



James R. Bodkin

June 3, 1944 - December 19, 2020

James R. (Jim Bob) Bodkin went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 19, 2020 at 9:50 P.M.

He was born June 3, 1944 in Etherton, Illinois to James O. and Dorothy (Rawson) Bodkin. Married to Rhonda (Woosley) Bodkin 6/23/90. Jim was an Electrical Contractor 56 years and was the owner-operator of Bodkin Electric. He was also a farmer for 30 years.

Survived by: Wife Rhonda of Murphysboro. Daughters Michelle (Scott) Stevens, Murphysboro. Dawn (Carl) Sisk – Carterville. Son, Darrin (Kim) Baskin – Murphysboro. Grandchildren, Brittney (Josh) Kumke, Ellis Grove. Andrew Kipp, Wade (Allison) Baskin, and Erin Baskin all of Murphysboro. Brock Sisk, Carterville and Courtney (Alex) Irusta of Phoenix, AZ. Great Grandchildren Marley, Sydnee, Elijah and Jack Baskin all of Murphysboro. Aubree and Brinlee Kumke – Ellis Grove, IL. and Mila Irusta of Phoenix, AZ. Brothers Blaine (Diane) Bodkin – Carbondale and Dale Bodkin – Murphysboro. Sister-in-law Karen (Marvin) Hale – Murphysboro. Two Sisters-in-law who lovingly helped care for Jim Bob. Jan Farmer - Hurst and Cheryl Halstead - Phoenix, AZ along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Preceded in Death by: His parents, son Richard Bodkin and Sisters and brother-in-laws LaDonna and Bob Scott and Barbara and Jerry Hagler.

Jim Bob was a man of few words, but in the last year wanted his family and friends to know he trusted Jesus as his Savior and wanted that for all those he knew. He would say “don’t put it off”. The most important part of living is knowing where you are going when you die.

Thank you to our church Murdale Baptist – Carbondale, Regional Home Care – Mt. Vernon, Dr. Keith Burchill – Herrin, Dr. Dale Blaise – Murphysboro, Hospice of Southern Illinois and so many others who showed kindness, compassion and the love of Jesus to us in this very difficult time.

Memorial service will be at Murdale Baptist Church on Wednesday December 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., hosted by the family. We will be following COVID guidelines.

A graveside service will be Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 am in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Inurnment will follow. Family and friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Murdale Baptist Church at 2701 West Main, Carbondale, IL 62901

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Murdale Baptist Church
2701 W Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Bodkin*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were so saddened to read this. Anne and I send our deepest regrets and sympathy. Rhonda, You are in our prayers and hearts along with your loving sisters and the entire family. I vividly remember our last conversation during Apple Festival weekend in 2017 when we came home for my 50th Class Reunion. For a solid hour, we spent time recounting our work and social memories of the past and how many times our life experiences had crossed paths. I will forever recall that evening when I hear his name. He lived life in a large way and will be greatly missed.*

Charlie Caplinger

Charlie Caplinger - June 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James R. Bodkin.*



January 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Bodkin.



December 28, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ One evening we ate dinner. At Ponderosa Steak House before a gospel concert. The Restaurant had a special offering all the six ounce steaks you could eat for one price. That evening Jim ate one baked potato, one large soda, one ice cream cone and 13 steaks. We went back a couple of weeks later, and Jim ask what the record number of steaks that one person had eaten. The waitress said “I don’t know, but a couple of weeks ago a man ate 13”. Jim could put the food away. I had many great times with him. This is one of my favorite memories. Don

Don Kelley - December 27, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Brittany and Andrew purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James R. Bodkin.



Brittany and Andrew - December 27, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MS

“ *Michelle and Scott purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James R. Bodkin.*



Michelle and Scott - December 27, 2020 at 02:09 PM

NW

“ *Neil and M. Frances (Boyer) Welters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James R. Bodkin.*



Neil and M. Frances (Boyer) Welters - December 27, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JT

“ *Jim Bob was a good man. Sincerely sorry for your loss. Praying for family, and friends.
The Terry family*

Janet Terry - December 24, 2020 at 09:31 AM

JE

“ *RHONDA SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JIM SENDING PRAYERS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MISS SEEING YOU. GOD WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE. PRAYERS PRAYERS.*

JEANIE ELLIS - December 23, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BW

“ We are the lesser that Jim has passed. He was a model to all of us as to how we should live.

Barry Wesley - December 22, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DS

“ Rhonda and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Diana and Chuck Steinbach

Diana Steinbach - December 22, 2020 at 04:02 PM

RB

“ Rhonda and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I am so glad that we got to spend time with you and Jim and other members of the family some time ago. You all all his family will be kept in our prayers. Love you very much.

Ruth, Joe and family



Ruth Blair - December 22, 2020 at 03:15 PM

KH

“ God bless the family during this time of loss. Our deepest sympathy and prayers. Jim and Karen Heininger

Karen Heininger - December 22, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JL

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers to your family. Julie Loy

Julia Loy - December 21, 2020 at 03:00 PM