



James Berry Masten

February 4, 1941 - May 22, 2020

James B. Masten, 79, of Tallula, Illinois, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield on Friday, May 22, 2020. He was born on February 4, 1941, the son of Ezra and Louanna (Woodrum) Masten, in Ashland, Illinois. He married Barbara Cox on September 8, 1958, in Springfield, Illinois. James was a member of the Tallula Christian Church, a member of the Ashland and Virginia Masonic Lodges, and a member of the IBEW Local 51 Labor Union for fifty-three years. He worked in high voltage electrical construction and retired from Ameren in 2006. He served two terms as the mayor of Tallula and worked hard to make improvements for the community. He loved gardening, was a big NASCAR fan and had a special love for his dogs.

James is survived by his wife; three children, Melanie Masten of Ashland, Illinois, Kevin Masten of New Berlin, Illinois, and Todd (wife Rita) Masten of Petersburg; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and three sisters in law, Shirley Megredy, Marilyn Brown and Linda Hughes.

James was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Warren Masten and Chester Masten; and four sisters, Mildred Zillion, Mary Reiken, Jeanne Wankel and Emma Lou Pettit.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 10 am at Greenwood Cemetery in Tallula, Illinois. Pastor Keith Masten will be officiating. Cremation rites were accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions in James's name may be made to the Tallula BLS or the Menard County Animal Control, P.O. Box 163, Petersburg, IL 62675. Please visit hurleyfh.com to leave online condolences and share memories for the Masten family.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery - Tallula

Tallula, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Berry Masten*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *It has been my privilege to know you, Jim. Your Virginia Masonic Lodge brothers will miss you.*

Leigh Morris - June 02, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Barb and family.*

Thoughts and Prayers are with your family.

Cliff and Clara Klauzer - June 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Barb, we were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good friend of ours and will be missed by many in our little town. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. May the good memories you have help you through the difficult days ahead.*

Kenny and Bonnie Hills

Kenny and Bonnie Hills - May 30, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *Jim was a good friend and fellow worker at CIPS/Ameren. We had many great times together. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Jim*

Norm Kloker - May 28, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ I am honored and blessed to have known grandpa Jim. He was truly a blessing in my life, and I will miss him. My condolences.

Ar Leta - May 27, 2020 at 07:08 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Berry Masten.



May 27, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ Prayers to the family , from your old LINEMAN buddy ,Jerry Stoddard

Jerry Stoddard - May 25, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ So sorry to hear this, Jim will be missed, he had such a huge heart for dogs, as his dog passed over the rainbow bridge, Jim has passed over the bridge of life, RIP, my friend

Bev Vice - May 25, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Going to miss you, Jim...RIP... prayers to the family.



Deb Masten - May 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM