



James Thomas Billings

October 3, 1937 - July 10, 2021

Mr. James Thomas "Lefty" Billings, 83, of Wynne, Arkansas, died on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Forrest City Medical Center.

James was born in Wynne, Arkansas, on October 3, 1937, to the late Lester and Lou Ola Hall Billings. He owned Billings Oil Company and a Kids Care, child care center. He played Quarterback for Arkansas State University, setting many records and earning him the nickname "Lefty". He was an avid domino player and quail hunter. James served many years on the Wynne Water Board and City Council.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Bradley Billings of the home, daughter, Kelly Taylor and husband Jack of Fort Collins, Colorado, sister, Judith Pool of North Hampton, Massachusetts, stepchildren, Brad Johnson of Marion, Sanders Johnson of West Memphis, Paul Johnson of Wynne, Russell Johnson of Texas, Geri Flores of Marion, and 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Lou Ola Billings and daughter, Lynn Billings in 2021.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 11 AM, at Crosslawn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Crosslawn Cemetery

2950 Hwy 1
Wynne, AR 72396

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

CE

“ James was our high school football coach at our school he had the best left hand of any quarterback I ever saw he was a great coach .
Charles Eastup

Charles Eastup - August 16, 2022 at 04:30 AM

CE

He coached Truman high school for a short period of time. I got to know him there.

Charles Jerry Eastup - February 28, 2023 at 04:38 PM

GS

“ I was sad to hear that James has passed because I've known him all my life and there was never a dull moment when he was around. He always had something that would make you laugh or put a smile on your face in all the years I've known him. My heartfelt condolences to all family members, especially Ms Pam and Kelly from all the Spence family. Grace and peace to you all.

*Greg & Alisa Spence
and family*

Greg Spence - July 22, 2021 at 07:24 PM

LD

“ James Billings was a huge figure in my life and many others who grew up in Wynne in the 70s. The family fish frys he held at the oil plant were legendary and are still quite vivid in my mind, playing "kick the can" with the Bassam's, Harts, Stewarts, Tarbuttons, Taylors, Lukers, and many others. We shared our first ski boat with the Billings, going to Greers Ferry Lake many weekends, where James and Dad seemed to work on the boat all weekend while Kelly, Lynn, Libby, Laura and I waited impatiently. I will never forget my first time to McDonald's in Memphis. James had already been there once and was so excited to introduce our family to those double cheese burgers and fries.
RIP ole A State Indian! You were a hero to me Sir!!

Laddy Diebold - July 22, 2021 at 10:39 AM

SJ

“ Mr. James was one of a kind! He always enjoyed telling me the stories of him scaring people with random animals over at MFA. He will be missed by many.

Sheila Jones - July 20, 2021 at 06:54 PM

DP

“ James such a kind Christian Guy! I will truly miss him! Heaven will be more Blessed at this time! Thoughts to Pam, her family and Kellie
And Family!! Prayers! 🙏

Deronda Patterson - July 15, 2021 at 09:48 AM

RP

“ So sorry to hear about James passing. I have know him most of my life. In the 1970's, he and Jim Luker took me on my first duck hunt. Both of them were experienced duck hunters, however, I was the only one that got a duck. My dad, along with James, Jim and others played cards quite often and I believe James was the biggest practical joker in Wynne. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Randy Proctor - July 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of James passing but he is in his eternal home with his Lord and Savior. I met James back in 2004 when I started guiding bird hunts for Red River Outfitters. We both had passion for the sport and of course bird dogs and became instant friends through the years. Had many good times and memories through the years as we both grew older. RIP my friend I know we will see each other again one day.

*David Cook
West Memphis,AR*

David Cook - July 13, 2021 at 10:05 AM

RF

“ James brightened everyone's day with his crazy holiday costumes and sense of humor. He was a true Christian gentleman and I am proud to say he was my friend. He will be missed. My prayers go out for his family.



Rose France - July 12, 2021 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ Steve Hathcock lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Billings



Steve Hathcock - July 12, 2021 at 06:35 PM

RM

I just learned of Lefty's passing and saddened to hear. I only knew Lefty's from college both were Pikes-loved his sense of humor-he was liked by everyone in school-loved his '55 Chev convertible. i last talked to him several years ago when i sent him a movie tape i took at aPike hog fest at Bear creek-he was just the same as i remembered--well peace my friend--Ron Merguie

ron merguie - March 31, 2023 at 08:05 PM