



James "Jim" Presley

February 9, 1928 - March 11, 2017

James "Jim" Presley, age 89, of Murphysboro, passed away at 1:45am on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Marion.

He was born February 9, 1928 in Makanda, IL the son of Ernest Edward and Beatrice (Baggett) Presley. He married Doris Yow in July of 1957 and she preceded him in death on October 16, 2016.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was retired from SIU as a police officer after 25 years of service. He worked for Illinois Central Gulf Railroad in earlier years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf. He was a member of the Eagles in Carbondale and enjoyed their food.

He is survived by his daughter, Tara "Susie" (Brad) Qualls of Tamaroa; sons, Curt (Cindy) Presley of Murphysboro, Larry (Amy) Presley of Mt. Vernon; step-daughters, Vicki (Bill) Eberhardt of West Frankfort, Connie (John) Harrison of Murphysboro; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and one on the way; special cousin, Phyllis Tow of Carbondale.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Doris Presley; brother, Robert Presley; sister, Bonnie Jean Gwaltney.

Funeral Services for James "Jim" Presley will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at

1:00 pm at Makanda Baptist Church with Dennis Presley officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda with military services accorded by local area veterans.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 12:00 pm until the hour of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Makanda Evergreen Cemetery Fund and will be accepted at the church.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Presley*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Good Son to his Mother, Great Father and Grandfather, good Brother and the best Uncle ever. Prayers and kind thoughts to the Presley cousins.*

*Mike and Eva Presley
Elgin, Texas*

Mike Presley - March 12, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Dad, you will be missed and you are loved more than you ever knew! I could never thank you enough or put into words what you meant to me! I look forward to the day when I can run into your arms again and here you say welcome home son, the home where we will be together forever. I love you!*

Larry Presley - March 11, 2017 at 06:26 PM