



James Wilhelm

August 13, 2009

James Wilhelm Sunday, August 16, 2009 BENTON, Mo. -- James E. "Jim" Wilhelm, 78, of Benton died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born March 5, 1931, in Benton to Adam Edward and Corina Hand Wilhelm. He and Mary Ann Tarr were married May 15, 1965, at Cape Girardeau. Mr. Wilhelm was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the owner and operator of TV repairs with Zenith Sales & Service in Benton for more than 30 years. He later worked for the city of Benton for 10 years. Mr. Wilhelm was a member of St. Denis Catholic Church and then Benton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wilhelm was an avid bowler and loved fishing, woodworking and umpiring softball games. He was a former private airplane pilot. Survivors include his spouse, Mary Ann Wilhelm of Benton; a son, David Wilhelm of Zalma, Mo.; a daughter, Cathy Allen of Middleburg, Fla.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, August 16, 2009 at Ford and Sons Benton Chapel in Benton, with parish prayers at 7 p.m. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2009 at the funeral chapel, with the Rev. Michael Casteel officiating. Burial will be in St. Denis Cemetery in Benton with full military rites by the Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Denis Catholic Church in Benton. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Cathy I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I was just looking at the paper online when I saw his picture. I wish I'd known so I could have been there for you. It's been way too long since Daytona Beach.

Kelli Sweet - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim was all the kids he taught baseball... including piling 9 plus him in his 56' chevy to go to Bell City to play a game, hours spent hitting fly balls in the field behind the old high school, making sure everyone played, and everyone had fun. He was one of a kind, and there will never be another. Oh yes, and I remember the euchre games with he and Mary Ann.

Danny Joe Bollinger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry about your dad Cathy. I meant to make it to visitation last night, but my wife and kids had just gotten back from a week long trip to Gulf Shores, and I got side-tracked. I hope some of our other classmates and friends made it. It has been such a long time since I've seen you, I probably wouldn't recognize you any more. If you have a facebook account, look me up. I am in the St. Louis region.

Neal Scherer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry I could not attend the funeral home visitation. Jim was always a special person, with a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed. You have my greatest sympathy. Sharon Stuckey

Sharon Stuckey - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM