



James B. Bailey

March 9, 1934 - October 19, 2016

ADRIAN – James Bailey, age 82 of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at his home.

Born March 9, 1934, he was the son of Frank C. and Geraldine (Reynolds) Bailey in Adrian, MI. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1953 and then attended Adrian College. James proudly served his country in the Army from 1956 to 1958. On March 25, 1967, he married Shirley McAdams in Adrian, MI, she survives. They celebrated 49 years of marriage.

After graduation, James worked for the Daily Telegram and later he worked for Merillat Industries until he retired. James' faith was very important to him. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church where he was active in the bus ministry for 29 years and before that he was involved with the West Rome Baptist Church bus ministry for 11 years. Every year for Thanksgiving, James and Shirley would dress up as Pilgrims for church, an activity they really enjoyed. Gardening, travel and watching Michigan football were his favorite past times.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, survivors include his children, Margaret (David) Barber of TN and their children, Bethany, Christen, Grace; Diana (Frank) Stanley of WV and their children, Jonathan, Rebekah, Joshua, Hannah; Rebecca (Ben) Turner of British Columbia and their children Caleb, Brianna, Emma; Andrew (Jennifer) of IN and their children, Kaitlyn and Kristen; his siblings, Lois Dryer, Dr. Edwin Bailey, Jack Bailey, Geraldine Tucker and Pamela Bailey and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Franklin 'Bus', Phillip, Eileen and an infant daughter Sue Ellen.

Funeral services will be 11 am, Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at Berean Baptist Church with Pastor Doug Rogers officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery with full military rites conducted by the Annis-Fint Post #1584 and the American Legion Post #97 of Adrian. Visitation will be Monday, October 24 from 6 to 8 pm at Wagley Funeral Home and on Tuesday at the church from 10 am until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the bus ministry of Berean Baptist Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Berean Baptist Church
751 West Maumee Street
Adrian, MI

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berean Baptist Church
751 West Maumee Street
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



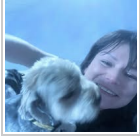
“ *James B. Bailey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Shirley, We have been lifetime friends, starting back when our Moms took us to Mothers Club at West Adrian Church. We attended Free Soil school, a one room school were we learned to play ball in the backyard. If the ball went over the fence we retrieved it before E.L. Burnett got it and kept it. Our older brothers usually got it quickly. You found that horses were your passion so you taught me many things about them but I didn't want to know that much. In Adrian High School we ate our homemade lunches together daily. We separated ways at graduation yet were together for each others' weddings in 1955 and 1956. Those marriages have lasted our lifetimes. We have kept together through the occasional contacts every year or two for a few hours at a time. I will miss you immensely. I have many memories floating around that I am sharing with you mentally. I am happy you had such a strong faith in God. I know you are glad to be in God's arms and with your beloved family and friends. Love you and miss you. Barb Ruesink Barnes (and Brad)*

jennifer Griffith - November 04, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ Shirley, I am so very sorry that you and your family are mourning right now, but am overjoyed at the thought of sweet Jim in the presence of our Lord! At the funeral, we were asked to share a memory...I would have to say that of the countless hours we spent together while Jim was sick, I most fondly remember the way you two showed each other how fond you were of one another. You would kiss his balding head, rub his shoulders and share many memories of your past with me. I told you how inspiring your relationship was to me and I meant it. Jim couldn't have asked for a more loyal partner, and you were his very best nurse. I'll keep you all close in prayer.

Xoxoxo

Soley Sanchez, RN

Ps-I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to give you a big hug and offer my condolences at the funeral. Please just know that I was there paying my respects to dear sweet Jim.

Soley Sanchez - October 26, 2016 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ I loved my Uncle Jim. He always took a special interest in everyone he met. He never spoke badly of anyone, and was always cheerful and upbeat, even the last time I saw him when he had cancer for a while. He loved the Lord and lived a Godly life in everything he did. My fondest memories of Jim were playing croquet with him at Family Reunions. He was such a great competitor!
Cathy Momeyer



Cathy Momeyer - October 26, 2016 at 07:31 PM

RS

“ Rebekah Stanley lit a candle in memory of James B. Bailey



Rebekah Stanley - October 26, 2016 at 03:41 PM

AB

“ *Mr. Baliey Is the greatest man any body could ask for. I remember when I bring grandfather and grandma a candy 🍭 bar on the bus and Mrs. Told me not too. But I thought grandfather needed it that day so we last night ate it before she got on the bus And Aqua nothing happened Go times lam going to miss that but will see him soon in Heaven ❤️ always grandfather*

