



James Russell Wightman

January 5, 1938 - September 4, 2017

James Russell Wightman, 79, of Bushnell, died Sept. 4. He was born in Arcola, Illinois and graduated from Carthage College. He was a fireman for the city of Tampa for 24 years before retiring and moving to Bushnell in 1986. He was the former owner of Jim's Carpet for nine years, managed little league for 7 years and enjoyed gardening, fishing and sports of all kinds. He was a member at First Baptist Church of Bushnell.

He is preceded in death by two grandchildren, Hannah Kellogg and Greg Garrett. He is survived by his wife, Faye; daughters Gina Lucas (Andrew), Carrie Schriver (Ken) and Brenda Bonner (Darrin); sons, Steve Wightman (Erin) and Jeff Smith (Sheri); sister, Leah; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Visitation and Service

A viewing will be held Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Purcell Chapel in Bushnell. The funeral service will be Friday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. at Purcell Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ It truly saddens us to hear about the loss of Mr. Wightman. You are going through very difficult moments, may you find Nahum 1:7 which reads "Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of distress. He is mindful of those seeking refuge in him." Yes we can completely rely on our loving God. He also had made the sure promise of a resurrection right here on earth when it is restored to a beautiful paradise. Death will be gone forever Revelation 21:4.

elton and laura miller - September 15, 2017 at 04:21 AM

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“ Rest in heavenly peace, Jim



Nancy Ray, (Linda Gaylord's Aunt) - September 08, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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“ May your light shine brightly in Heaven!



Chuck & Martha Bowman and Family - September 07, 2017 at 02:42 PM

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“ *May your light shine brightly in Heaven!*



Chuck & Martha Bowman and Family - September 07, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Dear Faye and family, Our hearts are with you at this time and we so wish that we could be there to comfort you. We loved Jim and remember him for the great times we shared while visiting you in Florida. The fishing, the great meals together and the warm welcome you always had for us and our family. You are always in our hearts and prayers and Jim is now at peace. Love to you all, Martha, Chuck, Debra, Tammie, Lysa and families.*

Martha and Charles Bowman & family - September 07, 2017 at 02:39 PM