



## James "Jim" Spiller

December 14, 1953 - March 12, 2026

James "Jim" Spiller, 72, of Tunnel Hill passed away March 12, 2026. Jim was born on December 14, 1953 to Lester and Evelyn Spiller.

Jim met his wife, Lana (Howell) Spiller during their high school years and shared 51 years of marriage. During those years they had two daughters; Tara (Lucas) Mitchell of Cambria and April (Dusty) Jones of Stonefort. Along with his wife and daughters, he leaves behind his grandchildren and great grandchildren; Sierra (Aaron) Thompson of Herrin, Devon Green of Ft Hood-Texas, Braxton Meredith of Herrin, Taylor (Ian) Stewart of Marion, Kamryn Jones of Carterville, Kayden Ridgeway and Brooks Thompson.

He also leaves behind his sister, Jeanine (Alfred) Teal of Marion and his brother Laverne Spiller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother in law (Wayne and Linda Heern), mother in law (Dorothy Vaughn) and father in law (Fred Howell) along with his grandparents.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and take hikes. He was a master at smoking his “famous” pork butts, in which he would lose sleep over. He loved spending time with his family, planning bbq's and family dinner outings.

He shared many laughs with not only his children, grandchildren but his son in laws. They spent numerous hours together on yard work and home projects in the early years, with some of the projects nearly injuring them.

In the latter years he was more focused on his acreage and ensuring those pesky trees got cleared in which his grandson, Ian, was happy to partake in.

Jim will be greatly missed and a private service will be held at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, IL.

“Father, when my last hunt is over and I leave these woods behind, I would like to ask a favor if you would be so kind. That when I enter through the pearly gates and come into your glory land Instead of the mansion you promised my Lord, how about just an old tree stand?”

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We love you*

*Xoxo  
Homer & Max*



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**Taylor Stewart** - March 18 at 02:40 AM

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**Taylor Stewart** - March 18 at 02:37 AM

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“ *Save some fish for us.*

*We love you forever and ever* ❤️❤️❤️❤️



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**Taylor Stewart** - March 18 at 02:29 AM

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“ Papa, I will miss you for the rest of my life. I am the luckiest girl on this Earth because you were my grandpa. Thank you for everything you have ever done for me and thank you for showing Ian the same love you showed me. We love you forever. See you in Heaven, Papa.

*Love always and forever,*

*Taylor and Ian*

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**Taylor Stewart** - March 17 at 09:23 PM

LM

“ Jim I will miss all of our talks u laughing to u turn red most of all ty for welcoming me with open arms

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**lucas mitchell** - March 17 at 08:43 PM

JL

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the entire family. May the lord wrap each of you in his arms during this difficult time.

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**J. Leuchtenberg** - March 16 at 06:25 PM

AJ

“ You will be greatly missed, Dad. I am so happy that we got to talk before you left. I love you and will see you later.



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**April Jones** - March 16 at 04:54 PM