



## James D. "Jim" Bess Sr.

May 3, 1932 - January 14, 2019

James D. "Jim" Bess, Sr., 86, of Tornado went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 14, 2019 at Hubbard Hospice House, West, South Charleston.

He was born in Tornado to the late Clyde and Florence Crouch Bess.

Jim was a retired pipefitter from Union Carbide Corp, with 35 years of service. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church, St. Albans and he was also past president of the West Virginia Antique Engine and Tractor Association for 17 years. He was a US Army Veteran having served during the Korean War.

Surviving are his loving wife of 66 years, Reba Bell Escue Bess; daughter, Catherine Grim of Culloden; son, James D. "JD" Bess, Jr. of Tornado; brothers, Burl Bess and Earl Bess both of Tornado. Also surviving are his grandchildren, James Grim (Missy), Jennifer Jividen (Shannon) and Andy Bess; great grandchildren, Rylee and Gracyn.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Duane DeFoe officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans with military honors.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm Wednesday at the funeral home.

You may visit Jim's tribute page at [chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Bess family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ James D. "Jim" Bess Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Reba I am so sorry for you loss of your wonderful Jim. There are no words that I can say other then my heart and prayers are with you and your family. Love and prayers, The Daley Family

Ashley Daley - January 20, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. "Jim" Bess Sr..



January 17, 2019 at 04:43 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Jim was a wonderful friend and fellow antique engine lover. His smile and laughter surely brightened up anywhere he was. Always there to offer help or advice on any problem a friend was having. Men like him are few and far between. He will be greatly missed. RIP Jim, you and Webster Walker keep things running smoothly til the rest of us get there....

Dewey Lynch - January 16, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - January 16, 2019 at 10:55 AM

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“ Shawn and I will miss Jim he was a good kind man full of laughter even when he didn't feel good he was still able to smile and always had a kind words he enjoyed the old hit and miss engine I know that Reba and his family and friends will miss him dear but we know he in heaven with out any pain and worry he gave his all and done his best he fought a good fight and came out a winner because he with the and he up there working on something we all will miss him when we hear a. Hit and miss engine and see it run we will know that Jim is near prayers for all and God be with you all

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**Sharon Castle** - January 16, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ *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 D. Bess, Sr., 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 Army Veteran, James D. Bess, Sr., 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 †*

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**Cheryl J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard** - January 16, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *I MET JIMMY WHEN I ATTENDED NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH. HE WAS A QUIET SOUL AND HAD A BEAUTIFUL SMILE. MY HEART IS BROKEN FOR REBA AND HIS FAMILY.  
BEVERLY JOHNSON*

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**Beverly Johnson** - January 16, 2019 at 07:09 AM

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“ *Jim was a true gentleman, I considered him a friend. I looked forward to seeing them, in Portland Ind. every year. It wont be the same.*

*Our Sincere Condolences*

*Earl Hudkins, Family*

*and The Wood County Flywheelers*

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**Earl Hudkins** - January 15, 2019 at 11:32 PM