



James Gaskin

September 27, 1946 - April 23, 2025

James was born on September 27, 1946, in Worden, Arkansas, to Ollie Burleson Gaskin and James Earl Gaskin. Throughout his life, James was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother.

A true jack of all trades, James was never one to shy away from hard work. He operated several family-run businesses with the help of his children, including row crop farming, an antique store, a filling station, custom lawn mowing, cattle farming, and highway right-of-way contracting. In his later years, he took great pride in running a large truck patch and selling fresh produce by the roadside, always with a friendly smile and a story to share.

James had a deep love for music and especially enjoyed the classic country songs of George Jones. His voice often filled the air as he sang along, sharing that joy with those around him.

He was saved and baptized at Liberty Valley Missionary Baptist Church, where he found strength and community.

James was preceded in death by his first wife of 25 years, the mother of his children, Sheila (Collins) Gaskin. He is also preceded by his parents, Earl and Ollie Gaskin; his grandson, Caleb McBride; and his eldest sister, Earline Dillon.

James is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carolyn (Collins) Gaskin; his children Jeanne (Darrell) Doughty, Michelle McBride, Jamie (Cindy) Gaskin, Angela (Andrew) Newell; Stepdaughter Tena Collins; His grandchildren Jason Doughty, Misty (Marty) Martin, Rory (Taylor) Gaskin, Cory (Kristian) Doughty,

Victoria (Hunter) Bell, Kayla Martinez, Micaila McBride, Four Martinez, Sarah (Tyler) Dickerson, Molly (Ean) Bisswell, Faith Doughty, Colbe (Maggie) McBride, Hope (Austin) Ford, Danny Hill, Elijah Gaskin, Hunter Martin, Hannah Gaskin, Jamison Shourd, McKenzie Martin, Asher Gaskin; His great grandchildren Ellis Gaskin, Sawyer Gaskin, Conner McBride, Harrison Bell, Everleigh Doughty, Emily Doughty, Delilah Doughty, Chandler Ford, Malachi Dickerson, Beau McBride, Chloe Ford. His Siblings are Doyle (Joyce) Gaskin, Dorothy Johnson, Erma (Ervin) Collins, Roy (Julie) Gaskin, and Junior Gaskin. James will be remembered for his unwavering work ethic, his sense of humor, and his deep love for his family.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, Arkansas. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, Arkansas. Interment will be in Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob - Judsonia.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010
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Funeral Service

APR **27**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

APR **27** (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery
Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Gaskin



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 26, 2025 at 09:08 AM

MJ

“ Michael And Connie Johnston lit a candle in memory of James Gaskin



Michael And Connie Johnston - April 28, 2025 at 09:53 AM

JH

“ Family; my thoughts and prayers are with you, Johnny Hodges

Johnny Hodges - April 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KJ

“ Kenny&Sue Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gaskin



kenny&Sue Jones - April 26, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Gaskin.*



April 26, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Gaskin.

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