



James Rentfrow

August 4, 1949 - March 3, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of James Rentfrow, 76, of Farina, formally of Effingham on March 3rd, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 4th, 1949, in Effingham to Norman and Bernice (Williams) Rentfrow. On May 23rd, 1998, he married Catherine Fields, and they would spend the next 27 loving years making their combined families one.

He is survived by two daughters: Rebecca Rentfrow and Sara Hunley (fiancé Michael Mitchell); three sons: Jason Fields, Corey Fields (Fiancée Alayna), and Josh Hunley; seven grandchildren: Weston, Wyatt, Wayde, Logan, Tucker, Tatem, and Tully; three sisters: Linda Goldstein and husband Ralph, Sandy Schwerman and husband Darrell, and Shelia Rentfrow; sister-in-law: Shirley Quick; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Norman and Bernice Rentfrow; brother-in-law: Cecil Quick; and nephew: Ken Schwerman. Joined in death by his wife Catherine Rentfrow on March 7th, 2026.

James was a child of God. He was an active member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Farina. James and Catherine were members of Campers on a Mission, an organization of evangelical Christian campers and RVers dedicated to sharing their faith and love for Jesus through various missions. He proudly served in the Illinois National Guard for 6 years. He was a dairy farmer by trade and enjoyed everything that it entailed. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and making holiday baked goods with his grandsons

and siblings. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service for James and Catherine Rentfrow will be held Saturday March 14th, 2026, at 11:00 am at the First Southern Baptist Church in Farina. There will be a time of visitation from 10:00 am till the time of service. Burial will follow in the Farina Cemetery with military rites for James. A time of visitation will be held on Friday March 13th, 2026, at the Church from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Campers on a Mission or First Southern Baptist Church of Farina and will be accepted at the services or at Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, PO Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881. Online condolences may be left at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or Sutherland-Rankin Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Southern Baptist Church
400 Adams Street
Farina, IL 62838

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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400 Adams Street
Farina, IL 62838

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere Condolences to each of you on your Parent's passing, I didn't have the pleasure to meet either of them, as I was reading the obits, and seen few day's apart , They went to Heaven together and it touched my Heart, like a Love Story, Sincerely Julie

Julie D Bumgarner - March 15 at 01:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Rentfrow.



March 12 at 08:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Rentfrow.

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“ Louisville Baptist Association purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Rentfrow.



Louisville Baptist Association - March 12 at 10:35 AM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of James Rentfrow.



March 12 at 09:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Rentfrow.

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“ It is with much sadness I've read about James. I remember him as a tireless servant of. Grit who lives and breathed his Saviour in everything he did. He was truly a God-fearing man who has left an indelible mark on all with whom he has interacted in life. He truly was a good and faithful servant!! Shalom James. Shalom!!

Rev. Robert C Dievendorf - March 11 at 11:26 AM



“ Judy and I send our love, prayers and condolences. We enjoyed great times together in COM. You will be missed.

Harold and Judy Booze - March 10 at 06:37 PM

PD

“ *Pastor Ron and Delaine purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Rentfrow.*



Pastor Ron and Delaine - March 10 at 04:49 PM

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