



James Bartlett

August 1, 1928 - June 3, 2020

James Bartlett, age 91, of Jerusalem, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020. He was born August 1, 1928 at Dover, Arkansas (Pope County). He was the oldest of three children born to Covey D. and Pauline Tuck Bartlett. Raised at Appleton and attended grade school there, graduating from Hector High School in 1946.

James worked for International Shoe Company at Russellville until he was called into service. After service for two years in the Army, he returned to work at International Shoe Co.

In 1953, he married Wynona Spears on June 12th and this year would be the 67th year anniversary. Wynona convinced him to quit his job at the shoe factory and go to college. James graduated from Arkansas Tech University (Arkansas Tech College at that time) in 1958. He worked for Goodyear Tire for a short time in Fort Smith, Memphis and El Dorado.

James started working for Arkansas State Highway Department on April 1, 1960 and retired January 1st, 1988 as Chief of the Right-of-Way Department. He was known at the Highway Dept. as "Jim." He was a faithful member of the Church of Christ and taught Bible classes for many years.

When he and Wynona retired, they moved back to Jerusalem (Wynona's home place) and begin to enjoy this time by traveling. Their first trip was to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. They made 34 trips across the oceans and enjoyed all continents accepts the Antarctica area (too cold to go there for them). They chose the trips that were 28 to 31 days, giving time to really enjoy

the areas. They never went on one of these trips that they didn't enjoy and made many friends.

After the trips across the oceans, they toured all 50 states and enjoyed these so much. They found nothing can completely erase the beauty and interesting places in the USA.

They found that time and age would stop some traveling but enjoyed being at Jerusalem, going to church there and trying to help in the community as much as possible. James needed to go on dialysis due to failing kidneys and on January 5th, 2017, James went on dialysis. This was at home and the machine was used at night instead of going to a dialysis three times each week. He had pneumonia in January of 2020 and was in the hospital for two weeks. This occurred again in February-March, and in April-May. He was on the ventilator five days and this weakened him plus he lost 14 pounds. His heart was weakened and he could not overcome the effects.

He is survived by his wife, Wynona Spears Bartlett of Jerusalem; brother, John Bartlett of Russellville; nephew, Bradley Bartlett; niece, Beverly Bartlett Turner; great niece, Josey; and great nephews, Simon, Eli, and Brodey. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Sue Bartlett.

A graveside service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6th, at the Cedar Creek Cemetery with Mr. Ted Knight officiating.

The couple was known as "the Bartlett pair" when you saw one you always saw the other. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Jerusalem Church of Christ, P. O. Box 5, Jerusalem, AR 72080 and Cedar Creek Cemetery, P. O. Box 53, Jerusalem, AR 72080.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Creek Cemetery

Jerusalem, AR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Creek Cemetery
Jerusalem, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *James Bartlett*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I remember him the best when he would direct the songs on Sundays at church. He will be missed greatly.*

Elizabeth Huie-Fulks - August 10, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have literally blessed thousands of lives by their love, kindness and concerns. Heaven gained an incredible blessing. Much love and prayers to his precious family.*

Karla Holyfield Evans - June 18, 2020 at 01:50 AM



“ *There will be no parting in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you Wynona. Everyone loved you both.*
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Donna Hawkins - June 08, 2020 at 04:19 AM



“ *Carla Kincannon lit a candle in memory of James Bartlett*



Carla Kincannon - June 06, 2020 at 07:14 PM

PS

“ James Bartlett was a wonderful person to know and visit with. My late parents always spoke warm words about the Bartlett pair. James Did so much for the small community here but never discussed his charity or the many that he helped. My entire family is sadden by James passing, and we pray for God's grace and comfort to Mrs. Bartlett and offer our ongoing friendship and love to assist her any possible way. James was indeed a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed. We that knew James are assured he is now with God almighty in heaven. The Stroud Family is very sadden and offers our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Bartlett.

Phil Stroud - June 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM

PB

Mike and I were saddened to hear about the passing of James. We heard he was in the hospital and that he had gotten out and was doing better. We're so sorry for your loss Wynonna. It's a very difficult time for all who endure the passing of loved ones. May God give you the strength and peace in the coming days. We are so thankful to know that we were once again see James in heaven. Mike and Paula Brown

Paula brown - June 09, 2020 at 03:49 PM

SC

“ The Bartlett pair will be missed by my family. I treasure the relationship you had with my parents: Bill and Bonnie Chism. I will be praying so hard for Wynona's adjustment to losing her "dearly beloved." Emily and I are praying for you daily! The Bartlett pair will be remembered as a great example of a Christian couple serving God. You could count on their attendance at any gospel meeting or area wide singing. It was unusual for them not to be there. James has finally reached his reward in heaven!

Stan Chism - June 05, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JL

“ *Joan Thomas Lingle lit a candle in memory of James Bartlett*



Joan Thomas Lingle - June 05, 2020 at 02:25 PM

AB

“ *We (the Cheslyn Bartlett's family) shared many reunions of the Bartlett clan over the years and it was always great fun to hear James stories about his research of the Bartlett genealogy and his and Wynona's travels to England. He will be missed. Wynona, may the Lord embrace you with His love and give you peace and may James Rest In Peace.*
Amparo Bartlett

Amparo Bartlett - June 05, 2020 at 02:18 PM

VF

“ *I grew up visiting James and Wynona. They were our cousins on my mom's side. They were always hospitable and loving. James could tell a great story and in just an entertaining way that even us kids enjoyed it. He lived a great full life. He was truly a genuinely wonderful man.*

Wynona I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Take comfort in knowing that James is not in pain. He is home in paradise. All my love to you! Veronica Russell Freeman

veronica russell Freeman - June 05, 2020 at 01:23 PM

RJ

“ I am the granddaughter of the late Jay and Willie Mae Bryant. I will never forget how sweet he was, he always had a smile and kind words. Praying for peace for the family... Rachel Bryant Johnson

Rachel Bryant Johnson - June 05, 2020 at 10:11 AM

TK

“ There are far to many memories than to share on this wall. We loved James Bartlett as highly as man can love man. And, we love Wynona Bartlett equally. To say that he will be missed is truly and understatement.

Ted & Barbara Knight - June 05, 2020 at 07:42 AM

KB

“ I'm so sad to hear this. I always enjoyed seeing him at family gatherings. Samantha and I send our love.

Kristi Bartlett - June 04, 2020 at 10:37 PM

BH

Mr James and Mrs Wynona Bartlett that our family always called Bro. & Sis . Bartlett was a true blessing to our family and to everyone that had the honor joy and privilege to know such an outstanding couple , great dedicated Christians , they took our children Clayton and Karla to Bible school on their church van and to church camp Caudell at Dover , they came to their Wonderview basketball games , they came to their weddings , they both have been in our home , we all dearly loved our Mr. James Bartlett and we dearly love Mrs. Wynona Bartlett, we love you and you are in our prayers, May Jesus abundantly bless you each day ! With our deepest heartfelt sympathy With our love and prayers , Bob and Betty Holyfield, Karla & Dallas Evans and the late Clayton Holyfield that went to be with Jesus last year ! Hattievville, AR

Betty Lue Holyfield - June 05, 2020 at 07:30 PM

IR

Dear Wynona, I was so shocked and saddened when I read James obit in the paper Sunday. I knew it's been a while since we ran into each other in Walmart and I'll always remember all the visits you made to the Nursing Center to visit your mother. I'm so blessed to have passed your and James way and now I pray for comfort and peace for you in James passing. Love and Blessings, Ida Rose

Ida Rose - June 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM