



James Edward Bryant

May 10, 1942 - May 4, 2026

"Our beloved father, James Edward Bryant Sr., of Purvis Mississippi, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2026.

James was born on May 10, 1942, in Laurel, Mississippi. He attended High School at Eatonville High in Forest county Mississippi. Afterwards, he married Bobbie Ellen Barnes (Mother) on November 2, 1962 and entered into an apprenticeship program with Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Where, he spent much of his life working as an Outside Machinist. He was known there for his reliable work ethic and his attention to detail of his craft.

To family and friends, he was known best for his gentle spirit and unwavering dedication, our dad was our greatest hero. He taught all of his children the value of hard work, kindness, and finding joy in the small things. Whether he was hunting, fishing or sharing a laugh with family and friends.

He was a member of Okahola Baptist Church. Where, serving the Lord as a Deacon with his church family as a Deacon brought him great joy throughout his life.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Bobbie Ellen Bryant; his sister Nona Fay Balias and his children, James E. Bryant Jr. (Eddie), and wife Susan, Robert D. Bryant (BMOP) and wife Sharon, Michael A. Bryant and wife LeeAnne and Dianna J. Bryant (Dee Dee). He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Justin M. Bryant, Amber R. Ainsworth, Topaz L. Chase, Robert J. (Justin) Bryant, Jeffery S. Bryant, George T. Bryant, Nicole E. Ticker, James T. Bryant, Matthew W. Bryant, Lindey A. Bryant, Brittney M. Lundy, Jericho R. Causey, Gage L. Moree; along with numerous great-grandchild, nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis D. Bryant; his mother, Minnie A. Bryant; his brothers, Armon Brown Bryant and Dennis Ray Bryant.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Services will be handled by Pinehaven Funeral Home at Okahola Baptist Church 3889 Old Hwy 11, Purvis, MS 39475.

Graveside service will be at Community Baptist Church 37 Oloh Rd, Sumrall, MS 39482

with a reception following.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Okahola Baptist Church
3889 Old Hwy 11
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
pinehavenfh@gmail.com

Funeral

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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