



Dr. Harold D. James

February 1, 1936 - April 17, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Harold D. James

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Dr. Harold D. James, age 87, of Buncombe, passed away on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:10 AM at his home.

Harold was born on February 1, 1936 to Marion Westbrook and Myrtle Mae (Boomer) James in Williamson County, Illinois. He was married Frances Elizabeth (Allen) James and she survives.

He moved to the Pleasant Grove community in Johnson County in the early 1940s. He graduated from the one-room schoolhouse in Pleasant Grove. Harold attended and graduated from Vienna High School in 1954. In 1958, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois and his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1960 from the University Of Illinois School Of Veterinary Medicine. From 1960 -1962, Harold was a Captain in the United States Air force and was stationed in Long Island, New York at the Air Defense Command, 52nd Fighter Group. After, the Air Force, he moved to Carmi, Illinois in the fall of 1962 and started a private practice vet clinic until 1963. In 1964, he joined Dr. Joe Meller in Anna, Illinois and eventually they

became partners to establish Meller-James Veterinary Professional Clinic. Harold was a former member of the Anna Kiwanis Club, the Anna District 37 School Board, President of the Shawnee College Citizens Advisory Committee, and a member American Veterinary Medical Association since 1960. Some of Harold's favorite pastime activities were traveling, reading, boating, fishing, and spending time with his family. Harold joined First Christian Church on February 12, 1964 became an Elder and was currently an Elder Emeritus.

Along with his wife, he is survived by sons, Allen James (Barbara Flamm James) and Stuart James (Lisa Gray James), Grandchildren, Nick James (Kara), Carly Holtkamp (Travis), Brady James (Kenzie), Tristan James (Brandon Azoulai), and Colton James (Amy), great-grandchildren, Jayla, Leonard, Tate, and Tenley, sister, Marilyn Berry (Steve), nieces, Michele (Cary) Oliver and Suzanne (Rick) Fox, great nieces, Shawna (Tyler) Solomon, and Jordi Oliver, and great -great niece Mara Solomon, and step-brother, Gene (Joan) Teal.

Visitation for Dr. James will be held Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM and Monday, April 24, 2023 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church, 200 Mallard Lane in Anna.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church in Anna with Dee Armes and Joey Hawkins officiating.

Interment will follow the Funeral Services at Allen Cemetery in Buncombe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorials be made to First Christian Church and/or the College of Veterinary Medicine Achievement Fund at U of I. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Crain Funeral Home in Anna.

Cemetery Details

Allen Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
200 Mallard Ln
Anna, IL 62906

Visitation

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

First Christian Church
Anna, IL

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Anna, IL

Interment

APR **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Allen Cemetery
Buncombe, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Harold D. James*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *The Southern Christmas Tree Association is extremely proud to have had Dr. Allen James as a member of our family of growers. Mike Buchart, SCTA.*

Michael Buchart - July 01, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Dr James became one of my life mentors when I asked if I could shadow with Drs Meller and James while I was a Prevet student in the 70's. I learned so much at the clinic and still fondly remember my time spent in Anna. I am still in practice over 42 years and will always be thankful I met and learned so much from Dr James (and Dr Meller). My sympathies to the James family in this difficult time mourning the loss of such a beloved veterinarian.*

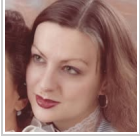
Diane Balich DVM - June 09, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Ellen David Hill lit a candle in memory of Harold James*



Ellen and David Hill - April 26, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ He was our family vet all my life from the time he graduated from U of I. He was always such a warm and caring person as well as a professional who kept learning new veterinary medical processes throughout his life. His wife is a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and he is from an old and noted line of American families. Wishing love and healing to all his family members after the time of grieving. Sincerely, Lynn Moore McCreery

Lynn McCreery - April 23, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ Doc James was always fascinated by my mules and donkeys. We had a great business relationship . I got to know him and his family as friends. I remember one time when he was drawing blood from my dog's paw.....the dog turned and bit Dr. on the thumb. Immediately after biting his thumb, the dog licked the wound. After that we muzzled the dog.....where he was sympathetic or not. It was a pleasure and an honor to know him.

Michael Scott - April 22, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold D. James.



April 21, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold D. James.*



April 20, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold D. James.*



April 19, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Harold was a dear friend and colleague since 1954, almost 70 years. I feel blessed by his long friendship. It was a pleasure to be in his presence as he seemed always to have a deep reservoir of good humor and kindness. He was a wonderful example of a gentleman and was a caring and competent veterinarian. He deeply loved his family, his friends, his patients, and his clients. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Elizabeth and to all of his family. I will greatly miss my dear friend.*

*Ken and Joyce Altera
Los Altos, CA*

ken and joyce altera - April 19, 2023 at 08:21 PM

GO

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of Dr. James!*



Gia Orr - April 19, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold D. James.*



April 18, 2023 at 08:09 AM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Harold James*



Diane Rainbolt - April 17, 2023 at 10:30 PM

SG

“ *Many years ago I filled in at the Vienna clinic for mom, Geraldine Cavitt. Working with Dr. James was always pleasant. Mom & Dad both thought a lot of him. May God bless you during this time of sorrow.*



Sondra Goins - April 17, 2023 at 10:15 PM

DB

My sympathy to Alan and all the family. Dr. James took care of my horses many times. He was great 🙏

Debbie Kessinger Beatty - April 18, 2023 at 09:20 PM

DB

Debbie Kessinger Beatty, your old barber.

Debbie Kessinger Beatty - April 18, 2023 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ *We are sorry to hear of Harold’s passing. He was a great person and a wonderful Vet. Jerry & Margaret Mathis*

Margaret Mathis - April 17, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Harold James*



Teresa Anderson - April 17, 2023 at 08:18 PM

NB

“ *Liz you and family are in my thoughts and prayers. Harold was a wonderful friend and neighbor. 🙏*



Nancy Breeden - April 17, 2023 at 07:43 PM