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**J**ames Benton Holliday, age 86, of Unionville, Missouri, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at Putnam County Care Center in Unionville.

James was born on September 23, 1936 in Unionville, Missouri, the son of Charley and Starr Alice (Salver) Holliday. On June 29, 1956, James enlisted in the United States Army in Kansas City, Missouri. He was a Heavy Equipment Vehicle Operator, performing his duties overseas for over two years, and in the states for 4 years. He served his country faithfully, and was honorably discharged on May 31, 1962.

On December 22, 1960, James was united in marriage to Della Mae McCaughty in Kirksville, Missouri. To this union, five children were born, Linda, Brenda, Jerry, Terry and baby James. James was a "Jack of all trades". He worked at the foundry in Centerville for a period of time. He also worked for Don Veers Farming and Premium Standards.

In his free time, James loved singing Karaoke on Friday nights with his friends and family. He also enjoyed hunting and playing pool. Left to honor James' memory are his children, Linda Ann (Bryan) Smith of Unionville, MO, Brenda (Randy) Davis of Centerville, IA, Jerry Holliday of Woodburn, IA, and Terry (Lanita) Holliday of Unionville, MO; grandchildren, Christina Lawrence, Justin Lawrence, Sabryna Smith, and Jessica Davis; great grandchildren, Jasmin Walrad, Hailey Lawrence, Jonathon Lawrence, and Miley Lawrence; five siblings, Will Holliday, Jim Holliday, Verdy, Liz, and Lois; as well as several extended family members.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Starr Alice Holliday; his siblings, twin brother- Jim Edward Holliday, brothers, Ben Holliday, Jr. Holliday, his sister, Lee Holliday; and his baby son, James Edward Holliday. Per wishes, cremation has been accorded.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10AM, Friday, January 6, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Burial will take place at Thompson Cemetery in Putnam County, Missouri. Memorials may be written to The Family of James Holliday, to be determined at a later date, and



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may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Holliday family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or on our funeral home Facebook page.



## Tribute Wall

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DV

**Danny Veirs** posted:

James Benton "Hop" Holliday worked for my father Don Veirs for many, many, years. I first met "Hop" as he was affectionately know, when he was scraping raccoon hides at night in my father's fur house. He would work all day at the foundry in Centerville, Ia. and then come and scrape raccoons for several hours every night. Later on he actually went to work for my father full time. He worked on our farm, drove a truck, worked cattle, erected grain bins we sold, and did many other chores. I have to say he was the hardest working man I've ever known. He was mostly quiet and kept to himself. He was a fine person and I always enjoyed working with him! He will be missed.

January 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

January 3 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Morgan, Jack, Paige, Garrett, Greg, And Austin** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 3 at 7:00 PM

VR

**Valerie Ramirez** posted:

He was a Good man!! I worked with him @ PSF & absolutely loved him!! Prayers for all of his family!!

January 3 at 7:00 PM

AA

**Anita Agan** posted:

I sure enjoyed visiting with him at the bar,when I worked there. A great man. Prayers for all his family.

January 2 at 7:00 PM

CD

**Connie Davis** posted:

So sorry for your loss 🙏

January 2 at 7:00 PM



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**Mary Beth Decook** posted:

Sorry for the family's loss

January 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathy during your time of loss. Please know that we are here for you always.

January 2 at 7:00 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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