



## James Russell

March 12, 1954 - June 26, 2019

James Russell, 65, of Liberty passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

He was born in South Charleston to the late Oakey Lee and Betty Lou Adkins Russell. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Glenda Thompson; brother, William "Bill" Russell.

James was retired from the State of West Virginia as a supervisor of the sign and paint department. He was a member of the Lone Oak Church of God, Red House.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and most of all, he loved spending time with his grandkids.

Surviving are his loving wife of 43 years, Debbie L. Edens Russell of Liberty; son, Chad E. Russell (Lori) of Red House; grandkids, Cody, Lindsey and Riley; sister, Anna Gould (Mike) of Columbus; brother, Tom "Doodle" Russell of Fraziers Bottom. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

At James's request, there will be no services at this time.

You may visit James's tribute page at [bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com](http://bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family own and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Russell family.

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ *BeckySS lit a candle in memory of James Russell*



BeckySS - March 25, 2023 at 08:47 AM

BE

🙏 *James, miss him! He used Debbie's knee for the gear shifter in his automatic car. Joker, just like his daddy, uncle Bill. I love remembering him singing, "Kiss an Angel good morning"...and well, he had a funny way of finishing that song. See you there!* 🙏🙏

BeckySS - March 25, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TG

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My father thought of him often and always asked about him when any of his friends came in the store. My husband played football with Jim at Fairmont State. Our prayers are with your family at this time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Anthony Yann - Yann's Hot Dogs*

*Terry and Cathy Galambus*

Terry Galambus - July 05, 2019 at 04:03 PM

“ Jim Russell a classmate, a coworker, and a friend. Jim was all of these things to me! To be honest, I did not know Jim to well in school. Jim was a an outstanding athlete. Most guys would have been in seventh heaven to have had the athletic skills he had. Because of my uncoordinated endeavors, he and I traveled in different circles in school. Hardly new him! Now that i look back on it I find I missed out by not acquiring his friendship much earlier in life! As a coworker, Jim could out perform anybody toward producing, and if you were not putting out or giving the effort he thought you should he let you know! Even me and I did not even work for him! He worked circles around all of us! Because of his personality, you didn't even care when he chewed on you a little bit! I worked with Jim on the road and on the farm. It was hard to keep up with him! You know Jim started his association with me on the farm by wanting to hunt! He told me you let me and the boys hunt on that farm and we will put your hay up. I could not pass up a deal like that proposal. At first, he just performed the plain ole brute work lifting and tugging on hay bales. Then one day I was baling and I talked him into driving the tractor. He took to bailing hay like a duck to water!! The rest is history.

A couple stories i must share about Jim. The first story is really funny and when I think about it I always chuckle sometimes under my breath or out loud depending on where i was when I had the thought! It was not long after my daughter told us she was pregnant and i was out with Jim. So i proceeded to tell him that I was going to be grandpa! I remember him saying "Son, I am THE GRANDPA". Just like there were no other grandpas on earth other than him! I thought that to be so funny!

The second story is one of a more somber tone and very touching! My Dad had passed away and the funeral home was packed with people and my mother was not in any kind of shape to greet people at the casket so I stood there for two hours accepting peoples condolences and thanking them for coming. Finally, the last person greeted me and we talked and as soon as i thanked the gentleman

*for coming i looked up and saw Jim sitting about nine or ten rows back! I walked back and as soon as I got near him he said "Hey son". I remember those two words made feel so good!*

*I am going to close this little piece by saying Hey Son, I will see you on the other side!!*

*Gary Mercer*

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**Gary Mercer** - July 01, 2019 at 09:41 PM

BW

“ *Jim was always a caring and fine gentleman. Our paths crossed many times within the Department of Highways. He always put his best foot forward no matter the circumstances. I am glad to have known and worked with him. Barry Warhoftig*

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**Barry Warhoftig** - June 30, 2019 at 04:55 PM

RS

“ *Rest in Peace, James. I will always have wonderful memories of our growing up together in the neighborhood and all our years playing ball at Hayes and St.Albans.  
Love you, Brother. Jerry Smalley*

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**Rhonda Smalley** - June 30, 2019 at 08:36 AM

VP

“ *Debbie I am so sorry! I think of you guys often, prayers and hugs to you and the family.*

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**Victoria Larck Pauley** - June 29, 2019 at 10:48 PM

BH

“ *Until we meet again. Your friends and classmates of the SAHS Class of 1973.*



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**Bill Higginbotham** - June 29, 2019 at 09:20 PM

BP

“ *Debbie, Chad and Family so very sorry to hear of the passing of James. He was a big part to my career in football. A memory never forgotten was the beatings he gave Doodle and I in wrestling practice.*

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**Bob Pauley** - June 29, 2019 at 04:04 PM

WJ

“ *James, heaven is the place where you can lay your head. Go rest my friend. May the lord be with you and your family. Till we meet again. Prayers to the family from Whitey Johnson.*

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**Whitey Johnson** - June 29, 2019 at 09:55 AM

NH

“ *I want to hug Tom so tight that all the broken pieces fit back together. He misses his brother and best friend so much! I pray for courage and peace Nancy*

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**Nancy Huffman** - June 28, 2019 at 02:54 PM

CJ

“ Cecil Roberts Jr lit a candle in memory of James Russell



Cecil roberts jr - June 28, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James Russell.



June 28, 2019 at 11:56 AM

JP

“ Debbie & Chad, We are so sorry. Jimmie had a smile for everyone. Last time we saw him was at the State Baseball Tourney cheering for his Red Dragons to a state championship! Our thoughts & prayers to you & Chad.

*Jim & Debbie Perry*

James Perry - June 27, 2019 at 11:57 PM

BH

“ Bill & Sue Holstein lit a candle in memory of James Russell



Bill & Sue Holstein - June 27, 2019 at 05:08 PM