



## Mr. William James Trail, Jr.

December 19, 1938 - July 3, 2024

Mr. William James “Billy” Trail, Jr. age 85, of Forrest City, Arkansas, died on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

Mr. Trail was born on December 19, 1938, in Haynes, Arkansas. He was the son of Bill Trail, Sr. and Evelyn Jones Trail. Mr. Trail attended Arkansas State University where he played football and was the first High School football All American from Forrest City, Arkansas. He was a farmer, and the Trail family was the Arkansas Farm Family of the year in 1996. He was on St. Francis County Soil Conservation Board, and also served as president of Farm Bureau. He enjoyed hunting and following all of his grand and great grandchildren in their sports and activities. He served his country in the United States Army.

Mr. Trail married Marsha Clarke in 1960. She survives him along with a daughter, Leslie Trail Gatling and husband Craig of Forrest City; two sons, W. J. “Dusty” Trail III and wife Michelle of Wynne and Richard Russell “Rusty” Trail and wife Leigh of Wynne; and brother, Ray Martin Trail of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Ashley Hawley and husband Bret, Katy Johnson and husband Zach, Denton Machen and husband Lee, Will Trail and wife Allie, Zach Trail and wife Payton, Ross Trail and wife Madeleine and Ally Alberius and husband Cole along with seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Evelyn Trail and brother, Richard Trail in 1984.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Stevens

Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour before the service at 10:00 a.m.  
Burial will follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. Visit online registry at  
[stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
[info@stevensfuneralhome.net](mailto:info@stevensfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Leslie and the Trails family, Sencere Condolences to you at this difficult time. Praying for your family today and the days ahead 🙏 Your former co-worker at Forrest Hills Elementary School some years ago. (Second grade next door to each other)



Shirley Thorn - July 08, 2024 at 03:48 PM

LG

Thank you for the prayers. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your friendship.

Leslie Gatling - June 27, 2025 at 12:20 AM

JG

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss.....

Janet Beck Grafton - July 08, 2024 at 12:53 PM

LG

Thank you.

Leslie Gatling - June 27, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



July 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM

HF

“ Hutcherson Flying planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..

Hutcherson Flying - July 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



July 05, 2024 at 03:47 PM

MA

“ Melanie, Mark, Laura, Morgan, Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..

Melanie, Mark, Laura, Morgan, Ashley - July 05, 2024 at 03:47 PM

OC

“ To Marsha and children we loved Mr Billy and Ms Marsha. We have known then for years. Such dear people. I know he will be dearly missed. We will be out of town and not able to hear his celebrated life. Our prayer will be with you all opal and Bobby Chapman

opal chapman - July 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM

LG

Thank you for thinking of us. Daddy will be missed daily.

Leslie Gatling - June 27, 2025 at 12:22 AM

LF

“ Love, The Winn Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



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Love, The Winn Family - July 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ Love, The Winn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..

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Love, The Winn Family - July 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



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July 05, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ John Gatling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..

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John Gatling - July 05, 2024 at 11:54 AM

TA

“ *Trey, Harrison, Jacob, and Ashtyn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..*



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**Trey, Harrison, Jacob, and Ashtyn** - July 05, 2024 at 11:21 AM

YW

“ *Your friends at Farm Credit in Wynne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..*



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**Your friends at Farm Credit in Wynne** - July 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM

ZF

“ *Z. Morris & Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..*



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**Z. Morris & Family** - July 05, 2024 at 09:32 AM

ZF

“ *Z. Morris & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..*

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**Z. Morris & Family** - July 05, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



July 05, 2024 at 03:09 AM



“ Pam Morledge and Matthew Morledge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..

Pam Morledge and Matthew Morledge - July 05, 2024 at 03:09 AM



“ Tom and Carolyn Jones purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



Tom and Carolyn Jones - July 04, 2024 at 08:52 PM



“ My condolences to all of the Trail famaily. Eric clark

Eric Clark - July 04, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ Lindsey Gin Co purchased the Magnificent Life S pray for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..



Lindsey Gin Co - July 04, 2024 at 02:38 PM

LC

“ *Lindsey Gin Co planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..*

Lindsey Gin Co - July 04, 2024 at 02:38 PM

CP

“ *Clines and Pierces purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..*



Clines and Pierces - July 04, 2024 at 02:12 PM

CP

“ *Clines and Pierces planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..*

Clines and Pierces - July 04, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William James Trail, Jr..*



July 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CM

“ Cathy Cannon and Jim McCaffrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William James Trail Jr..

Cathy Cannon and Jim McCaffrey - July 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CG

“ I grew up with Leslie, Dusty and Rusty. Mr. Billy and Mrs. Marsha were Godly, Christian parents and parented me as such. They truly exhibited what a Christian marriage should look like. They loved me as their own and I loved them all right back. Mrs. Marsha, Leslie, Dusty, Rusty and family you are in my heart and prayers. The world is a lessor place and heaven all the richer!

Cynthia Couchman Gaines - July 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM

LG

Thank you for your sweet message. They were a very special couple! We have wonderful memories .

Leslie Gatling - June 27, 2025 at 12:27 AM

PH

“ With Deepest Sympathy Marsha, Leslie, Dusty and Rusty. We loved Billy and have sweet memories of him and "Sam 🐾🐾🐾" Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time  
With Love  
Patricia Higgs, Stephanie and Skipper



Patricia Higgs - July 04, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry about Billy. I just wanted yall to know I am praying for you. Love yall Christy Gross

Christy - July 04, 2024 at 12:52 PM