



## Francis Harold "Butch" Wells Jr.

September 10, 1949 - January 24, 2026

Francis Harold Wells, Jr., known to most as Butch, passed from this life on Saturday, January 24, 2026 in Searcy. He was born September 10, 1949 in Russell a son of the late Francis Harold and Jorene (Johnson) Wells. He was a 1969 graduate of Bald Knob High School and spent some of his early years working on the pipeline. Later, Butch worked for many years as a roller operator for the White County Paving Company. He found peace and solace in the woods and great joy in hunting deer, squirrel, duck or whatever was in season. He passed that passion down to his boys. Butch also loved hunting arrowheads and had quite the collection. He was an avid Razorback fan. You could always tell if they were losing because you could hear him yelling at the refs through the TV and across town.

Butch is survived by his sons, Jason Wells (Casie) of Judsonia and Scott Wells (Felicia) of Bald Knob; siblings, Kelly Nelson (Dewayne) of Judsonia, Gary Wells of Bald Knob and Ronnie Wells (Shirley) of Beebe; grandchildren, Raegin Musgrove, Micah Wells, Paisley Hays, Ryan Cooper, Logan Needham, Brooklyn Wells and Cayden Wells; great-grandchildren, Gracie Musgrove, Dallas Musgrove and Locklyn Scott Wells; nieces, Tessa Sardelli, Kayla Little and Halie Nelson; nephews, Chad Wells, Mark Wells and Tyler Wells.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen Wells; paternal grandparents, Claude Floyd Wells and May Lou McGinty Wells; maternal grandparents, Helen Inez Johnson Miller and Kenneth

Johnson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Visitation will be held prior, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery in Russell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia.  
[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis Harold "Butch" Wells Jr.



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 29 at 05:51 PM

SJ

To the family of Butch I'm so sorry for your loss, Butch and Carmen were good friends to me and my father who lived rt behind them. I'll miss him. He always made me laugh and feel welcome. My prayers are with ya all. Sandy James.

sandy james - January 30 at 11:41 AM

FH

“ One time myself, Greg Kading, Shawn Grigsby, Kevin Smith and Butch went down south deer hunting, we got to our campsite and began to set up when all at once Butch begin to holler, we all went over to see what was wrong ,well Butch had forgotten to bring his tent poles he was fit to be tied. Well we finally got him calmed down found some rope and tied his tent to limbs on the trees, was all good till late that night it came a downpour, thunder woke us all and you could here Butch raising cane he had stepped off his cot into a foot of water in the tent floor, we didn't notice the low spot the tent was in. Rest in Peace my friend. Man we had some times.

Freddie Haw - January 27 at 05:03 PM

FS

*Should say Freddie Shaw*

Freddie Shaw - January 27 at 05:10 PM

JW

*Freddie , I can hear him now! Sounding like Yosemite Sam just a cussing' ! Thanks for sharing that memory!*

Jason Wells - January 27 at 08:28 PM

SG

*Went on many hunting and fishing trips with Butch, work and roomed with him the better part of 15 yrs. Never a dull moment.*

Shawn Grigsby - January 27 at 10:02 PM

SW

*Butch and me used to be very close brothers. Thirty years ago we hunted together, camped together, laughed and cried together. He shot a really nice 10 point one year and could not find it so he came back to camp and got little brother. It took a while but we finally picked up the blood trail. I thought he was gonna break my ribs hugging me so hard when we found it! He even had it mounted. Sure wish now we hadn't drifted so far apart. Truly a great [Big] brother Save me a huntin' spot too!! Ron*

shirley wells - January 27 at 11:33 PM