



James T. "Jim" Kerr

November 15, 1951 - May 21, 2014

James T. "Jim" Kerr, age 62 years, went home to be with his Lord Wednesday evening, May 21, 2014, at 6:35 PM at his residence near Vienna after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his loving family & friends.

Jim was born November 15, 1951 in Carbondale, Illinois. He was the son of Harry Milton & Joan (Crawford) Kerr.

Jim was united in marriage to Peggy Lapsley on July 26, 1971 in Cartersville. To this union 3 children were born. Peggy passed away on November 1, 1980. He was later united in marriage to Bonnie (nee Laws) Foster on February 13, 1999 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. She survives.

Jim is also survived by: his children – Melanie (John) Jones of Tunnel Hill, Angela (Brent) Jones of Buncombe, and Derek (Erin) Kerr of Buncombe; a stepdaughter – Shayne Bundren of Vienna; 6 grandchildren – Assiah Mercer, Henry Bundren, Cassandra Jones, Alyssa Jones, Clayton Jones, and Tristan Kerr; 2 sisters – Kathryn Kerr of Bloomington and Marie Kerr (Joseph) Emery of Gainesville, GA; 3 nieces – Margaret Kerr Emery (Aaron) Trimble, Nancy Kerr (Kyle) Sessions, and Sarah Palmer; an uncle – Doyle Kerr of Wood River, IL, as well as a host of other extended family members, including special cousins – Gus, Joe, Ron, Mike, Jack, & Kevin. Jim never met a stranger and was a dear friend and neighbor to many. He also leaves his

beloved canine hunting companion, Josie.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

In his youth, Jim was an outstanding athlete. He excelled in basketball, baseball, and track during his school years at the Buncombe Grade School and later at the Vienna High School, where he graduated in 1969. He attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and earned an Associate Degree in Forestry from Shawnee Community College at Ullin. Jim was employed for 30 years by the U.S. Postal Service, serving as a rural carrier. He retired in 2010. He was a member of the Illinois Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Jim had a love of the land and was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, particularly coon hunting, as well as turkey and pheasant hunting, with his hunting buddies Joe Kerr, Joe Spurlock, Jack Stewart and John White. Jim also enjoyed fishing, gardening and raising cattle. He was happiest working on his farm, alongside his loving wife Bonnie. Jim had also worked for Mount Farm and High Meadow Farm operations. Jim was a member of the Union County Coon Club and was a proud life member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). Jim had coached his son Derek's youth khoury league team and encouraged his daughters Melanie and Angela in their school sports activities and cheerleading. Jim was a faithful and devoted Christian and was an active member of the Vienna First Baptist Church, where he served currently as a trustee, church van driver, choir member and food pantry volunteer. He had previously served as a Royal Ambassador's (R.A.) leader.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday morning, May 26, 2014, at 11 AM at the Vienna First Baptist Church. Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Buncombe.

Visitation will be conducted Sunday evening, May 25, from 6 PM – 9 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna and Monday morning, May 26, from 10 AM – 11 AM at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First Baptist Church (for either the Phase II building project or the food pantry program), PO Box 727, Vienna, IL 62995, the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, PO Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995, the Mt. Zion Cemetery fund, c/o Owen Lee Webb, 2190 Mt. Zion Road, Vienna, IL 62995 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Service

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *James T. "Jim" Kerr*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Bonnie, We are so sorry we were out of town and could not be with all of you. Jim was one very special cousin and we always enjoyed being with him. Will really miss him at our reunions. J.D. and Phyllis Myers*

J. D. Myers - June 18, 2014 at 08:58 AM



“ *Pat lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



pat - June 08, 2014 at 09:23 AM



“ *Melanie and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Jim. He was a wonderful father and husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dave and Pat Prewitt

Pat Prewitt - May 27, 2014 at 11:56 AM

WD

“ A great guy and a wonderful father.

Wayne Dunn - May 26, 2014 at 07:35 PM

RM

“ Angie ,Derek and Bonnie, so sorry about Jim. He will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him. May God bless and keep in your time of sorry.

Earl , Ruby Moore and Madlock Family

Ruby Moore - May 26, 2014 at 01:32 PM



MK

“ Mary Jo King lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr

mary Jo King - May 25, 2014 at 04:32 PM



JC

“ Jim And Jacquie Cuff lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr

Jim and Jacquie Cuff - May 25, 2014 at 01:07 PM



PF

“ Peter/Patricia Kendrick, Marie's Friends sent a virtual gift in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Peter/Patricia Kendrick, Marie's friends - May 25, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ Charles And Cindy Harner lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Charles and Cindy Harner - May 24, 2014 at 09:35 PM

CB

“ Chris And Kim Bent lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Chris and Kim Bent - May 24, 2014 at 09:34 PM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Dallas and Charlene Harner - May 24, 2014 at 09:33 PM

GC

“ Gary Carlton lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Gary Carlton - May 24, 2014 at 02:01 PM

KH

“ My sincere sympathy & prayers to the Kerr family at this most sad time.



