



## James C. Ritter

July 5, 1930 - July 4, 2017

James C. Ritter James Cody Ritter, 86 of Carlyle, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. Mr. Ritter was born July 5, 1930 in Seminole, Oklahoma, son of Bayless Arkley Ritter and Elsie Kathryn (James) Ritter. He married Bonnie Manhart on February 25, 1955 and she survives in Carlyle. In addition to his wife of 62 years, he is also survived by three children: James "Jim" Ritter, Jr. and wife Carol of Carlyle, Tammy Schurdell and husband Glenn of Hoffman and Dave Ritter and wife Chelsea of Edwardsville; 10 grandchildren: James Cody Ritter, III of Carlyle, Dylan Ritter of Aviston, Crystal Ellette of Ballwin, Missouri, Jeanie Davis of Centralia, Tina Howard and husband Jesse of Hoffman, Dustin Ritter and wife Megan of Trenton, Cassidy Ritter of Carlyle, Katrianna Stern-Ritter of Edwardsville, and Veneta Stern-Ritter of Edwardsville; 10 great-grandchildren: three brothers: Jerry Ritter and wife Ruth Ann of Texas, Ron Ritter of Texas, and David Ritter and wife Sharon of Oklahoma; a sister, Betty Evans of Junction City; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law and father-in-law: Charles and Ida Manhart, a grandson: Charles "Chuck" Schurdell and two brothers: Tom Ritter and Paul Ritter. Mr. Ritter served in the U.S. Army. Mr. Ritter worked for the Sohio Oil Company for 35 years and assisted in the Alaskan Pipeline Project as a Hydro Tester. He also worked as a courier for Farmers State Bank of Hoffman for 10 plus years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Centralia for 38 years. Mr. Ritter enjoyed wood working, gardening and watching old western

movies. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and friends. Funeral Services for James Ritter will be held Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Rodger Randolph officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Visitation will be held Friday, July 7, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear of James passing. My condolences to the Ritter family. The last time I saw James and Bonnie, I think most of both families were present. Most of the Manharts and the Hagedorn's. Long ago but still a vivid memory. James and my Dad both worked for the same company and always had quite the discussions. I remember James as a friendly man with a ready smile. James is with god now but may his memories live on in your hearts. God bless all of his family.

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**David Hagedorn** - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Uncle James was loved by many and will be missed. Love to you all.

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**Lori, Bill and Dale Knight** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM