



James Morrison Estes

January 10, 2020

James Morrison Estes, Age 91, a retired equipment operator died on January 10, 2020 at home with his family. James died on the day of his twin sisters birthday.

James is survived by his brother Houston Estes, three children Helen Jane Carter husband Richard, James Wendell (JW) Estes and John Glen Estes wife Celeste, two granddaughters, Heather Carter and Isabella Estes, one grandson Gabriel Estes, three great grandchildren, Tyler Carter wife Katie, Dylan Fitch and Zoey Fitch and one great great grandchild, Cameron Fitch. Jame's wife Jeanetta Imogene Estes preceded him in death.

James was born at home on the family farm located in Hurricane, WV on September 26, 1928. His father Erasmus Estes II and mother Anna Belle Riddle raised 6 children, James the oldest then Lonnie Erasmus Estes, followed by Anna Louise Estes Black and Virginia Lucille Estes Hutchinson (twins), followed by another pair of twins Hugh Clinton Estes and Houston Leo Estes.

All the Estes children attended a one room wooden schoolhouse located on Cow Creek Road. There were no school buses around Hurricane back then so every morning and evening, summer or winter, James and his siblings walked to school. James reminded us many times that winter was rough in those days and school was not close by. Despite the trials and tribulations everyone made it and finished school to continue their path through life. James always said the Estes family was a pretty hardy bunch.

The first threshing machine in the valley, run by steam, was owned by the Estes farm and James was active in the operation. Traveling from farm to farm threshing wheat, oats and other grains. After serving a short stint in the US Navy James returned to West Virginia to live and work. With a sawmill located in the valley James took the opportunity to harvest and haul trees from the forested section of the farm on the North side of Teays Valley Road building his family a home which is still functional today.

His stewardship with the land started in his youth and James was active in the Hurricane

First Church of the Nazarene on Dudding Avenue riding the church bus to attend the services. James became a Minister of the Gospel working and helping many different churches.

James had quite an interest in Israel and made many trips to the Holy Land taking hundreds of slides and pictures of historical sites and the people and places he visited. After these inspiring trips James founded and built the Popular Fork Church of God practically by himself occasionally organizing work parties for the more difficult tasks. James also performed Constable duties in Putnam County. His primary profession was operating heavy equipment and James helped build much of I-64 from Cross Lanes to the Kentucky border as well as many other stretches of West Virginia's interstate highway system.

After retirement James would travel to crane construction sites to observe and marvel how the newest equipment did jobs in hours that used to take days. He loved to sit and watch all the activities. When the workers were members of his Local No. 132 many times they would welcome him and much to his delight fill him in on the activity and the new technologies. The Union bond was strong.

Service will be at 11AM Monday, January 13, 2020, visitation one hour before the service at Chapman Funeral Home in Teays Valley. Pete Thompson, Hospice Chaplin will be delivering the eulogy. Grave side service will follow at Estes Family Cemetery in Woodridge Estates off Cow Creek Road. A.K.A. Parthena Baptist Church Cemetery.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Estes family.

Cemetery

Estes Family Cemetery aka Parthena Baptist Church Cemetery

Hurricane, WV, 25526

Events

JAN 13 Visitation 10:00AM

Chapman Funeral Home, Teays Valley
3941 Teays Valley Road,
Hurricane, WV, US, 25526

JAN 13 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Chapman Funeral Homes - January 12 at 09:28 PM



“ Uncle Jim will be deeply missed. Love all of the memories you gave me... playing in the apple orchard, all of our talks. When you came to Ohio and stayed with us a while. Wrestling in the floor...and so many more. Will always love you and thank you for all of your memories and will see you again one day. You are with Jesus and family now walking on the streets of gold. Your niece, Pam Estes Bobak

Pam B. - January 13 at 06:27 PM



“ My uncle Jim was a wonderful man & very loving father. His love for God and the Bible was a real inspiration to me! He was my mother's oldest living sibling although she been gone for over 10 years now. He will be greatly missed, Mary Harper, his niece

Mary Harper - January 13 at 07:56 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James Morrison Estes, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, James Morrison Estes, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 13 at 05:14 AM