



James Mathis Cherry

April 3, 1937 - March 16, 2020

James Mathis Cherry, age 82 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon, March 16, 2020, at 3:45 PM at Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

Jim was born April 3, 1937 in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

On June 29, 1963, Jim was united in marriage to Marilyn E. (Knupp) at the Ullin United Methodist Church. She survives.

Jim is also survived by: 2 sons – Richard A. Cherry of Metropolis and John D. Cherry of Vienna; 5 grandchildren – Heather Campbell, Israel (Kylie) Cherry, Austin Cherry, Taylor Cherry and Josh Cherry; 4 great grandchildren – Cameron Wheeler, Conner Wheeler, Ella Kate Wheeler, and Braxton Campbell; a brother – John T. (Aveniel) Cherry of Carbondale; 3 nephews and a niece – Doug Cherry, Bruce Test, Bobby Test, and Diane Davis; as well as a host of other relatives and many dear friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother – Evelyn Mathis Cherry; an infant son – John Michael Cherry; and a sister – Betsey Wiswell.

Jim was a 1955 graduate of Metropolis High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation of Special Populations from Southern Illinois

University – Carbondale. Jim was continuing his education by earning hours toward a Master’s Degree.

Jim served in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in 1961 with the rank of Private.

Jim was employed as a mental health technician at the former Anna State Hospital (now Choate Mental Health Center). He worked from 1966-1969 as an instructor at the Golconda Job Corps Center. From 1969 until his retirement in 1998, Jim served as an educational counselor and vocational school instructor at the Vienna Correctional Center.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. He loved to golf and was a member of a number of area golf courses. He scored a personal low-round of 67 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Jim also served for a time as a golf coach for the Shawnee Community College golf team. He also enjoyed playing tennis, hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding and basketball. Jim was a fan of the University of Kentucky Wildcats Basketball team and the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team. He also enjoyed classic (as well as new) automobiles.

Jim was a member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; the Shriner’s Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110; the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; or to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1349, Vienna, IL 62995.

In view of the announcement by Illinois Governor Pritzker, it will be necessary for us to amend the previously announced arrangements for the visitation and

funeral service for Mr. James M. "Jim" Cherry. The visitation scheduled for Saturday evening from 6 PM - 8 PM as well as the funeral ceremony scheduled for 2 PM Sunday afternoon HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

A public memorial service will be held at a later date which will be announced once it has been scheduled.

Please keep Jim's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Mathis Cherry*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Pam Enoch lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Pam Enoch - May 04, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Sondra Goins - March 27, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Jim was a classmate during are high school days in Metropolis. We had many classes together. He was one of many reasons that the high school class of 1955 was such a great and wonderful class.*

Ronnie (Ron)Ashby - March 23, 2020 at 06:50 AM

JW

“ Jeff And Linda Wentworth lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



jeff and linda wentworth - March 21, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TH

“ Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



tamri huckelberry - March 20, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



Davis And Pat Prewitt - March 19, 2020 at 11:54 AM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



David and Ellen Hill - March 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM

CF

“ *Richard and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.*



C Joan Faulkner - March 18, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BH

“ *Marylyn and sons I am so sorry for your loss*



Betty Heaton - March 18, 2020 at 05:16 PM

SM

“ *Suzanne McHugh lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Suzanne McHugh - March 18, 2020 at 04:11 PM

SM

May God send his healing grace to you and John and Richard.

Suzanne McHugh - March 18, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



Larry and Carolyn McGill - March 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



James and Diane Rainbolt - March 18, 2020 at 02:41 AM

WF

“ Offering sympathy and prayers for Marilyn and the Cherry Family. May precious memories of a life shared comfort you in this time of loss.



Wanda Florey - March 17, 2020 at 10:34 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



Steve & Darla Jones - March 17, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



Mike and Nancy Solomon - March 17, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Mike and Nancy Solomon - March 17, 2020 at 08:07 PM

RJ

Our prayers and thoughts are with Marilyn and the entire Cherry family. We pray the fond memories will always be present.

Robert T Jones - March 18, 2020 at 12:28 PM

GH

“ Jim was a good friend throughout Grade School and High School in Vienna. He was always fun to be with.

Janet and Gary Hacker

Gary Hacker - March 17, 2020 at 06:25 PM

DE

“ I will always remember the good times I had with Jim and all our hunting buddies while in high school. Jim loved to hunt and fish and we would meet at the Walter’s out on the Simpson black top tell a few tall stories and go hunting. I also played a few round of golf with Jim at the Union County Country Club. Jim worked and visited me in Aurora, IL but his love of Vienna kept calling him back home. Rest in peace Jim and I’m sure game and fish in Johnson County will be a little safer now.

Dick English

Dick English - March 17, 2020 at 05:51 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley And Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry



Sam Riley and Deb Newton - March 17, 2020 at 04:26 PM

VJ

“ Jim is my brither in law. I have known him since i was a young girl. Jim was the smartest man i ever met. So full of wisdom He was loved beyond measure by his wife and 2 sind. But. The love his grandsons and granddaughters had for him was unmeasurable. We loved him. May he rest in peace.

Vicki jenkins - March 17, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



John Slack - March 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM

ER

“ *Elaine Rotan sent a virtual gift in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Elaine Rotan - March 17, 2020 at 10:04 AM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - March 17, 2020 at 09:19 AM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Bill and Barb Warmack - March 17, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of James Mathis Cherry*



Mike Crews - March 17, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Jim was a great neighbor and friend for many years. May God be with you.*



Matthew Prewitt - March 17, 2020 at 07:28 AM