



James "Jim" R. Dodds

October 13, 1923 - July 8, 2013

James "Jim" Rhea Dodds, son of the late James Ellis and Mildred Muriel (Rhea) Dodds, was born October 13, 1923 in Dixon, Missouri. When Jim was only 3, his mother Mildred died and, at the age of 7, Jim and his father moved to the Waynesville area where Ellis was remarried to Ella Louella Ray. Jim attended school in Waynesville and graduated from Waynesville High School, Class of 1941.

On February 1, 1943, Jim entered the United States Army Air Corps and served with the 315th Bombardment Wing at Northwest Field in Guam. He attained the rank of Tech Sergeant and was honorably discharged on May 27, 1946. For his faithful service to his country, Jim earned the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and 1 Overseas Bar.

On November 28, 1946 in Richland, Missouri, Jim was united in marriage with the love of his life, Helen Jean Wair. They shared 61 years of marriage and were blessed with three sons: Steve, Robert and David.

Jim was a hardworking man and took great pride in providing for his family and serving his community. He owned and operated several businesses through the years. The one business that most people remember him from is Jim's Market in downtown Waynesville which he operated from October 1952

to 1996. Over the years, Jim had a very close personal and business relationship with the Luther Thomas family.

Jim was also very involved in the Waynesville Community. He served on the Waynesville Security Bank Board for 26 years, was active in the Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Committee of Fifty. He was a member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine of Springfield and the Scottish Rite Temple of Joplin.

In his spare time, Jim enjoyed being outdoors. You would find him either on the golf course, working in his yard, or watching the hummingbirds feed. He loved to play Pinochle and would even schedule doctor's appointments around his Pinochle games. He also loved animals and was an avid supporter of animal shelters.

Jim passed away at 6:40 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2013 in the Sunset Village of the Ozarks of St. Robert, Missouri having attained the age of 89 years. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Jim leaves to cherish his memory his three sons: Steve Dodds (Susan) of Springfield, MO, Bob Dodds (Cornelia) of Rolla, MO and David Dodds of St. Robert, MO; one brother: Robert Dodds of Devil's Elbow, MO; four grandchildren: Liz, Brian, Amy and Marcus; three great grandchildren: Aram, Bailey, Isaiah, Jade and Davis; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helen Dodds; and one brother; Bill Dodds.

The family would like to thank and recognize the following people for their friendship over the years and for those that took care of Jim during his last few years. His fellow Pinochle players: Dave Lay, Lou Farkasi and Bonnie

Schrimpscher; his many, many golfing buddies; the Luther Thomas family: Bev and Virginia Thomas; the Sunset Village staff: Sue, Emma, Martha, Danny and all the others; the Doolin family and all the good people that worked with our Jim in his many business ventures; and Jane and George Phillips for all the trips they took Jim on and all the dinners they cooked for him.

Memorial services with military honors were held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2013 in the Waynesville United Methodist Church with Pastor Bill O'Neal officiating. Pianist David Lawson accompanied Jim's granddaughter, Liz as she sang "Lord of the Dance". Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team and the American Legion Post 240 of Richland. Services are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Pulaski County Humane Society (PO Box 4032, Waynesville, MO 65583) or the Waynesville United Methodist Church (301 Hwy T, Waynesville, MO 65583) or may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Waynesville United Methodist Church
200 Lovely Lane
Waynesville, MO

Memorial Service

JUL **26.** 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Waynesville United Methodist Church
200 Lovely Lane
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *James "Jim" R. Dodds*

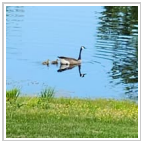
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“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



SARA JONES - October 11, 2013 at 10:22 PM



“ *Linda Gifford lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



Linda Gifford - September 03, 2013 at 11:01 AM

KD

“ Uncle Jim was kind, gentle, and wise. He was always ready to laugh and loved to amuse others with his fantastic stories, which were always told with a twinkle in the eye. It's easy to see why he was so loved, and will be so missed. I wish the family much love, and happy memories.

