



# James Russell Kaster

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**J**ames Russell Kaster, age 88, of Albia, passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at his home.

James was born on July 25, 1937, the son of Vernon and Katherine (Espy) Kaster. He graduated from Cincinnati High School with the Class of 1955. On March 31, 1956, he was united in marriage to Barbara McConnell. To this union, four children were born, Deb, Becky, Dennis and Jimmy.

James worked for John Deere in Ottumwa for 30 years, before retiring at the age of 52. Simultaneously, he worked as a farmer, and continued farming throughout his life. He would check his cows a couple times a day with his dog, Sadie on the four-wheeler. James was a very opinionated man, but also very simple.

He was a man of faith, reading his bible every morning. In his free time, he enjoyed taking the coon dogs to field trials, coon hunting, golf, and watching sports on the television- including watching the Cardinals play baseball and the Chiefs play football. James was also fond of gardening, which he took very seriously, as well as spending time with his grandchildren and going to their sporting events.

He treasured the times when his family gathered together for holidays and birthdays. Left to honor James' memory are his children, Deb (Russell) Ferguson, Becky Kaster, Dennis (Collette) Kaster, and Jimmy (Kathy) Kaster; grandchildren, Kari, Morgan (Clint), Kris (Kate), Kory (Holly), Tony (Chelsey), Sam, Sophie, Meghann (Randall), Josh, and Thatcher; great grandchildren, Cael, Jordan, Ava, Madeline, Matthew, Will, Taylor, Kirsten, Hawkins, Veronica, Ransom, John, Jasper, and Melody (Gator); great grandchildren, Iva, Lorelei, and Vera; great-great granddaughter, Vivian; his siblings, John (Rose) Kaster and David (Karla) Kaster; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Kaster; and his parents, Vernon and Katherine Kaster. Funeral Services will be held at 12:00PM, Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Moravia Grace



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Church in Moravia with Pastor Shawn LaRue officiating. Burial will follow the service at Haines Cemetery, north of Centerville.

Visitation will take place Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Moravia Grace Church, with the family greeting friends from 10:00AM-12:00PM. In lieu of flowers, Memorials have been established to either the Moravia Grace Church or to the A.L.S. Association, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Kaster Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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MR

**Marlys Ragan** posted:

Sending love and thoughts to the Kaster family ❤️

October 19 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jane Berg** posted:

My sympathies to all the family and friends of James - Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Brother. I am thinking of all you on this difficult day and the days ahead. Losing someone so special is so hard. Take good care.

October 19 at 7:00 PM

CL

**Cheryl Lord** posted:

Jimmy, Kathy and the rest of the family I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs to you all.

October 19 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Rita Martin** posted:

Sending prayers to James's family!!

October 18 at 7:00 PM

MY

**Michael Young** posted:

Deb, Kari, Morgan and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss of such a lovely and impactful man. May your hearts be comforted by his love...

October 17 at 7:00 PM

PL

**Pennydanny Laux** posted:

Condolences to the family

October 16 at 7:00 PM



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KC

**Karee Cochran** posted:

So sorry to hear about James 🙏

October 16 at 7:00 PM

SP

**Sherri-Don Parker** posted:

So very sorry! He was such a nice man!

October 16 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennisandvicky Lawson** posted:

So sorry to hear this! Thinking of everyone!

October 15 at 7:00 PM

JG

**Jr Gibb** posted:

So sorry to hear this.

October 15 at 7:00 PM

MP

**Marie Padget** posted:

So sorry. Prayers to the family.

October 15 at 7:00 PM

GB

**Ginny And Jerry Boblenz** posted:

When I think of James, i see a man always willing to help others. I see someone strong in their beliefs but willing to listen to others. And I see gobs of green beans showing up on Sunday mornings after church--free for the taking. He was a good friend.

October 15 at 7:00 PM

SK

**Sharon Knapp** posted:

So very sorry for your lost 🙏

October 15 at 7:00 PM



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SV

**Sheri Vining** posted:

Sure sorry to learn this! Such a lovely man. Condolences to the family. ♥️🙏

October 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Camping Crew- Jess, Jason, Shane, Steph, Steve, Nicole, Jay, Dani, Tom, Shonda, Kevin, Diane, Roscoe, Kim

October 15 at 7:00 PM

JC

**Julia Clouse** posted:

So sorry for your loss 🙏

October 15 at 7:00 PM

DZ

**Dorothy Zaputil** posted:

We are so sorry to hear this. Our condolences to the family. Prayers for comfort and peace.

October 15 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Cindy Penfield** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

October 15 at 7:00 PM

JC

**Joe Cloyed** posted:

James was one of the best men I knew. I always enjoyed seeing him at events in Moravia and sharing visits. We always talked about his family which he was always beaming about! Prayers to the family, he will be missed greatly!

