



James B. Van Horne Sr.

June 16, 1915 - July 31, 2011

James Boyd Van Horne Sr., 96, died Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Born June 16, 1915 in Springfield, IL, he was the son of Columbus and Elizabeth Van Horne. He was a longtime resident of Jerseyville, and lived in St. Louis, MO, and Tampa, FL. He had worked for several oil companies in west Texas and also for Shell Oil Company in Wood River. He drove a city bus in Alton and he drove for Western Trucking Company in St. Louis, MO. He also had worked in the water treatment plant system for the Tampa, FL school system. Until recently he was still delivering Senior Meals in Jerseyville. He was an active Mason since 1955. He married Ruth Anne Melton and she preceded him in death. He then married Melza (Eyster) Chappell who also preceded him in death. Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Eileen and Bill Bunte of St. Peters, MO, Janice and Bill Greer of Alton, Teresa and Rick Leiser of Ft. Meyers, FL, and Ann and Kenneth Shaffer of Forksville, Pennsylvania, two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Betty Chappell of Livermore, CA, and James and Karen Van Horne Jr. of Spring, TX, 20 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two children, Maurice Chappell and Barbara Unterbrink. A memorial service will be at a later date. Burial will be private at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Tribute Wall



“ *James B. Van Horne Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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“ *My children and I lived next to Jim and Melza for 15 years. They were both dear people and Jim will be greatly missed. I was a single parent so Jim and Melza always had advice for me when I needed someone to talk to. We had many a summer night's talk on their front porch. Whoever took Katie Marie please take care of her. She was part of Jim's family. Lynne Morris*

Lynne Brown-Morris - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP Jim. Give my love to Melza and Moe. Loved you all.*

Anne - August 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sad to read about my Uncle Jim's passing. He was a great Uncle! My Mom passed in 2003 and Uncle Jim, his wife Melza and my cousins all came. I am so thankful for having him in my life! Ironically, his resting place is across the street from my late Great Aunt Clara and Gussie's home on Pearl Street. I know Heaven is having a big party now - and Mom, Dad, Aunt Ruth and the rest of my family are sitting around the piano bar listening to Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland. God speed Uncle Jim!

Love, Linda

Linda Melton - August 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM