

James "Jim" C. Davenport

1934-2017



James ("Jim") C. Davenport, age 83, of Arnold, passed away on November 11, 2017, at the Callaway District Hospital.

Jim was born July 4, 1934, to Orville and Lola (Bean) Davenport in Gothenburg. He was a 1952 graduate of Gothenburg High School, where he enjoyed playing football and participating in track. After high school, he attended Colorado A&M in Fort Collins, Colorado. While there, he was a member of the football team. In 1956, he joined the United States Army, where he served in

Germany until 1957.

On January 19, 1958, Jim married the love of his life, Sherry (Hircock) Davenport. From this union, nine children were born: Julie (Randy) Bailar, Jeani Davenport, Joni (Mike) Claymon, JoDee Kimball, Dan Davenport, Jennifer (Jeff) Drey, Michael Davenport, Jimmy Davenport, and Jacque (Ryan) Porter.

After a short time in Denver, Colorado, the couple made their home in Arnold for a few years before moving to the family farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Jim loved his life of

farming and ranching, especially making work fun for his children by turning himself into a "corn monster" while irrigating as well as hiding birthday gifts in the corn field. He also took a lot of pride in keeping the family farm and vehicles in tip-top shape.

Jim appreciated the great outdoors, including spending time fishing and camping. Many laughs and pranks were had with his fishing friends and family out on the boat. Most recently, he spent the summer camping at one of his favorite places in the world, Merritt Reservoir, near Valentine.

The most important part of Jim's life were his wife and children. He enjoyed attending his children's school activities, including being a timer at track meets. On occasion, he even felt it was necessary to give his opinion to the referees at basketball games. He went to numerous state basketball and state track meets over the years, always rising early in order to be one of the first people there so he could get a good seat. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren, especially giving them tractor rides at the farm.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry; parents, Orville and Lola; stepfather, Bob Lewis; brothers, Daniel and Jon; son, Michael; and grandson, Andrew Claymon.

Left to cherish the memories he gave us are his stepmother, Mary Davenport; his sister, Deanna (Ralph) Morgan; his children; his grandchildren, Bridget (Les) Anthony, Chandini Dahlberg, Brian Claymon, Calvin (Andrea), Nicci, Mason, Mac, and Lexie Drey, Kacey and Charlie Porter, and Austin Davenport; his great-grandson, Les Anthony V; his great-granddaughter, Blake Drey; and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorials, in Jim's honor, may be sent to: James C. Davenport Memorial Fund at Pinnacle Bank in Arnold.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arnold with a rosary to follow at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Arnold Cemetery.

Arnold Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.