



James Randy Barksdale

January 6, 1932 - February 7, 2019

James "Randy" Barksdale, 87, of Centralia, IL passed away Thursday, February 7, 2019 at his home.

Randy was born January 6, 1932 in Vernon Hill, VA. Randy was the son of George Garland Barksdale and Gracie Lucy Lee (Keatts) Barksdale. He married Janet Joyce Heap on May 2, 1954. She preceded him in death on May 20, 1993.

Randy was an avid fisherman, loved to play music, loved giving to everyone, and loved his family. Randy was a Christian man that loved to spread the word of God. He was a member of the Shepherd's Chapel Church. Randy was also a member of the American Legion Post 446 in Centralia, IL. He played in different bands for 25 years. Some of the bands included the Drifters, Farron Young, and Little Wally Polka Band. In his younger years, Randy worked for Turners Well Service by working on oil rigs. He then worked for Illinois Central Railroad where he helped build many coal cars. After the railroad, he went to work for the City of Centralia and retired after 25 years of service. Later in life, he drove a school bus for 14 years with Beck Bus Company in Centralia, IL. In 1999, Randy met Janet Clark. Randy became a big part of her family and their families lives. Randy gained a daughter Colleen Bernard and husband Tom, a son Stewart Clark and wife Becky, three granddaughters Breann Stoodley and husband Ryan, Lacey Decker and Jennifer Vineyard and husband Shaun. His favorite part of his family was his five grandchildren Madison Vineyard, Madison Stoodley, Lane Vineyard, Kennedy Stoodley,

Greyson Decker with Reagan Stoodley on the way. The first time that he was called Papa Randy the smile that lit up his face was priceless! Randy's presence in his family's life was big. You could always count on Randy to be there with Janet in tow! He is also survived by one sister Mildred Robb and one brother George Barksdale.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents George and Gracie Barksdale, wife Janet Barksdale, and sister Vernelle Spain.

Thank you to everyone that touched Randy's life. He truly loved each and every one of you!

Visitation for James "Randy" Barksdale will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, IL. Funeral Services will be held following the visitation at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, IL with friend Mary Pearson officiating. Private family burial at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, IL will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 446 in Centralia, IL and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Barksdale family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882
hcmp1921@aol.com
<http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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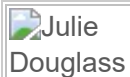
Beautiful tribute. You will be missed pawpaw Randy. Sending hugs to comfort you and prayers lifting you all up! Lori Peterson and family

Lori Johnson Peterson - February 09, 2019 at 09:59 AM

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“ *Met Randy through Janet Clark my manor, found out Randy was an AIRFORCE VETERAN LIKE MYSELF, I WILL MISS AND HIS GOOD NUTURE, HE WAS A VERY GOOD MAN AND FRIEND.*

Matthew Miller jr. - March 10, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, I just heard of Randy's passing. He will forever be our "donut man."*

Julie Douglass - February 11, 2019 at 09:42 PM

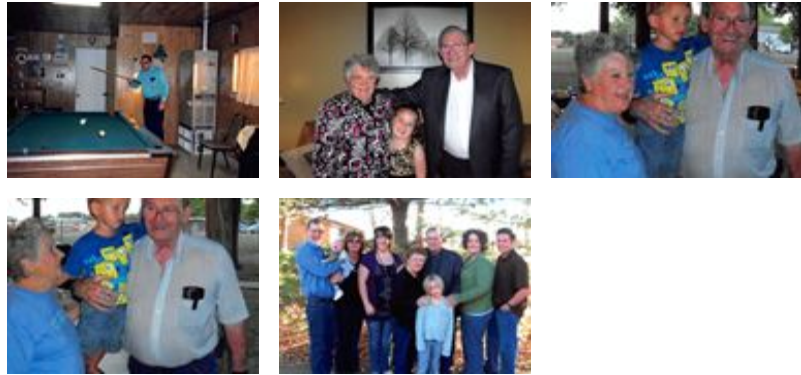


“ we will miss his smiling face at our annual chowder in cisne, a great friend that loved food ,friends and good music.

Sandra Henson - February 09, 2019 at 08:25 PM



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