



James Dale Williams

August 29, 1938 - October 16, 2019

James Dale Williams "J.D." "Jimmy Dale" of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 81. J.D. was born in Rolla, Missouri on August 29, 1938, to the late Floyd and Madge (Gibson) Williams.

J.D. was born and raised in the Rolla community. He was a graduate of Rolla High School with the class of 1956. He joined the United States Navy, where he would discover his love for fire fighting. He was medically discharged after serving for three years, When he returned home, he worked various jobs and then started a 30 year career at U.M.R. in the computer department. His true passion was community service. J.D. began his professional career with the Rolla Rural Volunteer Fire Department in 1972 where he was Chief for 25 of the 27 years he served. He has been trained and served in many areas regarding fire fighting throughout the years. After retiring from UMR and the Fire Department he started working for the Phelps County Sheriff's Department where he served for 29 years. He is Rolla's longest sitting Councilman, where he served for 30 years. J.D. was all about serving the people and the community of Rolla, He has received several awards for his community service. He also enjoyed bowling and golfing. He was President of the MO South Central Bowling Association for 12 years and Director of the MO State Bowling Association for 5 years. He has been inducted into both Association's Hall of Fame. Of all the titles and roles he played in the

community, he really loved the Shop With A Cop program the very best. He enjoyed the kids, and always had a bag of blow pops to give to every child he encountered. He was dedicated to his two daughters and loved being a grandfather. He had a big smile for everyone, and the smile will be missed by everyone that knew him. J.D. was a loving father, grandfather, uncle, co-worker and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

J.D. is survived by his daughters, Michele Hasenleder of Overland Park, Kansas and Jamie Sturgeon and husband John of Rolla, Missouri; grandchildren, Paige Sharp and husband Joey, Joshua, Caleb, Ruthie and Naomi Hasenleder; great-granddaughter, Maddie Sharp; along with one niece Stacy Williams-Hall and husband Duane, extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, J.D. was preceded in death by his siblings, Ken Williams and Juanita Overall.

Funeral services for James Dale Williams will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4:00PM at the Greentree Christian Church in Rolla, Missouri, with Pastors Justin Cook, and Chris Foster officiating. Michelle Broxton, and Jeremy Jamison doing music selections. Interment will follow at the Rhea cemetery with Mike Kirn, Paul Lambert, David Rosenburg, George Arnold, Jeff Breen, and Larry Seest serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dave Harris, Randy Barr, and Rick Lisenbe. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service at Greentree Christian Church from 2-4PM.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the Friday Backpack Program, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Cemetery

County Road 5320
Rolla, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Greentree Christian Church
Rolla, MO 65401

Service

OCT 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Dale Williams*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *James Dale Williams*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I always knew him as "Jimmy Dale". I had also made my career for many years at U.M.R., and now S&T., that is where I first knew him & admired him for who he was. He was a kind, fair & caring person. I also knew him through the Phelps County Sheriff Department. for his great job he performed there. My deepest sympathy to his family. This world needs more of what he offered. R.I.P. Almyra Gargus*

Almyra Gargus - October 20, 2019 at 12:06 AM



“ *I knew Jimmy Dale for like 40 years and I had the pleasure of working with him at the Phelps County sheriff's dept. Jimmy Dale loved life and I think he gave it his best shot. He will be missed very much. He was a great man we need more men like Jimmy Dale thank you for all the good you did in your journey on earth. I hope you are enjoying your next journey.. RIP*

Cathy Rogers Hollinger - October 18, 2019 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ So very sorry to hear about Jimmy Dale passing. Our family (Bill and Donna Gann) we're blessed to have him as a neighbor. My daddy thought the world of him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Sincerely,
Jackie Gann Harris*

Jacqueline Harris - October 17, 2019 at 10:49 PM