



James Larkin Bowling

May 31, 1949 - February 24, 2018

James was born May 31, 1949 in Vernon, Texas to Ella (Lorraine) Rice and William (Larkin) Bowling. He grew up in Arvin, CA (Weedpatch) then lived the remainder of his life in Taft. James served in the US Army where he was awarded the Silver Star for his extreme bravery during the Vietnam War. Thereafter in Bakersfield is where he met his wife Evelyn. James wasn't afraid of hard labor, and worked in the oilfields for many years and worked for Mashburn Transportation and others. His favorite pastime was relaxing while fishing at the aqueduct with a cold one.

James was a very humble, simple, loving and caring man who lived on his own terms. It is hard to convey how much he will be missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Evelyn, children Aaron, Jason and Tracy, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and sisters Mary, Linda, Kathy, and Debbie, and his beloved pets Duke II and Sissy.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Sharon and Becky.

James' favorite saying was always "Let me tell you something," and it's being finished by saying, "I may be gone in sight, but I'm here in spirit."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:30 AM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Military Honors

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Larkin Bowling.*



March 08, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *Tracy B. purchased the Distinguished Service Casket Spray for the family of James Larkin Bowling.*



Tracy B. - March 06, 2018 at 06:11 PM