



Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.

September 19, 1928 - February 3, 2012

James “Jim” Covey

Aged 83 years

Resident of Simpson, Illinois

James “Jim” Covey Sr. passed away at 3:07 AM on Friday, February 3, 2012 at his home in Simpson, Illinois after an extended illness.

Jim Sr. was born on September 19, 1928 in Johnston City, Tennessee to author William Algee and Minnie Mae Covey and had attained the age of 83 years. He married Lillian (Crickett) Koehler on June 10, 1961 in McHenry, Illinois. Together they shared over 50 years of marriage.

He was a master carpenter by trade and a “mentor” and friend to many; spending much of his work experience building for Shawnee Enterprises of Marion, Illinois. He was a member of the Simpson Baptist Church where he shared the role of song leader and carried on the family legacy with his inspirational readings, poems and hymns. Mr. Covey served his country in the United States Air Force as well. Jim Sr. loved sharing his inspirational readings, many by memory, with family and friends and at churches across the country. He looked forward to weekend auctions, travelling with his family and attending annual family reunions. He was a family man and devoted his life to the Lord and his Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Covey is survived by sister, Ola Mae and her husband Cortland Moore of Florida, two sons, Eddie and his wife Melinda Covey of Arkansas and Jim Jr. and his wife Leah Covey of Marion, Illinois, three daughters, Debbie and her husband Russell Kerley of Ozark, Illinois, Tammy and her husband William Newton of Ozark, Illinois, and Becky and her husband Shannon Morton of Tennessee, 19 beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also leaves behind a daughter-in-law Trish Covey of Creal Springs, Illinois and grandson, Christopher and his wife Desiree Covey of Grantsburg. Jim Sr. leaves a large extended family of nieces, nephews and many special friends including Tom and Jocelyn Logan of Marion, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sons, Randall Paul Covey and David Duane Covey, his brother William Covey and his sister Mary Sparks.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Simpson Baptist Church in Simpson with Pastor Roy Hughes officiating. Private family interment will follow at Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery in Simpson, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 8:30 PM on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Covey's memory to Marion Medical Mission, Well/Building Program, 1412 Shawnee Drive, Marion, Illinois 62959, contribution envelopes will be made available at the funeral home.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to Jim's team of doctors at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri, his wonderful care givers and for all the prayers during his extended hospital stay. You are invited to share your memories of Jim Sr. and leave condolences at www.baileyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Simpson Baptist Church
7095 Illinois 147
Simpson, IL 62985

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Still think of you everyday!!! I love you pawpa*

britt - July 27, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Love You Pawpa lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*



Love you pawpa - March 06, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ *Brenda Hamp lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*



Brenda Hamp - February 12, 2012 at 09:03 AM

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“ *Niemann Flooring had the pleasure of being one of Jims vendors at Shawnee Village ,etc for over twenty -five years. One of the memories I had with jim occured after the horrific tornado that destroyed Shawnee Village Apts. Lots of people suffered phisically,and mentally after the tornado. Jim took charge of the rebuilding of Shawnee Apts; he spent long hours in order to erect the buildings as quick as possible. He was calm, cool and determined to do a great job and to do iit quickly. His personnal attention to his sub contractors resulted in their admiration ; they gave their all. In my case he motivated me into installing again after many years of selling not installing. I remember the soreness the first week and then the good feeling of meeting Jims schedule. Jim was always laid back and hard working which contributed to his huge sucess.He never flaunted his success but humbly kept succeeding. I have worked many years with Jim Jr.and I think Dad had a huge influence in his work ethic. On behalf of Niemann Flooring I want to convey our condolances to Jim Jr., Tom and Joselyn Logan , the close family of Jim, and the employees of Shawnee Development.*

Sincerely , Dennis Niemann

Dennis Niemann - February 11, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *Randal Spiller lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*



Randal Spiller - February 07, 2012 at 09:11 AM

BD

“ *My grandpa, was a very special person. If you didnt know him very long you still him long enough to know that he was a very caring person. He ment so much to me and my family and will never be forgotten. Even though he is in a better place, he will always be missed. He may be gone but never forgotten. Love you Pawpa*

Brittany Dixon - February 06, 2012 at 11:57 PM



“ *Debbie and family,
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Karla Hale*

Karla Hale - February 04, 2012 at 02:28 PM

KH

“ *Karla Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*



Karla Hale - February 03, 2012 at 03:00 PM

PB

“ *Paula Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Covey Sr.*



Paula Bailey - February 03, 2012 at 02:02 PM