



## James E. Crim, Jr.

January 2, 1940 - June 4, 2013

James E. Crim, Jr.

Age: 73 years

A resident of the Brownfield community in rural Pope County Illinois.

Passed away Tuesday afternoon, June 4, 2013, at 12:24 PM at Baptist Health Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

James was born January 2, 1940 in Brownfield. He was the son of James A. Crim, Sr. and Opal J. (McCorkle) Crim.

James was united in marriage to B. Eudora (Crossland) Crim on January 19, 1962 in Metropolis, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include:

His Children - Michael E. and Starla Crim of Paducah, KY

Bruce E. Crim of the Brownfield community

Marie E. Crim of Paducah, KY

Jason E. Crim of Carterville, IL

2 Grandchildren – Antoine McCauley of Louisville, KY

KeiMocia “MeMe” McCauley of Paducah, KY

4 Great Grandchildren – Saniya Mitchell, Zakiya Mitchell

Jontavius McCauley, and Josiah Dye

4 Brothers - Robert I. and Sarah Crim of the Temple Hill community

Prentiss L. and Mona Crim of Stonefort, IL

Ricky and Paula Crim of Metropolis, IL

Rodney and Debra Crim of the Brownfield community

a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by:

A Brother – Larry Crim

2 Sisters – Patricia “Tish” Crim and Hazel Marie Jones

James was a 1958 graduate of Pope County Community High School. He had been employed as a construction laborer and participated in the building of the Smithland Lock and Dam project. James was later employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections, working at the Vienna Correctional Center and later at the Dixon Springs Impact Incarceration Program (Boot Camp). He retired with the rank of Lieutenant. James was also a lifelong farmer.

James was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He had also served as secretary of the Laborer’s International Union, Local # 803 formerly located in Golconda, IL.

James was a devoted Christian. He was a member of the Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church near Brownfield where he had faithfully served as a deacon and former Sunday School teacher. He also served on the Macedonia Cemetery Board.

James was devoted to his family. He is remembered for his love of talking, visiting with friends, and his laughter. James also enjoyed fishing.

A Home Going service will be conducted Saturday morning, June 8, 2013, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Benny Heady will officiate.

Burial will be in the Macedonia Cemetery near Brownfield.

Visitation will be from 8:30 AM – 11 AM Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Macedonia Cemetery c/o Debra Crim, 220 Macedonia Road, Golconda, IL 62938.

# Cemetery Details

## Macedonia Cemetery

Macedonia Road  
Golconda, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Crim, Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. James was a wonderful person from a wonderful family. God bless you all.*



**Sharon Robbs Brown** - February 23, 2014 at 12:52 PM



“ *Missing his laugh, his smile, words of wisdom, and our talks on the church steps or in the barn, or on the phone, a hundred of miles apart. Always reminding me to look for God in everything, love everyone, and laugh. I will greatly miss you, Uncle Jim.*

**Celeste Crim** - July 06, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ *I am sorry that I did not make it to the visitation or funeral. Jim was a Great Man to work with and for. I truly enjoyed his smile, laughter and how he loved life. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. God Bless Cathy Vaughn*

**cathy vaughn x co worker** - June 24, 2013 at 10:29 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of James passing. He was a special man. We were classmates (Class of '58 at Pope County High.)

*I last saw James at our 50th Class reunion. He was probably the least changed of all of us. He still had that powerful build, killer smile, outgoing personality and big, resonant voice. I walked in and heard that laugh I remembered so well and fondly. "James is here and still the same" I thought. I also well remember the touching, extemporaneous invocation he gave at the reunion. He had become a polished public speaker over the years with a devout Christian faith.*

*Physical Education class in high school provided a particularly fond memory of James. Each of us had to climb a heavy rope hung from the ceiling. Most of us struggled mightily going up using arms and legs, and some didn't make it. When it was his turn, James walked over to the rope, sat down on the floor with his legs in front of him and grabbed it with both hands. He proceeded to climb hand over hand, seemingly without any effort. When he got to the top, he was in the same sitting position he had been at the bottom. He then came down the same way, ending up sitting on the floor. It was an amazing exhibition of strength! No swagger, no bragging--just a shrug and a grin. it was just the way things were!*

*After the 40th reunion, I got a Christmas Card from James each year. No note--just a card signed "James '58." It was a simple gesture, but it meant a lot, and I am so sad that link with the past won't be there this year.*

*I know his passing is a blow to the whole family, but just know that even in California he touched lives.*

*Again, he was a special man. My prayers are with the whole extended family, although I have met only Eudora and Robert.*

*James--you brightened our lives while you were here. Laugh on my*

*friend--we'll do it for your memory through our tears.*

*Randy Boggess '58*

*881 Via Mendoza, Unit O  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637*

*rcboggess@cox.net*

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**Randy Boggess** - June 12, 2013 at 11:20 PM

LJ

“ *May it ease your sorrow to remember that those who love will be united in eternity. With deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers.*  
*Lou Jewell*



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**Lou Jewell** - June 09, 2013 at 10:13 AM

TT

“ *Eudora and all the family, our hearts grieve with you. James was a much loved member of our community and he will be greatly missed by everyone. Best memory--his wonderful smile and infectious laugh. Our love to all of you.*

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**Todd and Alice Thodoropoulos** - June 08, 2013 at 08:57 AM

KS

“ *To the James E. Crim, Jr. Family: Sorry to hear of your loss. My sympathy and prayers go out to you. Melvin & Katherine Stokes, Southfield, MI*

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**Katherine Stokes** - June 08, 2013 at 12:43 AM

