



## James E. Ashworth

October 4, 2026 - June 17, 2013

Mattoon, IL-James E. Ashworth, age 86, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center at 9:10 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013. The funeral service in his honor will begin at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, June 20, 2013, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Pastor Ken Hutchens officiating. Interment will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by the VFW Post 4325 of Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m., until the service begins. Masonic rites will be conducted at 9:40 a.m., by the Masonic Lodge #260 of Mattoon, IL. Born October 4, 1926, in Coles County, IL, James was the son of Charles C. and Nina T. (Fleshner) Ashworth. He married Helen R. McConnell on February 22, 1948, in Mattoon, IL. Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Helen Ashworth of Mattoon, IL; one son, Ron Ashworth and wife Tami (Weber) of Lerna, IL; one sister, Ann Copeland of Mattoon, IL; two grandchildren, Travis Ashworth and wife Mandy of Mattoon, IL, and Staci Gillis of Lerna, IL; and four great-grandchildren, Hannah, Dakota, Dylan, and Devon. James was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and six sisters. A veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Ashworth served our country in the Philippines during World War II. He then provided for his family as a professional truck driver. Before retiring from a career spanning 69 years, he drove over 6 million miles. Mr. Ashworth was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mattoon, IL. Other memberships included the Masonic Lodge #260 of Mattoon, IL, Scottish

Rite Valley of Danville, Ansar Shriners of Springfield, IL, Teamsters Local 26 of Urbana, IL, and VFW Post 4325 of Mattoon, IL. He was also a co-founder and member of the Mattoon Camper's Club. \r\n\r\nMr. Ashworth was a man with a strong work ethic evident by the fact that he came out of retirement five times. However, when he wasn't driving a truck or working on the farm, he cherished time spent with his family. \r\n\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org), Shriners Hospital for Children'-St. Louis, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131.\r\n\r\nPlease visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family. \r\n

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Ashworth*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Helen and Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult times.*

**Betty (Lidster) Rentfrow** - June 21, 2013 at 02:58 AM



“ *Helen and family, So sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jimmy will be sadly missed by all he touched throughout his many years.*

**Chuck & Sue Applegate** - June 20, 2013 at 12:22 PM



“ *Ashworth Family,\r\nAnsar Shrine, Corn Belt Shrine Club and the Cycle Patrol lost a good man and he will be greatly missed.\r\nWith heartfelt sympathy,\r\nDavid G. Wright, Ansar Chief Rabban\r\n*

**David G. Wright** - June 19, 2013 at 08:51 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss Helen. May God comfort you.*

**Dick Walters** - June 19, 2013 at 07:24 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to all family and friends. Thinking of you in these difficult hours and days.*

**Connie Kidwell Armentrout** - June 19, 2013 at 06:18 PM

