



## James Emmett Dickenson, Sr.

February 19, 1942 - February 22, 2016

James Emmett Dickenson, (Jim) 74, of Melrose, New Mexico, died February 22, 2016, in Searcy, Arkansas, with family by his side.

He was born to the late Cora Beatrice and Herbert EP (Jack) Dickenson on the family ranch at the Cotton Wood Grove outside of Melrose, NM. Jim attended school at Melrose.

He married his high school sweetheart, Oleta Joanne Miller in 1958 and they lived and ranched in the Melrose area for 55 years before relocating to Rose Bud Arkansas in 2014.

Providing for his wife and four children was his life. He studied his cows, culled, bought improved varieties, and became an exceptional rancher. His work to improve the herd using genetics and exotic bulls proved successful. His calves won many calf shows in New Mexico, being raised and shown by both 4H and FFA kids. Jim drove the Melrose activity bus some and helped Jerry Franklin in the Agricultural department. He went on judging trips and was on the Curry County Fair Board.

He loved to announce at Melrose football games, especially when son, James Jr. was playing!

After moving to Rose Bud, he loved on and played with his youngest grand children and loved to garden.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Oleta Joanne Dickenson less than a month prior, his parents, a brother Jackie Boy, sister Mary Kesler, sister Dorothy Fly, and one grandson James W. Dickenson.

He is survived by his four children: Ronda Lunsford and husband Russell Lunsford, James E. Dickenson, Jr. and wife Christine Dickenson, Veronica Snow and husband Joe Snow III, and Rebecca Norris and husband Daril Norris; He is also survived by a sister Daisy Dobeck, a brother, Herbert Jess Dickenson and his wife Marie, a sister EP Scott and he is also survived by 13 Grandchildren and 10 Great-Grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Blackwater Draw NHL, c/o the ENMU Foundation, ENMU, Station 8, 1500 S. Avenue K, Portales, NM 88130. Online donations may be made through [www.enmu.edu/donations](http://www.enmu.edu/donations) and designating "Blackwater Draw Site".

# Tribute Wall



“ *Veronica: We are so sorry to hear about your recent loss of you Mother & Father. We will keep you and you families in our prayers.Coach Severson & Family*

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May 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Ronda and family - I am so sorry to see that you going through this again so soon after your mom. God bless and keep all of you close in his comfort.*

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**Lisa Stewart** - May 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Junior, Rhonda, Veronica and Becca,We are keeping each one of you in our thoughts and prayers. Your parents were special friends. We enjoyed them for many years. May God be with each one of you during these difficult days. Many Hugs and love to each one of you.*

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**Billy & Bobby Ann Dictson** - May 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM