



James F. Holmes

January 19, 1927 - July 16, 2019

James F. Holmes, 92, of Carterville and formerly of Anna and Cairo passed away at 12:20 PM on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Herrin Hospital.

He was born on January 19, 1927 in St. Louis, Missouri to Frank J. and Mary (Cammack) Holmes. He married Betty Jean Riley on June 15 1951.

James graduated from Cairo High School in Cairo, Illinois in 1944. He went into the Army right out of high school at the age of 18. He was sent to Virginia and then on to Korea during his Army experience. Upon his return from the military, he worked for the Corp of Engineers and then for Edgar Stephens Construction Company where he met Betty Jean.

He was later employed by MIT selling heavy construction equipment. His last place of employment was Century 21 Real Estate in Carterville, Illinois.

Survivors include his Wife, Betty Holmes of Carterville; Daughter, Beverly (Gary) Holmes Grimm of Columbiana, Ohio; Grandchildren, Gerard (Chelsea) Grimm of Columbiana, Ohio and Stephen Grimm of Columbiana, Ohio; Great Grandchildren, Gibson and Sullivan both of Columbiana, Ohio; Many other relative and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 AM on Friday, July 19, 2019 at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy, Illinois.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 19, 2019 at the funeral home with Pastor Ray Long officiating. Interment will follow in Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City, Illinois with full military honors provided by the Illinois Honor Guard and American Legion Post 178.

Memorials may be made to Carterville 1st United Methodist Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *James F. Holmes*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of James' death. We remember visiting with you and the Evers in Carbondale. Betty you have our sincere sympathy.*

Leon and Nancy Gunn - July 25, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I last visited with Jim at a Cape reunion several years back. However, I'll always remember my 4th, 5th, and 6th grade basketball coach at Elmwood Elementary school. I think we were the league champions all three years, at least two of the three. Rest in Peace, Jim and my sincere condolences to Betty and the rest of the family.*

Phil Gregory

Phil Gregory - July 19, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Dear Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember both of your parents, both of Jimmy's...and, of course - both of you. I am sending prayers for God's comfort for you & your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Bernadine Berbling Roberts*



Bernadine Berbling Roberts - July 18, 2019 at 08:04 PM