



## Dr. Carl Joseph James

August 30, 1923 - April 16, 2016

Dr. Carl Joseph James passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at his home in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 92. Dr. James was born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 30, 1923 to the late Carl and Ina (Slingerland) James. The family subsequently moved to California in 1929.

During World War II, Carl was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood and fell in love with Gladys Elizabeth Brown from Jefferson City. They were married on April 15, 1945 and were blessed with two daughters. After 59 years of marriage, Gladys passed away in August of 2004. On January 23, 2010 he married Barbara Brauer Dodd from Sullivan, Missouri.

While he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in the medical corp, Carl became interested in dentistry and also loved the seasons and beauty of the Ozarks. After he graduated from the University of Southern California in 1954 with a D.D.S. degree, Dr. James and his family moved to Rolla, Missouri and opened a dental office. In January of 2004, after 50 years of dental practice, Dr. James retired. He still remained interested in the field of dentistry and worked with others to establish a dental hygiene school in Rolla.

As a young child, Carl learned how to ride a unicycle and rode it in the Rolla centennial parade in 1957 and in the 1960's used it as a fundraiser for the Rolla Sheltered Workshop. With a little effort and practice, he was still able to ride it on his 75th and 80th birthdays. As an accomplished violinist he was interested in music and in the 1960's was president of the Rolla Community Concert. Carl was also a charter member of the Rolla Rotary Breakfast Club.

Dr. James was a lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and has presented many five-day breathe-free programs to assist many in the community with a desire to stop smoking. In the 1960's he, along with other Adventist medical personnel in Missouri, raised funds to purchase 143 acres in the Lake of the Ozarks for a youth camp. During the next 10 years he helped develop the camp and it is currently used year-round which includes a program for the blind.

Carl Joseph James is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Rolla MO; daughters Linda (Dean) Rogers of Mesa AZ and Carolyn (Jim) Sowards of Ozark MO; grandchildren Jeff (Jill) Rogers of Gilbert, AZ, Holly (Ben) Sowards Buttram of Huntsville AL, Lori Sowards of Ozark MO; great grandchildren, Mason Rogers, Ireland Buttram and Graham Buttram. In addition to his parents and first wife, Carl was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack, Robert, and one sister Mary.

Funeral services for Carl Joseph James will be held at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. A visitation will be held at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Interment will be held at Ozark Memorial Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens

MO 65401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **20**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
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## Service

APR **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Carl Joseph James*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Dr. Carl Joseph James*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *We are forever grateful for the gift of your friendship. You and your family will always hold a special place in our heart.*  
~Love always,  
*George & Karen Hunter*

**George & Karen Hunter** - April 22, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Carl Joseph James.*



April 20, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Dr. James was such a thoughtful man. He was a driving force in our dental community. Sincerely, Jim and CC Ross*

**Cecile Ross** - April 19, 2016 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Jerry, Doris, Teri and Chris Bratten purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Carl Joseph James.*



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**Jerry, Doris, Teri and Chris Bratten** - April 19, 2016 at 10:56 AM