Kathy Black Holt - May 24, 2014 at 11:11 AM

LJ

“ Loretta Johnson lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Loretta Johnson - May 24, 2014 at 08:26 AM

MC

“ Bonnie, Kathryn, and Marie, Please accept my condolence. The Reid Family and the Kerr Family were good friends. Jim's death causes me to reminisce of the fun we had as kids: picking cherries, climbing trees, playing in the pond, running in the field, eating homemade ice cream and barbecue. He is greatly missed . "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15. Melba Reid Cates, Chattanooga, Tn.

Melba Reid Cates - May 24, 2014 at 07:19 AM

PF

“ Paul & Rachel McBride & Family lit a candle
in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Paul & Rachel McBride & family - May 23, 2014 at 04:59 PM

MS

“ We all loved Jim so much. He was such a good husband to Aunt Bonnie and he and my Dad had so much in common (both Kerr's but not blood related). They enjoyed talking of farming and coon hunting, God and Church. He, Bonnie, and my parents often took trips together....lot's of wonderful memories for them and all of us. We will miss your smiling face and kind heart, but we have comfort knowing that we will all be together soon. Love and Sympathy to Aunt Bonnie and the kids, Michele and Randy Starling

Michele Kerr Starling - May 23, 2014 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ Jim was someone I looked up to as a young farm boy. Jim made time to teach me, worked hard every day and truly cared about our Farm and Family. Because he was compassionate and dedicated to doing better, Jim will retain a special place in my memories and heart. With hugs and tears I will make a moment to celebrate the life of Jim Kerr. May comfort embrace Jim's family and freinds as he steps into a Greater Life and they remeber the many good times and kindness Jim shared.

Justin Mount - May 23, 2014 at 12:40 PM

HA

“ *Harry & Sandy Ashcraft lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Harry & Sandy Ashcraft - May 23, 2014 at 12:21 PM

RJ

“ *wow! Jim 41 years ago you lived at the four way behind the station my life was better having known you. not good by but see you later my friend enjoy those streets of gold!!!!!! Rabbit*

Randy Jackson - May 23, 2014 at 12:20 PM

LJ

“ *Jim, our brother-in-law, was more like a brother to Doug and me. We took many trips with Jim and Bonnie, all of them excellent. Jim was kind and good, a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be missed by everyone whose path he crossed. Though his time was too short for those who loved him, he made our lives richer by knowing him. Our love and sympathy to Bonnie, Jim's children and grandchildren, sisters, relatives and friends.*



Linda Jones - May 23, 2014 at 11:56 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 23, 2014 at 10:59 AM

EA

“ Ed And Diane Annable lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Ed and Diane Annable - May 23, 2014 at 08:17 AM

BB

“ Brian Bird lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Brian Bird - May 23, 2014 at 07:15 AM

JK

“ Jennifer Mighell King lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Jennifer Mighell King - May 22, 2014 at 10:43 PM

RH

“ *Ronnie And Brenda Huckleberry lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Ronnie and Brenda Huckleberry - May 22, 2014 at 10:24 PM

RH

Bonnie and family, I am so sorry for your loss, Jim was such a great person I worked with him for many years and he was one of a kind, Ronnie and I both thought so much of him, he will be missed so much, our hearts break for you. Love you Bonnie.

Ronnie and Brenda Huckleberry - May 22, 2014 at 10:28 PM

SA

“ *We have lost a good man. Have not known Jim for very long, but from the first time we meet him he treated us like a friend. Words can not express the sorrow we feel. Jim was a man of GOD and now he is being held in his arms. No more suffering, no more pain. He left this place too soon. To Bonnie and the family, you are in our prayers and thoughts. If we can help in any way please just ask. Our Sunday School will never be the same. Will miss you JIM.*
Terry and Sue Alsip



Sue Alsip - May 22, 2014 at 09:51 PM

BB

“ *Bob And Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Bob and Sherry Belcher - May 22, 2014 at 09:24 PM



“ Angie Martin lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Angie Martin - May 22, 2014 at 08:43 PM



TO ALL OF JIM'S FAMILY HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. U ALL ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

Angie Martin - May 22, 2014 at 08:44 PM



“ Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Jack and Jackie Harper - May 22, 2014 at 07:30 PM



“ To Derek, Family and Friends always remember when someone you love becomes a memory that memory becomes wonderful to always carry with you. When a loved one departs my grasp I'm at peace knowing we will all be together again in the end. Please seek comfort in everyone around you and embrace the good times you all had.