TF

“ *The Heady Family sent a virtual gift in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**The Heady Family** - June 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

CB

“ *Carol Hall Bennett lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Carol Hall Bennett** - June 07, 2013 at 09:16 AM

AP

“ *Angela Phelps lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Angela Phelps** - June 06, 2013 at 10:22 PM

MA

“ *To the Crim family you are in our thoughts and prayers ... just know that your love one is now in the almighty hands... may he rest in peace ! God has smile ... on brother Crim.*

*The Holland Family*

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**Maurice** - June 06, 2013 at 02:46 PM

MH

“ Maurice & Miranda Holland lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Maurice & Miranda Holland - June 06, 2013 at 02:35 PM

BB

“ Bob Boaz lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



bob boaz - June 06, 2013 at 01:10 PM

TG

“ The Hill Family, Atlanta, GA lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



The Hill Family, Atlanta, GA - June 06, 2013 at 02:57 AM

TG

*So many memories growing up as a child with the whole family in church. My most memorable ones were when "Jimmy" taught the Young Adult Class. He made sure we "got it" and "understood" what to "get". His passion for the Lord and his dedication and devotion to us as young adults will never be forgotten. While saying "I'm sorry" will not bring him back, please know that God is taking good care of him and we will all be together again soon. We lit a candle in memory of "Jimmy", that will burn until we all meet again. God Bless. With deepest sympathy. Pat and Family, Atlanta.*

The Hill Family, Atlanta, Ga - June 06, 2013 at 03:05 AM

CB

“ *Caleb Blankenship lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Caleb Blankenship** - June 05, 2013 at 10:16 PM

BH

“ *Benny And Ida Heady lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Benny and Ida Heady** - June 05, 2013 at 10:06 PM

EB

“ *Ed Blankenship lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Ed Blankenship** - June 05, 2013 at 08:28 PM

LM

“ *James Crim was a dedicated and well balanced employee while working with many of us in the Illinois Department of Corrections. His smile was warming and his love for life was refreshing. He will be missed but not forgotten, he was our friend.*  
*Larry W. Mizell*

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**Larry W. Mizell** - June 05, 2013 at 05:06 PM

DD

“ Our condolences to all the Crim family. Jim was always fun to be around, a truly good Christian man. He will be sadly missed by all the community. Dallas and Bonita Davis

Dallas Davis - June 05, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ Mr crim was always a pleasure to be around. always loved there bbq.

Lisa Duncan - June 05, 2013 at 02:03 PM

TF

“ Terry Blankenship & Family lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Terry Blankenship & Family - June 05, 2013 at 12:43 PM

JF

“ JIM BLANKENSHIP FAMILY lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



JIM BLANKENSHIP FAMILY - June 05, 2013 at 12:37 PM

TH

“ *With deepest sympathy*



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**Thomas and Emily Henderson** - June 05, 2013 at 12:25 PM

PJ

“ *Patty And Melvin Jeffords lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Patty and Melvin Jeffords** - June 05, 2013 at 12:07 PM

PM

“ *Philip & Patty Morris lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Philip & Patty Morris** - June 05, 2013 at 11:00 AM

TB

“ *Tony And Elaine Bramlet lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Tony and Elaine Bramlet** - June 05, 2013 at 09:41 AM

JJ

“ Joe And Tammy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Joe and Tammy Jenkins - June 05, 2013 at 09:24 AM

KO

“ Kim Owens lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Kim Owens - June 05, 2013 at 09:20 AM

MB

“ Margie Parr Bowman lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Margie Parr Bowman - June 05, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JP

“ Our love and prayers are with you. Jimmy was a good friend and school mate, class of 1958 Pope County High School, remembering fun times.

Jerry and Judy Phelps - June 05, 2013 at 08:55 AM

RD

“ Rodger And Kathy Davis lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Rodger and Kathy Davis - June 05, 2013 at 08:55 AM

JP

“ Jerry And Judy Phelps lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Jerry and Judy Phelps - June 05, 2013 at 08:48 AM

BB

“ Brett, Angela And Alyssa Brumley lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Brett, Angela and Alyssa Brumley - June 05, 2013 at 08:26 AM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



David and Ellen Hill - June 05, 2013 at 08:05 AM

ET

“ *Euel & Tandra lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Euel & Tandra** - June 05, 2013 at 07:55 AM

RS

“ *Ron & Pat Shetler lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Ron & Pat Shetler** - June 05, 2013 at 06:31 AM

CB

“ *Charlotte Benard lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Charlotte Benard** - June 05, 2013 at 06:28 AM

MF

“ *Michael & Shelley Friend lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Michael & Shelley Friend** - June 05, 2013 at 06:27 AM

RM

“ Eudora and family I am so, so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless and keep you. Ruby and Earl Moore

Ruby Moore - June 04, 2013 at 11:15 PM

SJ

“ Shot And Alice Jeffords lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Shot and Alice Jeffords - June 04, 2013 at 10:33 PM

SJ

Jim was a very special man who never met a stranger and always had a smile on his face.... He will be missed by those who were blessed to have know him.

Shot and Alice Jeffords - June 04, 2013 at 10:39 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.



Dorothy Bacon - June 04, 2013 at 07:58 PM

MJ

“ *Marcella Jones lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Marcella Jones** - June 04, 2013 at 06:47 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James E. Crim, Jr.*



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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - June 04, 2013 at 05:16 PM

RB

*Eudora and the family: We are thinking of you at this sad time. Jim was such a wonderful person and will be missed. A true friend he was to everyone.*

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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - June 04, 2013 at 05:18 PM