*Karen Dodds
New York, NY*

karen dodds - August 03, 2013 at 11:19 AM

AC

“ Alan & Pam Cox Clark lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Alan & Pam Cox Clark - July 31, 2013 at 02:22 PM

KH

“ So very sorry for the loss.
Karla (Wair) Hathaway

Karla (Wair) Hathaway - July 26, 2013 at 04:43 PM

CI

“ Clara Ichord lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Clara Ichord - July 22, 2013 at 10:14 AM

DL

“ *Debby & Mike Leuthen lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



Debby & Mike Leuthen - July 18, 2013 at 12:39 PM

LH

“ *RIP Jim. You are well remembered by all you met and helped over the years. You have left a wonderful family and legacy for us. God bless your family.*

Luge Hardman - July 18, 2013 at 09:04 AM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



Barbara - July 18, 2013 at 07:06 AM

EC

“ *Ed Kubisiak & Jackie Cato lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds*



Ed Kubisiak & Jackie Cato - July 17, 2013 at 01:59 PM

EK

From Basketball star, to general store, to bowling buddy. You will be missed.

Ed Kubisiak - July 17, 2013 at 02:01 PM

EK

The names are Ed Kubisiak and Jackie Cato

Ed Kubisiak - July 17, 2013 at 02:02 PM

RO

“ We were very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Both Linda and I have many fond memories of Jim through the years. He was one of the first "Waynesvilleites" we met when we moved to the area back in 1973. Our many trips to the market and of course time spent on the golf course will be in our memories forever. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

The Olneys

Roger & Linda Olney - July 16, 2013 at 09:36 AM

NF

“ Nicholas Frank lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Nicholas Frank - July 13, 2013 at 04:59 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of his passing, I'm sure my Grammer (Georgia Doolin) was waiting at the cash register waiting for him.
Susan Quick-Howser

Susan Howser - July 11, 2013 at 08:49 AM

AD

“ I remember the way my grampa called me "sweetheart," that he never once raised his voice at me, how he taught me patience and goodness, the unwavering love he had for my grandmother, the way he laughed at his sons (my dad and uncles) jokes, the loving look he gave his great grandson... my son. I will miss all these things and so much more. Fly high grandpa...

Amy Dodds-Stickney - July 10, 2013 at 11:49 PM

DK

“ Don Keen lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Don Keen - July 10, 2013 at 08:50 PM

TH

“ Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Ted Helms - July 10, 2013 at 03:49 PM

MB

“ Jim and Helen were very special people and we enjoyed our association with them, My thoughts and prayers are with the boys and families, Millie Howlett Brotherton.



Millie Howlett Brotherton - July 10, 2013 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ I will always remember Jim, he treated me as though I was smart and pretty even when I knew I wasn't. He and his brother were a huge part of my memories from growing up in Waynesville.

Jan Cotton - July 10, 2013 at 03:22 PM

JC

“ Jan Cotton lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Jan Cotton - July 10, 2013 at 03:20 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. The last time I spoke with Jim was at the Pulaski County Museum. Him and he's brothers watched the video of George Lane and they really enjoyed it. He will be remembered. Marge Scott

Marge Scott - July 10, 2013 at 01:13 PM

CD

“ Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



colleen daniely - July 10, 2013 at 12:15 PM

AH

“ Annette Hance lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



annette hance - July 10, 2013 at 09:45 AM

BA

“ Bill And Sue Anderson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Bill and Sue Anderson - July 10, 2013 at 09:25 AM

LC

“ Mr. Dodds was a very kind man. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Cole-Schonbok - July 10, 2013 at 07:46 AM

PW

“ Peggy Walters lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" R. Dodds



Peggy Walters - July 09, 2013 at 09:15 PM

PW

Jim was a nice man. I knew him for over 50 years and considered him a friend. He will be missed by so many. My prayers are with his children and his brother Bob.

Peggy Walters - July 09, 2013 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ *May GOD Bless you all with Peace, Strength
and Comfort during this difficult time.*

Remembering you all in prayer.

Marlin (Gan) Stevens

MSA CHRC PMD

GLWACH, FLW



MARLIN STEVENS - July 09, 2013 at 02:23 PM