



## James Howard McKinnon

August 24, 1943 - October 3, 2022

James Howard McKinnon of Laquey, Missouri, known as Mac to many, passed from this world into his heavenly home at Mercy Hospital Lebanon on Monday, October 3, 2022 having attained the age of 79 years.

James was born to Howard Eldion and Bertha Ardene McKinnon on August 24, 1943 in Pulaski County, Missouri. While the family traveled a great deal as James and his sisters grew, they eventually settled in Waynesville, Missouri. James would live the remainder of his life in Pulaski County, Missouri. He attended Waynesville schools and at age 17 took his first job as a mechanic, working for Mr. Floyd Mooney.

On June 13, 1964, James was united in marriage to Violet Arlene McKinnon of Laquey, Missouri. That union lasted fifty-eight years, until his passing, and was blessed with two children. James would work for M & S Motors in St. Robert, Missouri then Lowe's Chevrolet in Waynesville, Missouri until he retired. He was baptized into the Body of Christ in 2001 and was a member of Idumea Baptist Church in Laquey, Missouri until his death.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Bertha, his sister Pat Newcomb of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and his grandparents; John Andrew and Sara McKinnon, and James Everett and Nellie Ann Rickerson.

He is survived by daughter Denisea (Donald) Kampe of St. Robert, Missouri; daughter Diana (Vincent) Boggs of Richland, Missouri; three grandchildren: Brian McKinnon of Falcon, Missouri; Amanda Boggs of Richland, Missouri; and James Boggs of Richland, Missouri; and several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Judy (Loren) Smith of Illinois; many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

James enjoyed dancing, traveling, and fishing. Together with Violet, they had seen more than half the United States, and enjoyed every minute of the ride. He was often found in his boat on the lake or one of the local rivers “wetting a hook.” His mechanic’s advice was sought out by many, and he never hesitated to help a friend in need with a “shade tree” job. He encouraged his daughters in all their pursuits and instilled in them a strong work ethic, and he never knew a stranger.

Everywhere he went, he found someone to strike up a conversation with all the while smiling and often laughing boisterously.

Services were held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, October 10, 2022, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Danny Graves and Gary Humphrey officiating. James’ favorite scripture, Psalm 1 was read. The songs “Little Country Church,” “Down to the River to Pray,” “The Miracle,” and “Angel Band,” were sung by Gary and Peggy Humphrey, along with Diane Boggs. Escorts included Donald Kampe, Vincent Boggs, Brian McKinnon, Jeremiah Nickels, Joshua Nickels, and Brandon Click. Honorary escorts included Ellis Ray “Sonny” York, Dallas York, Lyndal York, James Boggs, Brian McKinnon, Jr., Alexander McKinnon, and Willie Smith. Burial followed in the Idumea Cemetery, Laquey, Missouri with Gary, Peggy, and Diane singing “Far Side Banks of Jordan.”

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mac and Violet McKinnon to either in their memory or to the Idumea Cemetery Fund and may be left at the

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Howard McKinnon*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of James McKinnon*



**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - October 07, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of James McKinnon*



**linda cole-schonbok** - October 06, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of James McKinnon*



**Della Hage** - October 06, 2022 at 03:32 PM