Kevin Mikos - May 22, 2014 at 07:02 PM

MK

“ *May God wrap his loving arms around your family in your time of need.*

Melanie Knupp - May 22, 2014 at 06:26 PM

MB

“ *Our dear sweet Bonnie, Frank and I are thinking of you and will be there for you. Anything we can do, anytime. We love you Bonnie and are so happy for you that you had Jim's love, what a wonderful person he was. Gone too soon....*



Myra Wood Bennett - May 22, 2014 at 04:26 PM

RS

“ *Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Richard & Vickey Swiney - May 22, 2014 at 02:51 PM

AS

“ *Albert & Nicole Soulsby lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Albert & Nicole Soulsby - May 22, 2014 at 01:53 PM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Bill and Barb Warmack - May 22, 2014 at 01:48 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Dennis and Pat Harner - May 22, 2014 at 12:57 PM

DH

Jim was a great mail man. He delivered our mail for a great number of years and I never worried about packages or anything when he was on the job. We also considered him a friend with a smile. Our condolences to Melanie, Angie and Derrick and Jim's extended family.

Dennis and Pat Harner - May 22, 2014 at 12:59 PM

NB

“ Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Nancy & Ray Breeden - May 22, 2014 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



David and Ellen Hill - May 22, 2014 at 12:34 PM

RH

“ *Derek, Angie and Melanie I am soo sorry, your dad was a great guy and will be missed. Bonnie and to the rest of Jims family so sorry.*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - May 22, 2014 at 11:58 AM

HD

“ *The Directors of the Memorial are saddened to hear of the passing of Jim, one of our own. He was a gentle man with a great smile. Our prayers are with you.*

Heather Treat Memorial Directors - May 22, 2014 at 11:56 AM

JG

“ *Jim & Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Jim & Lora Goddard - May 22, 2014 at 11:03 AM

AB

“ Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Anita Bullock - May 22, 2014 at 11:02 AM

MN

“ Max And LaRita Nance lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Max and LaRita Nance - May 22, 2014 at 10:50 AM

NW

“ Neal&Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Neal&Carol Watkins - May 22, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Richard and Joan Owen



joan faulkner - May 22, 2014 at 10:25 AM

SE

“ *Sandy And Fred Ethridge lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Sandy and Fred Ethridge - May 22, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SE

We will miss Jim so much and his happy joyous spirit. May God bless you with His comfort and peace.

Sandy and Fred Ethridge - May 22, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DG

“ *Deb Goddard lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Deb Goddard - May 22, 2014 at 10:05 AM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



James & Diane Rainbolt - May 22, 2014 at 09:32 AM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - May 22, 2014 at 08:22 AM

DT

“ *Denise Tanner lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr*



denise tanner - May 22, 2014 at 08:04 AM

GT

I am so sorry. Jim was a great man and a great man of God. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers

Garry and Denise Tanner - May 22, 2014 at 08:07 AM

BB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss loving prayers to the family*

Billy & Nancy Belford - May 22, 2014 at 07:49 AM

BA

“ *so sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers for all of you*



brenda and robert ames - May 22, 2014 at 06:46 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great Man! My prayers will be with you

Ben Morris - May 22, 2014 at 05:40 AM



“ Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr



Cracra Morris - May 22, 2014 at 05:22 AM

PS

“ Condolences to Melanie, Angie, Derek, Kathryn, and all family and friends. We have lost a dear, sweet man. The last time that I saw Jim, I received the gift of his smile and a hug. I will treasure that. We say good bye with so much sorrow, but we'll meet again on that sweet tomorrow. God loves you all and he will comfort you.



Paula Sullivan - May 22, 2014 at 04:20 AM

KL

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim was a very good friend of mine through high school & I'm so glad that I got to visit with him last September after church, even tho I was giving him a little trouble about driving me home, back to Alaska! Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.



Karen Luttrell - May 21, 2014 at 11:45 PM



“ *Died too young* ”



Nc Stipe - May 21, 2014 at 11:37 PM

HS

“ *Heidi Stapleton lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr* ”



Heidi Stapleton - May 21, 2014 at 10:57 PM

JH

“ *We are sure sorry for your loss and know you are in our prayers. God Bless you all!* ”



Jim and Faith Haney - May 21, 2014 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James T. "Jim" Kerr* ”



Rich and Karen Brumley - May 21, 2014 at 09:43 PM

RB

Please know that your whole family is in our thoughts and prayers. Jim always had such a sweet spirit.

Rich and Karen Brumley - May 21, 2014 at 09:44 PM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss.

Mary Lou Hynes - May 21, 2014 at 09:33 PM