



## James F. Biggs

November 20, 1934 - September 1, 2021

James F. Biggs, age 86 of Mattoon, IL went to be with the Lord on Wednesday evening, September 1, 2021, at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Charleston, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Mound Cemetery in Charleston, IL.

Jim was born on November 20, 1934 in Charleston, IL to the late Huber S. and Chlotilde V. (Liptincott) Biggs. He married Natresia C. Ballinger on April 22, 1955; she preceded him in death on November 24, 1998. He is survived by three daughters, Cathy C. Abston of Charleston, IL, Debbie J. Hines and husband Jay of Mattoon, IL, Terri J. Carpenter and husband Bill of Greenville, IL; seven grandchildren: Aaron J. Hines of Littleton, CO, Hannah M. Romack and husband Jimmy of Greenville, IL, April D. Nance of Charleston, IL, Travis J. Abston of Charleston, IL, Shantha K. Robison and husband Sean of Charleston, IL, Sunny M. Dralle and wife Taylor of Quincy, IL, Janie L. Lee of Lincoln, IL; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one sister, Donna S. Baldwin of Charleston, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Bud Biggs; sister, Norma Haddock; son-in-law, Joe Abston; and grandson, Todd Nance.

Jim honorably served our country in the National Guard in his younger years. He then worked for many years as a branch manager for Means Services and in 1990 he retired from Mars Petcare Kal-Kan Corporation in Mattoon, IL.

He was a member of the Bible Central Church in Charleston, IL. An avid sports fan, Jim enjoyed watching his beloved Fighting Illini and Chicago Cubs and enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Above all, he was a wonderful father, grandfather, and was very special to so many loved ones.

Memorials in Jim's honor may be made to Peace Meals, 694 Castle Drive, Charleston, IL 61920.

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# Cemetery Details

## Mound Cemetery

1275 West State Street  
Charleston, IL

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ James F. Biggs

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Cathy, I am so very sorry for the loss of your father but he is reunited with loved ones in a better place. My the wonderful memories bless and keep you through this difficult transition. Much love to you all.



Brenda Walden-Ingle - September 09, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Both kim and I worked with him at Kal Kan and have fond memories of him. He was always so proud of his girls. He enjoyed life.  
Kim and Mindy Wingler.

mindy wingler - September 05, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Jim, and Natreca and their families were part of three generations of friends to our White family. From Cumberland county to coles. Neighbors, caregivers, friends. I speak for max, me and, of course, my lezli. Did to the circumstances , I can not be there with you this time in person as for Natreca.

Murl white - September 04, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Cobble lit a candle in memory of James F. Biggs*



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**kathi cobble** - September 04, 2021 at 08:14 AM

RW

“ *I've had many wonderful memories with Uncle Jim and Aunt Natresia. One of my favorites was when we went on a trip to Hawaii together. Uncle Jim was a wonderful man who loved his family, he will be missed. Love you, you are always in my heart.*



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**Robin Williams** - September 03, 2021 at 08:04 PM