



Jim Phipps

September 15, 1947 - January 7, 2026

James “Jim” Earl Phipps of Searcy, Arkansas passed away peacefully on January 7, 2026. He was born on September 15, 1947 in Lynch, Kentucky to Elmus and Sue VanWinkle Phipps. He served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a coal miner, and was a Kentucky state inspector. After moving to Florida, he was a golf course superintendent. He and his love, Angie, moved to Arkansas 15 years ago to retire. He was a faithful fan of the Kentucky Wildcats. He was very fond of his “mini” neighbor, Sophia.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He leaves behind his love, Angie, a sister, Betty and husband, Raymond, one sister-in-law, Sharon Boschen and husband, Art, several nieces and nephews and other extended family and, his sweet “mini” neighbor Sophia, and her parents.

Arrangements entrusted with Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Jim was my big brother. We talked and shared everything . Although he lived far away from me, we talked just about every week for hours on end. We knew just about as much as any two people could know about each other. Although we didn't know we were speaking for the last time he shared secrets with me that he swore he'd take to the grave. There was a whole agenda about what he wanted me to do. But life don't always give us time to do the things he wanted me to do. I love Jim with all my heart and I love Angie like a mother. With all my heart I miss him . I hope you are at rest now and I will do the things you ask of me. I know when I cross that bridge you will be there waiting for me. I miss you very much Jim , I wish we had more time. All my love to you and Angie.

Bettye Phipps Goins - May 11 at 08:50 AM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Jim Phipps.



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“ Rick and Louise Murphy Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Phipps.

Rick and Louise Murphy Thompson - January 09 at 09:29 PM

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“ Jim was a wonderful, kind hearted person, and a true Wildcat fan. Sending my sincere condolences.

Christi Yercine - January 09 at 07:07 PM

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“ I'm going to miss you Uncle Jim, so much. You were always there and cared so much about us girls. Even cared deeply for our kids. We know your in paradise now and that gives me peace. Love you so much.



Sara Dobbs - January 09 at 06:47 PM

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Your Uncle Jim loved you and your family . He mentioned Brendan all the time and was so excited about his career as a football player. Loved Piper he was proud that she wanted to be a doctor. He loved you all. I know he was proud of all of you. He always told me what a great family Chris and you had built. He loved you very much.

Bettye - January 14 at 08:54 AM