



## James M. Gage

October 26, 1921 - September 1, 2021

It is with heartbreak and joy that James M. Gage has passed on from this world to meet his Lord and Savior on September 1, 2021. Matthew, as everyone called him, was weary of this world and was ready to move on to see all his loved ones that have gone on before him.

Matthew was born on October 26, 1921 in Johnson County Illinois to Daniel and Arista (Vaughn) Gage. The family purchased a farm just north of Vienna in 1937, which has been in the family since.

Matthew was a 1937 graduate of Vienna High School. World War II called and like so many others, Matthew answered the call. He was stationed in the South Pacific from April 1943 to April 1945. Prior to his honorable discharge, Matthew served a total of 3 years in the U.S. Army. Matthew lost one of his brothers, Ralph, who was killed in action in the European campaign.

Matthew met and married the love of his life, Thyda Georgene Roberts. They were united in marriage at the First Christian Church in Vienna on October 29, 1950. Matthew and Georgene maintained their membership in this church throughout their lives. Two children were born to this union, James E. (and Linda) Gage of Vienna and Timothy Jay (and Cheryl) Gage of Goreville. Matthew continued to work the farm and in construction trades before going to work for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, where he worked for 31 years,

retiring in 1983.

Matthew was the last of his generation in the Gage family. Preceding him in death were his parents, Daniel and Arista Gage; his wife, Georgene, on March 21, 1994, brothers & sisters-in-law – Ralph Gage, Jr., Dan and Pawnee Gage, Paul and Mildred Gage, Bill and Marie Gage. Also, preceding him in death were his father-in-law and mother-in-law – Milton and Carmen Roberts; and two brothers-in-law – Kenneth Lindsey and Bobby Roberts.

Surviving besides his sons and their wives are: Grandchildren – Julie (and Jason) Hammond of Nashville, Tennessee, Christopher (and Krystal Gage) of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Jordan Gage of Murray, Kentucky; Great Grandchildren – Gracie and Parker Mathew Gage of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; two sisters-in-law – Joyce Lindsey and Kay (and Jim) Ross all of Vienna. Matthew also had many beloved nephews, nieces and cousins.

Besides the farm and family, Matthew had many things that interested him in life. Church was very important to him. He was the song leader for many years at First Christian Church in Vienna. Music was important to him from Swing Band/Big Band to Hawaiian music to Gospel music. He played in bands from High School even up until his retirement with the Shawnee College Band. He also enjoyed ceramics and sketching.

The family wishes to extend special love and thanks to the nurses of Professional Case Management for their years of service and care given to Matthew. Additionally, a heartfelt thank you to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

A service honoring the life of Matthew Gage will be conducted Saturday afternoon, September 4, 2021, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Les Chamberlain will officiate.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 of Vienna and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Visitation will be held Saturday, September 4, 2021, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, Illinois 62959, The First Christian Church, P.O. Box 637, Vienna, Illinois 62995, the Paul Gage Scholarship Fund, c/o Vienna High School, 601 North 1st St., Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

In accordance with customarily accepted social distancing guidelines, it is recommended that all those attending the visitation and funeral service wear a face mask or covering.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 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

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Committal Service & Military Honors

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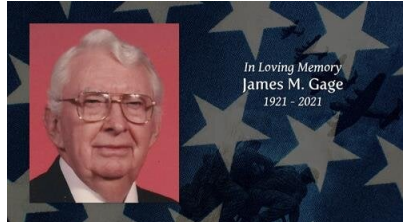
SEP 4. 2:15 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery  
N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Bailey Funeral Home** - September 21, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *James M. Gage*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Dennis and Pat Harner** - September 04, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *I've known Mr. Gage most of my life. He was a nice & very friendly neighbor. So sorry for your loss.*



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**Sondra Goins** - September 04, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



James and Diane Rainbolt - September 03, 2021 at 08:24 PM

RS

“ Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - September 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM

SL

“ Shirlyn Land lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Shirlyn Land - September 03, 2021 at 01:51 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Neal & Carol Watkins - September 03, 2021 at 01:40 PM

AB

“ *Anita L Bullock lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Anita L Bullock** - September 03, 2021 at 01:26 PM

AW

“ *Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Aleatha Wright** - September 03, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JT

“ *J C Thomas lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**J C Thomas** - September 03, 2021 at 08:25 AM

SL

“ *Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay** - September 03, 2021 at 12:31 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of Mr. Gage's family and close friends at this time of mourning. He was ready to go home. May he rest in peace. Prayers for all!

*Debbie & Bobby*

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**DEBBIE HORN** - September 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM

DS

“ A lovable person who love his farm and family. No more suffering your in heaven now at peace. Condolences to the family. Denise Schofield Ky

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**denise schofield** - September 02, 2021 at 07:08 PM

CW

“ Clearon And Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of James M. Gage



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**Clearon and Jane Ross Wright** - September 02, 2021 at 03:46 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. Rick and Janice Reynolds



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**Rick and Janice Reynolds** - September 02, 2021 at 03:42 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of James M. Gage*



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**John Slack** - September 02, 2021 at 02:30 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Nancy Breeden** - September 02, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *Sympathy to his family. He was a wonderful neighbor and a great friend. He has been at our place chasing cattle in his “Sunday best” clothing because he was passing by and saw we had trouble! Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Margaret & Jerry Mathis** - September 02, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James M. Gage.*



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September 02, 2021 at 11:46 AM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Steve & Darla Jones - September 02, 2021 at 11:42 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Bobby Rentfro - September 02, 2021 at 01:27 AM

SW

“ Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Sean & Falon Whitnel - September 01, 2021 at 11:04 PM

HV

“ Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Harold & Georgia Vinson - September 01, 2021 at 10:24 PM

MS

“ Mike & Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Mike & Nancy Solomon - September 01, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. So sorry for your loss.

Mike & Nancy Solomon - September 01, 2021 at 10:04 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Karen Brumley - September 01, 2021 at 09:31 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Vicki Eastwood - September 01, 2021 at 09:18 PM

HM

“ *Hannah Mills lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Hannah Mills** - September 01, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CT

“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Carla Tapley** - September 01, 2021 at 08:51 PM

RO

“ *Ryan And Sara O'Neal lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Ryan and Sara O'Neal** - September 01, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RK

“ *Roy Kerley lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage*



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**Roy Kerley** - September 01, 2021 at 08:29 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Cheryl Harris - September 01, 2021 at 08:17 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Dorothy Bacon - September 01, 2021 at 08:04 PM

FH

“ Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Frederick and Betty Heaton - September 01, 2021 at 07:39 PM

TH

“ Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



tamri huckelberry - September 01, 2021 at 07:36 PM

MH

“ Mike And Laura Hood lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Mike and Laura Hood - September 01, 2021 at 07:10 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Larry and Carolyn McGill - September 01, 2021 at 07:02 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of James M. Gage



Linda Koehler - September 01, 2021 at 06:46 PM