



James Ray Bowers

August 26, 1952 - December 18, 2024

James Ray Bowers, 72, of Whitewater, Missouri died Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

He was born August 26, 1952 in Delta, Missouri to Junior O. and Patsy B. Ikerman Bowers.

He and Jane Ellen Criddle were married April 6, 1974 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

He was a carpenter with Local 1770 for 45 years and worked for Penzel Construction for many years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

He was a loving grandfather. He loved watching his grandsons play sports and his granddaughter cheer. He enjoyed hunting and taking his grandkids fishing. He loved rocking his great-granddaughter, while watching Cocomelon. He also enjoyed piddling on the tractor.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Ellen Bowers of Whitewater; a daughter, Alaina (Kenny) Gaebler of Whitewater, Missouri; a sister, Rita (Ken) Aufdenberg of Cape Girardeau; six grandchildren, Grayson (Magen) Glueck,

Clayton (Hailey) McDaniel, Blake Gaebler, Bryce Gaebler all of Whitewater, Missouri, Peyton McDaniel of McClure, Illinois, Brett Gaebler of Whitewater, Missouri; and one great-grandchild, Carsyn Glueck of Whitewater, Missouri and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Angela Renee McDaniel; brother, Dennis Bowers; and a niece, Christen Joyel Aufdenberg.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Saturday, December 21, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Douglas Breite officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran School or Saxony Lutheran High School.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
100 N. Frederick
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ray Bowers.



December 20, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ I did not know Mr. Bowers well, but I have known his family for many years. I am quite certain he will be greatly missed by many, but I also know his family will continue to thrive and succeed as they are true believers and know that his soul is eternally with the one true God, and that he has reunited with Angela. May God bless him, may God bless his family. They are wonderful people.

Sarah Aydt - December 20, 2024 at 07:17 AM



“ Such an amazing man. He will be missed. I was blessed to get to know him and he was always just the nicest man ever!! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. His light will shine forever!!

jennifer brawley - December 19, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Jim was just simply, one of the genuinely good guys we are privileged to know in a lifetime - the prototype family man and the sort of guy you were always happy to see. He will be badly missed by all of us. Our sincere sympathy to his great family.

Harold Hale - December 19, 2024 at 03:10 PM