



James Lowell Ham

July 5, 1928 - July 14, 2020

James Lowell Ham passed from his earthly life into God's hands on July 14, 2020. He was 92 and a longtime Bartlesville resident.

Born in Inola, Oklahoma, to Richard and Ruby Ham, James was raised on a farm across the river from the Will Rogers Ranch. Early on in life, young James learned the value of hard work and loyalty, and he went on to work at National Zinc in Bartlesville for 42 years on crane and heavy equipment. In his down time, he enjoyed being a member of the Oak Radio Club.

James loved everyone, and those who were fortunate to know him called him dad or brother. A dedicated family man and provider, James treasured his family above all else - he called his wife his world and his sons were always his babies.

James is survived by his wife Violet of 56 years; two sons Jimmy Ham and girlfriend JoeAnn of San Diego, CA; Bob Ham of Lubbock, TX; a sister Josephine Bentley of Claremore, OK; uncles Tom and Howard; aunt Glana Alexander; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Violet and family want to say a BIG thank you to Rivercross Hospice and their special caring people who looked after James's mind, body and spirit, and brought comfort to them all.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Sorry to hear about Jim passing. I just found out about this. I worked at Zink with Jim. He will be missed. I don't know how many times Hambone got me wet with a cup of water. God Bless!!

Clyde Gage - August 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM

MA

“ My grandpa was a great man. He always kept in contact with us and urged us to do our best in life. There is no one more loving, kind or good natured. He will be missed.

Marie Allegretti - July 28, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MR

“ Grandpa Ham was always funny, loving, and available to chat. We all miss his silliness and all the kidding he would do. It makes me smile every time I think of him. Love you, Grandpa!

Michele Russi - July 25, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Bruce Sumter lit a candle in memory of James Lowell Ham



Bruce Sumter - July 25, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ *Bruce Sumter lit a candle in memory of James Lowell Ham*



Bruce Sumter - July 25, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF HAMBONES'S PASSING. HE WAS A SWELL GUY AND THE LAST OF THE OL TIMER ZINC GUYS. WE MISS ALL THOSE GUYS. VI, I PRAY FOR GOD PEACE FOR YOU MY FRIEND.*

JOE & LAVERNE JACKSON

LAVERNE JACKSON - July 22, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Before I met Dad, I was told many stories of how he drew much pleasure in sneaking up on people and dousing them with water. Needless to say, I was prepared for a huge water fight. What I did get to see was a loving husband and father full of hugs and kisses Who will be greatly missed. We will have our showdown at a future date. Love you Dad.*

JoAnn White-Frost

JoAnn Whit-Frost - July 20, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JH

“ I loved my Dad more than I can express in words. He shaped my life by teaching me from a very young age to never shy away from a problem. As children he would play and wrestle with me and my brother Bob. He showed us the meaning of Fatherly love. He taught us how to drive, taught us basic mechanical and engineering skills and how to never give up on anything. He was a wonderful Father to me and Bob, a fantastic Grandfather to my Daughters and Bob’ Son and most of all a loving Husband to my Mother Violet. I will miss him every minute of every day for the rest of my life. Rest In Peace Dad. Till we meet again (which we will).

Jimmy



Jimmy Ham - July 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JH

“ Grandpa will be so missed...the words aren't available to describe the loss we all feel from his passing. His wit and humor brought so much joy to our FAMILY and those who were lucky enough to know him. I was blessed to be able to share him with my husband and children. I pray Grandma Violet may find peace in knowing he has gone to be with the Lord. Here's one last "water fight" for you Grandpa! Love you!

Jeanette [youngest daughter of Jim Ham] - July 20, 2020 at 02:02 AM

JC

“ My condolences to the family. James will truly be missed. James was one of a kind. He enjoyed his family and friends. Never seen James without a smile. He enjoyed a good water fight on multiple occasions. Always be in my heart.

John Cummings - July 19, 2020 at 01:06 PM

GM

“ I'm going to miss Hambone's telephone calls and seeing him in Wal Mart or setting our front of Wal Mart in his pickup truck. He always shook my hand, smiled and told me a Smelter story. He always had a story to tell. Right Violet ! Love you Ham.

Gary Morgan

Gary Morgan - July 19, 2020 at 12:36 AM

GM

Can't type... s/b "out front"... not "our front"

Gary Morgan - July 19, 2020 at 12:54 AM

CA

“ My condolences extend to one of my very dearest of friends, Marie, but also to her family who will undoubtedly very much miss this very loving and unique soul. I knew him mostly through Marie's memories but had the pleasure of meeting more than once. Was hoping to get the pleasure again but life happens. He helped shape one of the people I have come to love very much so, that about says it all, for me anyhow.

Candice - July 18, 2020 at 05:19 AM

DB

“ James Ham was my Uncle. His best friend growing up was my Dad, Basil Bentley. After they were young men, my Dad married James’ sister Josephine. Uncle James visited our house often. As a kid growing up I can remember listening to James and my Dad sharing stories about their boyhood. Even as a kid I could see that the two of them had been the best of friends. I could see it in their faces and I could hear it in their voices. I will never forget that. My Uncle James will be missed.

Dan Bentley

Dan Bentley - July 16, 2020 at 06:20 PM

FT

“ James, Was a very close friend to the Thomas family and will be missed so much but will always be in our hearts Love to all the family. Floyd and Carol Thomas

Floyd Thomas - July 16, 2020 at 04:19 PM

PB

“ Lisa and I met James and Violet when we purchased their country home from them several years ago. We had heard many kind words about them for years and we quickly came to realize how true the stories were. In fact James was one of the kindest men we have ever met.

Rest in peace Mr. Ham.

Phil and Lisa Burton

Philip Paul Burton - July 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM

FT

*James, Was a very close friend to the Thomas family and will be missed so much but will always be in our hearts Love to all the family.
Floyd and Carol Thomas*

Floyd Thomas - July 16, 2020 at 04:03 PM

JT

Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife, Violet, and my cousins, Jimmy and Bob. James was a good kind man, had a great sense of humor and loved to talk about OOWALA friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. Joe and Kay Thomas

Joe thomas - July 16, 2020 at 04:49 PM

BG

i will miss talking to jim violet i used talk him on cbradio they was very nice people's

bruce sumter George - July 25, 2020 at 03:16 PM

RB

*“ Uncle James to a 7 year old boy seemed like a giant of a man, always laughing & carrying on. He was just Fun. I loved him as a child & I will miss his big ol' smile
I love you uncle James*

Rick Bentley - July 15, 2020 at 11:26 PM