



James L. Coffman Jr.

May 23, 1939 - June 22, 2020

On Monday, June 22, 2020, James L. Coffman Jr, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at the age of 81.

James was born on May 23, 1939 in St. Louis, MO to James L. and Ora Fay Padgett Coffman. He grew up in Salem, MO where he spent the majority of his life. He attended high school at Wentworth Military Academy and went on to attend college at Northwestern University in Chicago where he obtained a degree in Business. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and served as President. After college he returned to Salem, where he spent his career as owner and operator of Roberts-Judson Lumber Company and Concessionaire with Mary of Montauk State Park for 20 years.

After returning to Salem, James met Mary (Hart) Coffman, the love of his life, who he married on September 23, 1967. They are the proud parents and grandparents of three daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. James loved and served his community well and was involved in a great many organizations, committees and boards including The Bank of Salem, Rotary, Shriners, Royal Order of Jesters, the Masonic Lodge, Salem Community Betterment Association, Developmental Disabilities Board, Salem Housing Authority, Senate Bill 40 Board, and Meramec Regional Planning Commission. He retired as a Lieutenant-Colonel from the Missouri Army National Guard after serving over 28 years.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James L. & Ora Faye Coffman; his brother, Robert Coffman; and son-in-law, Captain Benton Zettel. He is

survived by his wife Mary of 52 years, his daughters: Elizabeth Breidecker and husband Rob, Caroline Snider and husband Brandon, and Molly Zettel; nine grandchildren, Abbie and husband Matt Woolf, Matt Russell, Joe Breidecker, Emma Breidecker, Kennedy Snider, Ben Snider, Tyler Breidecker, James B. Coffman, Judson Coffman; one great-grandson, Carter Woolf; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service for James L. Coffman will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11:00AM at the Salem Methodist Church with Pastor Barry Bough officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held at Salem Chapel of The James and Gahr Mortuary on Wednesday, June 24th from 5-7 pm, with Masonic Services at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Salem Lovepack program, Dent County Animal Welfare Society (DCAWS), The Dent County Museum, The Bonebrake Center or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-3117
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Masonic Service

JUN **24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUN **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
Salem, MO 65560

Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Coffman Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *James L. Coffman Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I have wonderful memories of fun times with James and Mary. One special one is decorating the Coffman Christmas tree with all our handmade ornaments! I send my heartfelt sympathy to Mary and her loving family. Judy Lynch*

judy lynch - June 27, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Mary and the Coffman family. James was a good friend and neighbor to my mom and dad, Ron and Peggy Tucker.*

Patti Tucker Horn - June 26, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..*



June 24, 2020 at 05:48 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to all.
Edd and Karen K Akers, Branson, MO

Karen K Akers - June 24, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ Salem Masonic Lodge #225 and South Central Shrine Club send deep condolences to the Coffman family on their loss of such a wonderful man. If we can assist in any way please let us know..!

Clay Lindsay, PM
Secretary Salem #225
Rajah, South Central Shrine Club

Clay Lindsay - June 24, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..



June 23, 2020 at 10:41 PM

JS

“ Sympathy and prayers for you Mary, Elizabeth, Carrie, Molly and the rest of your family.
Praying your memories bring you peace.

Jan & Cleo Shaw - June 23, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..



June 23, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..



June 23, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ James was such a gentleman, good businessman and terrific partner when I worked with him and Mary at Montauk. He and Mary a great team. My prayers go out to Mary and their family. We lost another good one. My deepest sympathy, may he rest in peace.



Vicki Hutson - June 23, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..



June 23, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..*



June 23, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..*



June 23, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *Jim was a good friend, guardsman, and fellow masonic brother. I worked with Jim in the Missouri National Guard Military Academy (OCS and NCO schools) many years. My prayers are with Mary and Jim's Family*

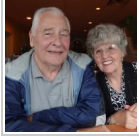
Gerald Chambers - June 23, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..*



June 23, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *James was a hard working man of Honor, always fair in our business dealings.*

Tom White - June 23, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Coffman Jr..*



June 23, 2020 at 02:13 PM