



## James Lee McNutt Sr.

August 30, 1942 - August 13, 2020

James Lee McNutt Sr., 77 of Boonville formerly of Charleston, IL. passed away Thursday August 13, 2020, at his home with his wife Lelia at his bedside.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Riverside Christian church at 11:30 AM.

Lelia felt so Blessed to have such a kind and caring Christian man in her life. Taking care of him in his last days was an honor.

Jim was born to Jack Trowel McNutt and June Featherstun, August 30, 1942, in Charleston IL.

Jim had two children, Jim Jr. and Toni, three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jim moved to Boonville from Charleston, IL where he was born and raised on a farm of several generations.

Jim was in the Air Force, worked for IBM, and struck out to open his own Insurance Agency of 40 + years in Charleston IL. He won many awards, President of Jaycees, and many community activities.

Jim would tell how he would get up early to milk the cows before heading off to school. And the wonderful Sunday dinners his Mother and the women would make right down to the men cranking the ice cream.

When Jim was 10 he had gotten a Bow n Arrow like most boys his age. As he was looking for targets he found many. But, the one that got him in the most trouble was putting an arrow through one of Mother's prized hens.

Needless to say Mother found it behind some bushes. That evening. Mom and Dad brought it up at dinner time discussing it among themselves . Jim sat quietly at the table

while Mom and Dad knew the whole time what had happened.

Jim and his best friend from childhood Bob Swartz of Charleston IL had many stories to share.

Jim's love for fishing was without a doubt his favorite hobby.

Jim was hooked on MO the first time he came to visit Boonville. He fell in love with the KATY Trails. Jim enjoyed riding bikes, walking the trail with his beloved wife Lelia , greeting everyone he met.

The trail that runs along the Mo River in Rocheport was his favorite. His three favorite places to eat were Applebee's, Freddy's Custard and Kedee's BBQ in Sedalia, he always chose the Caboose to eat in. Jim and his wife visited Wineries, B&Bs, and his favorite place Trout Hollow Lodge in Branson, overlooking Taneycomo River. The one thing he learned that the TaneyComo River is ice cold. At dawn it is foggy getting its nickname the Foggy River. Jim and Lelia would take their coffee and sit on the deck till the sun burned off the fog on the River. He was mesmerized at God's work. He would always say the clouds were God's paintbrush.

Jim shared his love of his deep understanding of the Bible with his wife Lelia who learned so much more about the Bible. Even though she had strong faith from being raised in a family of three generations of Baptist Ministers.

Lelia is grateful for the passion that Jim lit to use the Bible for comfort and guidance that she will use for the rest of her days.

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 11:30AM  
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Riverside Christian Church  
17111 Klinton Dr, Boonville , MO, US, 65233

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. We enjoyed Jim and his family when we all attended East Harrison Street Church of God in Charleston. Praying for the family. God bless you all.

—Charles and Charolette Miller

**Charles Miller Jr.** - August 22, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Thank you Mr &Mrs Miller.  
Jim spent his last years here In Boonville biking and walking the famous Katy Trail that follows the MO River. He loved Missouri. And the shows, fishing and watching the fog burning off the Taneycomo River while having coffee while we were in Branson.  
I was blessed to have him in my life.

**Lelia Ferguson McNutt** - August 23, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ Leila, So sorry to hear about the passing of your husband! Please know that I am praying for you and the family. Love and hugs, Elizabeth Slifer

**Elizabeth G Slifer** - August 22, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Thank you Elizabeth.  
It is great to hear from you.  
Please take care and be safe

**Lelia Ferguson McNutt** - August 22, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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“ Moe and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We remember his silly humor, and fun laugh, was always quick to share a joke or silly story. Jim was a great family man, left no doubt about his love for his family. You were very blessed to have him in your lives.

**Wayne and Jill temple** - August 21, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Wayne n Jill

You are absolutely right. I was so blessed to have Jim in my life in his final years.

We went bike riding on the KATY Trail along the MO River. Stayed in B&Bs . Went to wineries, his favorite was Les Bougeois Vineyards, on a bluff overlooking the River.

His favorite place to go was Trout Hollow Lodge in Branson.

As you know his second love was fishing.

I loved and cherished every moment taking care of him here in our home with the help of Hospise.

And yes I was truly Blessed.

**Lelia Ferguson McNutt** - August 22, 2020 at 02:26 PM

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“ i was happy to get to know Jim He was a loving , kind , caring Christian man . We enjoyed attending church and Bible study with him and Leila . We will be with him again someday . Our sympathy to Leila and his family . He will be missed .

**Sue Lurten** - August 16, 2020 at 10:07 PM