October 15 at 7:00 PM



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TL

**Tami Kaster Lockhart** posted:

I am Tami Kaster Lockhart, niece of James Kaster (his brother John's daughter). I always remember and treasure our summer vacations, as I grew up, when we would drive, in our car, from California to Iowa to visit our Midwest relatives . It felt like we would never get there, but when we did, we couldn't wait to see them! Aunt Barb was always so good about planning our " family reunions", making wonderful foods and arranging for others to also make some wonderful dishes to share with the family. We were never disappointed with the foods, the fun games we played together and special times making memories! I'm sure it was difficult for us to leave when the time came to make that long, boring drive back to California. There are lots of other memories, but the reunions with the family stand out as my most memorable times. I love and will always remember my uncle James and his smile! I know, because he told me, he loved the Lord and was ready to meet him, that is so wonderful and comforting for me to know. So, until our savior returns to take his faithful children home, uncle James, rest peacefully with aunt Barb in Jesus' loving arms. Lord willing, we will meet again on that day! ❤️

October 15 at 7:00 PM

SH

**Sherry Henshaw** posted:

So sorry for your loss Jimmy & Families, Sending hugs, love & prayers

October 15 at 7:00 PM

LL

**Lynne Langfald** posted:

So sorry for your loss of your Papa Ava...sending hugs & prayers 🙏🙏🙏

October 15 at 7:00 PM

RP

**Robin Postlewait** posted:

My memories of him of course stem around the softball fields. Every time he attended one of Sam's games I tried to make it a point to have a conversation with him! He was quite amusing to talk with. I had a great opinion of him. I know he will be missed by your entire family. So very sorry!Hugs to all!Robin Postlewait

October 15 at 7:00 PM



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JE

**Joyce Eilander** posted:

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏

October 15 at 7:00 PM

TB

**Tiffany Nicole Brown** posted:

Our sympathy to you all. We will miss seeing him at church each week. ❤️

October 14 at 7:00 PM

BH

**Brenda Hoffman** posted:

Oh no. So sorry to hear this. James was always so fun to be around. Hugs to all the family.

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Martha Shepard Van Sickle** posted:

Prayers for the family

October 14 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Renea Monson Morrissey** posted:

My deepest sympathy to family and friends

October 14 at 7:00 PM

CB

**Chris Van Blaricome** posted:

My condolences to the family ❤️ sorry to hear this Jimmy

October 14 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Sheila Clemens** posted:

Love and condolences to the family.

October 14 at 7:00 PM



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SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

October 14 at 7:00 PM

SK

**Sheila Kirby** posted:

Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers for his family

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Mary Jo Neubauer Allgeier** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss 🙏

October 14 at 7:00 PM

RW

**Rhonda Whitaker** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss ❤️ 🙏

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MZ

**Marcia Wilson-Zaputil** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss!

October 14 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sondra Scott** posted:

So sorry for your loss . He was a very kind and caring person.

October 14 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Beverly Stickler** posted:

So sorry for your loss . Prayers for strength and wisdom at this time .

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LS

**Linda Stober** posted:

So sorry for your loss Becky.

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CE

**Christy Ehrle** posted:

Gary and I are so sorry to hear of James' passing. We loved him dearly and will keep your family in prayer.

October 14 at 7:00 PM

PA

**Pat Alston** posted:

Im sorry to read this Deb. Such a sweet guy. Thoughts & prayers for u the family. ❤️

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Mike Steinbach** posted:

Condolences to his family...

October 14 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Jolene Susin Fadiga** posted:

Condolences to family ❤️

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Margie Stewart** posted:

Another long time Cincinnati resident

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JA

**Jan Dick Allen** posted:

Always a great guy. Known him all my life. Praying for you all. Dick

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KB

**Kim Beals** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

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CC

**Carla McBride Cochran** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Condolences to the family.

October 14 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Chris Mcdanel** posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man

October 14 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sherri Morlan** posted:

So sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏🙏

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MR

**Marla Holliday Wood Ryals** posted:

So sorry prayers for the family

October 14 at 7:00 PM

BF

**Brenda Brown Fulton** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏

October 14 at 7:00 PM

AK

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For James Kaster** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

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JC

**Julie Power Cossolotto** posted:

So sorry to hear this 😞

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TU

**Tammy Butz Uhlenhake** posted:

Thinking of you all

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JM

**Joyce Mccoy** posted:

Thinking of you and how he loved his garden and cattle.

October 14 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Marla Cox Smith** posted:

So very sorry Kaster family 😞😞

October 14 at 7:00 PM

BC

**Beverly Clark** posted:

So sorry...hugs and prayers for the family 🙏❤️🙏❤️

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RB

**Renee Barbaglia** posted:

Sorry for your loss

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MS

**Mark Stogdill** posted:

Sorry for your loss !

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NC

**Nellie Coltrain** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers! 🙏🙏

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GR

**George Bob Robinson** posted:

sorry to hear this

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RW

**Rod Woodward** posted:

Sorry to hear this

October 14 at 7:00 PM



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

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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