 PM

DC

“ Jim was a wonderful man of God and it was a privilege to know him. I met him when I attended Fouts and was blessed by him and Zona both. In addition I know Joe, Heidi, and Emmaus and love them also. I am not able to attend the service, but my love and prayers are with the entire family. With sympathy, DeeDee Christian

**DeeDee Christian** - March 15, 2022 at 12:56 PM

SH

“ God speed, Mr. Livesay. You were truly one of New Athens Unit #60's best. Rest now. ~~ member Class of '82.

**Steve Ritter Heil-Schuessler** - March 14, 2022 at 10:15 PM

CE

God bless and find rest in his loving arms  
Thanks for the great knowledge you shared with us students. Thanks for also a great sense of humor you had at then end of class hitting ping pong ball and those that were lucky enough to catch it got to line up at the door so when the bell rang they get rush out to face another class or end the day. Now your are at peace and you will have peace and rest. Prayers for family and friends.

**Clara Ann Embry** - March 15, 2022 at 01:08 AM

DW

“ Jim was my 7th grade English teacher and also my 7th grade basketball coach at New Athens when we won the Pinckneyville tournament. He was a strict disciplinarian, but well liked. For whatever reason, I remember us referring to him as the "bird man" but obviously never to his face. He was noted for his high arching two handed "Kiss" shots and was instrumental in teaching me the "half hook" shot when I was in 7th grade. The last time I saw Jim was nearly 25 years ago when he stopped by to chat with me during my initial year of the principalship at Okawville Grade School. I wish that I could have made connections with him as an adult. I have much respect for "Mr. Livesay" and offer my condolences to his family.

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**Dennis Works** - March 14, 2022 at 09:56 PM

CM

“ My condolences to the family and close friends. He was one of my 7th grade teachers in New Athens 72-73. 💕💕

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**Chiyoiko Louise Gussin nee Miller** - March 14, 2022 at 09:14 PM

SM

“ Sending prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Jim's family. I have great memories of Jim at Irvington Grade School. He was such a warm and caring man.

*Sue Roper Mashburn*

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**Sue Roper Mashburn** - March 14, 2022 at 07:59 PM

SL

“ *The only memories of this gentleman I have are what a wonderful, positive, kind man he was. He drove the van to transport patients at The Eye clinic during the time I worked there. He was an absolute gem! Prayers of peace and comfort to the family.*

*Stacey Cummings Lincoln*

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**Stacey Lincoln** - March 14, 2022 at 11:21 AM

DW

“ *In memory of Mr. Jim Livesay. He was a good person, & neighbor. Thinking of the family in thoughts & prayers. Condolences..*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Donna & Allen Wooters*



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**Donna (Roper, Queen) Wooters** - March 13, 2022 at 08:14 PM