Amanda buie - October 25, 2016 at 06:23 PM

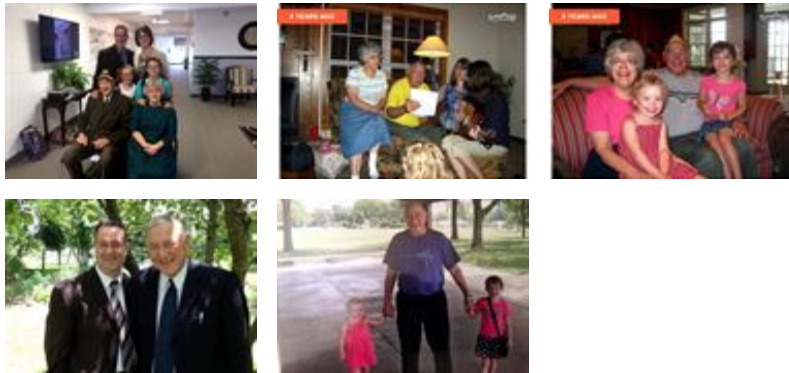
AP

“ *Just listened to the "tribute to Jim" listened to the whole funeral service... What a blessing to have known Jim and Shirley. Thinking he is rejoicing in heaven with my husband around the throne of God. My love and prayers for the Bailey family and Shirley. " What a day that will be ". Love in Christ, Audrey Potter*

Audrey Potter - October 25, 2016 at 11:37 AM



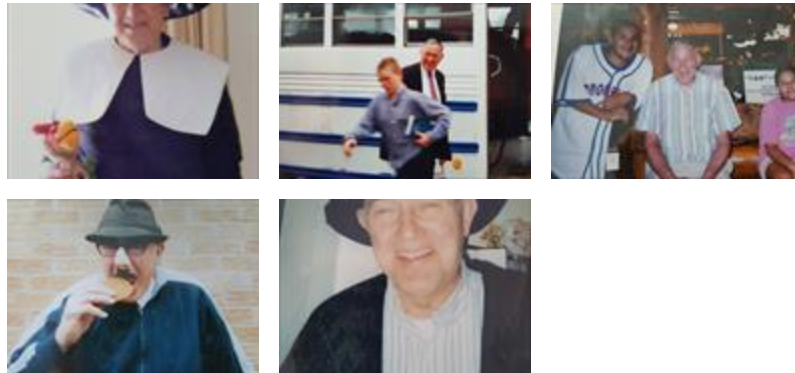
“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - October 24, 2016 at 12:50 PM

Tim
Cook

“ 9 files added to the album Jim Bailey tribute pictures



Tim Cook - October 24, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.



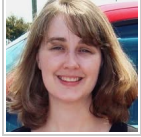
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“ Aunt Midge, Barbara and Buzzie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James B. Bailey.



Aunt Midge, Barbara and Buzzie - October 23, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Jim Bailey tribute pictures



Margy Barber - October 23, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.



October 23, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.



October 23, 2016 at 12:10 AM

SF

“ Stephen and Anise Bailey and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James B. Bailey.



Stephen and Anise Bailey and Family - October 22, 2016 at 08:21 AM

AB

“ Aunt Shirley, Margie, Diana, Becky, Andy, and families,
We share in your loss. May God's love support you and memories comfort you.
Rest in peace, Uncle Jim. Our prayers are with you. 🙏
Blessings and love always, Steve and Anise and Family



anise bailey - October 22, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.



October 22, 2016 at 12:21 AM

JR

“ Dear Bailey Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. He was certainly one very special man. Heaven is sweeter today. Love and prayers - Jerry & Joan Redlin

Joan Redlin - October 21, 2016 at 01:43 PM

LY

“ *Diana and family,so sorry for your loss sending prayers,love and hugs to all.may God shower you with his mercy and comfort*



lorraine yokum - October 21, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.*



October 21, 2016 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Mr. Baliey took me in as a granddaughter under his wing no matter what color I was.He is a caring man and loving making sure I got a ride home from church.And came to see me I had knee surgerys and my dad was in the hospital came to see my grandma no matter how he Felt he came! I used to buy him small gifted on him and Mrs Baliey birthday day. That how me and my best friend Megan became by him lam going to miss the greatest man live will see you soon grandfather*



Amandaue - October 21, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.*



October 20, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *Love Gerrie & Floyd Tucker and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James B. Bailey.*



Love Gerrie & Floyd Tucker and Family - October 20, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James B. Bailey.*



October 20, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *Mrs. Bailey & family;*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. As I am taking all of this in, my mind drifts to the Bus Ministry that he loved doing at Berean. I was truly honored to help out during these times. Love to all of you!

Jerry Butler - October 20, 2016 at 04:23 PM

DE

“ Our hearts go out to Shirley and the family at this very special time. We have many wonderful memories of James and his faithfulness to the Lord. Your family has been a blessing to us in so many ways over the years, and we will be praying that you will have the peace that passes all understanding that only our Lord can bring. Sending much love from FL. Dave and Sandy Emerson

David and Sandy Emerson - October 20, 2016 at 02:56 PM

SH

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family.
Sherrie Boudinot, (Ben's cousin)



Sherrie - October 20, 2016 at 02:51 PM