



## James David "Dave" Spears

October 25, 1944 - November 4, 2023

James David "Dave" Spears, 79, of Perry, Arkansas passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Dave was born on October 25, 1944, in Lufkin, Texas, to Harvey Eugene and Beulah Magnolia (Mims) Spears; and he was a proud United States Navy veteran.

Dave is survived by his daughter, Denise Pote, and husband Michael of Perryville; daughter, Mandy Lopez and husband, Wili of Russellville; daughter, Leigh Ann Marshall of Perryville; granddaughter Andrea Harp of Benton; grandson Lukas Pote and wife Maggie of Bigelow; grandsons Cole Pote and Daniel Pote both of Perryville; brother, Joe Spears and wife, Phyllis; brother, Bill Spears and wife, Mary; sister, Juanita Mullins; and sister, Maydell Sumrall.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Beulah Spears; sister, Lucille Morgan; sister, Mary Louise Sexton; brother, Buddy Spears; sister, Naoma Spears; brother, H.G. Spears; brother, Elvin Eugene Spears; and brother Roy Spears.

A memorial service will be scheduled and announced to honor Dave's life at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 3:00 PM.

Perryville City Park  
Perryville, AR

# Tribute Wall

MP

“*Dave was an AWESOME MAN, He will be MISSED, Loved going through Perry and seeing him wave at the people going by!!! Sweetheart of a MAN!!!*

*Thoughts and Prayers,  
Michele Parks*

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**Michele Parks** - November 08, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CC

*Mr Dave was a kind and loving man. He waved at everyone who passed by in Perry when you'd see him in public he would always talk to you. And he always kept his place looking like a tropical Paradise my thoughts and prayers go out to his family Mr Dave will be deeply missed by all who knew him*

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**Carolyn craft** - November 16, 2023 at 11:52 AM

CG

*I met “Mr. Dave” as I called him several years ago running around town..literally...marathon training. I'd pause long enough with each run to get to know him well over the course of the last five years or so. I invited him to church for two years and it wasn't until I mentioned I'd be singing one Sunday that he agreed. Our church treated him like the rockstar superhero he was and showed him the unconditional love of Christ I sense he needed. He was such a blessing to me and our family as we traveled some rough roads. One of the few fellow veterans in the area, I recognized similar painful struggles he endured. Mr. Dave lived a long life, loved the Lord and his children, didn't think highly of himself, and for some weird reason, saw only the best in me. I felt his absence the day he died...a little bit of heaven left the planet and the world got a little darker with his departure. I'll miss him every day for the rest of mine but imagine the fantastic conversations he's enjoying with Jesus. I love you Mr. Dave. Thank you for blessing us with your love, kindness, and wisdom. 🌸*

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**Cindy Gaddid** - November 16, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CN

“ My heart just broke after finding out Mr. Spears had passed away Saturday morning! He was a delight, charmer, nostalgic and more concerned with “ making this world” a better place than most! He enjoyed all the honks, waves and those that frequented his “ home”! He loved the egg rolls from the Perry Store, his flowers, Volkswagens, building things and most of all his daughters!! He spoke of his family often and always with a smile! He thought his son n law, was a very hard worker and a great cook! RIP to the most “ Famous Man” in Perry, Ar! 🙌🙌🙌❤️

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**cassie Nelson** - November 08, 2023 at 12:30 AM

VM

“ Jimmy, Jordan And I miss him so much. We were about the first people to get to know him and since he lived across the highway from us , he and Jimmy became very good friends. They were forever picking on one another about how to do this or that. He was truly a very good friend and I loved hearing some of his favorite stories Miss seeing him out puttering around so much. Love and prayers to all the family. Jimmy,Vernell,and Jordan Middleton

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**vernell Middleton** - November 07, 2023 at 08:01 PM

BT

“ I'm so sorry for your Loss of David he was such a nice man we loved his flower planting and his vehicles he always waved at us and we waved back he will be missed.

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**Bobby &Nancy Taylor** - November 06, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MW

“ I did not personally know Mr. Dave, but I felt compelled to send a note to say Thank you for the joy that he brought to all of us, who pass through Perry daily. I always looked for him and waited for a wave and smile. This small gesture made the day better. His garden and building were awe inspiring. Thank you Mr. Dave. You will be missed. Prayers for all who loved him.

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**Mandy Wood** - November 06, 2023 at 10:03 AM

JU

“ Juan lit a candle in memory of James Spears



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**Juan** - November 05, 2023 at 09:26 PM