



James Warren Estep

February 3, 1947 - February 26, 2025

James Warren Estep age 78, of Grundy, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, following an extended illness.

James was born in Richlands, Virginia, on February 3, 1947, the son of the late Rev. Ernest G. Estep and Lona Ratliff Estep. He was employed by Island Creek Coal Company, Clinchfield, and Virginia Dare before investing in his own business as owner and operator of Estep Coal Company. He enjoyed working but finally retired after 50 + years in the mining industry. James was a lifelong resident of the Buchanan County area and of the Pentecostal faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Geneva Bernice Wilson Estep; daughter, Regina Deneice Estep Vandyke; son, James David Estep; siblings, Joseph Benny Estep, Nora Estep Baxley, and Dora Estep Colley Hall.

Those left to cherish his memory include:

His wife of 25 years, Phyllis Ramey Leonard Estep, of Grundy, Virginia

Sister Pamela Esther Estep Ball Boyd of Grundy, VA

Brother, Rodney Keith Estep and his wife, Vetta of Iaeger, WV

Daughter-in-law whom he loved very much, Pam Davis Estep Watson

Grandchildren, Jacob Canaan Vandyke, Jordan Chase Vandyke

A host of nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

James W. Estep's funeral service will be at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia, with the Rev. Dale Keene officiating. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Serving as pallbearers will be Wayne Boyd, Anthony Boyd, Willie Childress, Doug Yates, Bedford Fuller, Jerry Collins, Mark Hale, Randy Vance, Tony St. Claire, Roger Ball, Frank Blackstone, Robert Yates, Larry Bostic, Robert P. Mullins, and Anthony Meadows. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Leonard, Gary Prater, Sonny Matney, and friends of Richlands Tabernacle.

Friends may begin calling on Tuesday, at 1:00 pm until the time of service

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, is in charge of arrangements. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Warren Estep



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 09, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ James was a good friend to me and you did so much for me to help me in life I will never forget you man

Joseph Deel - March 09, 2025 at 01:24 AM



“ I had the privilege while working as a Mine Inspector to meet James. He was one of the finest Coal Operators in the business. He was a honest, hard working man. He cared most about the people that was employed by him. You didn't have to ask James about his faith, it showed every time you spoke to him. Heaven sure gained a fine man.

Sammy Fleming - March 04, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ My condolences to James' family. James was a hard working man and well thought of by everyone who knew him. I am proud to have known him and to have been his friend.

Dan Perkins - March 02, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JB

he loved to hear you sing.

Jaime Bostic - March 04, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of James Estep*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 02, 2025 at 11:33 AM

JB

“ *I loved my uncle Jimmy, he will always be my bobo.*

jaime Bostic - March 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MM

Jaime, I am very sorry to hear of your uncles passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Melissa

Melissa A. Meadows - March 04, 2025 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Love u my brother u taught me so much about coal mining I never. Forget u*

Rodney k Estep - March 02, 2025 at 08:23 AM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of James Estep*



Charlotte Vencille - March 01, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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“ Love my brother u taught me a lot about coal mining I never for get
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rodney keith estep - March 01, 2025 at 08:25 PM