



## James Arthur Goddard

September 28, 1935 - July 23, 2023

James Arthur Goddard left his earthly home on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the age of 87. He was born to Everett Clyde and Mattie Bell Windham Goddard on September 28, 1935. James married his sweetheart, Nellie Dawn “Donnie” Parham Goddard on Christmas Day 1958. He was a man of character and integrity but more importantly, a man of God. James would help anyone. He saw the good in people and wanted what was best for them.

He was a faithful member of Booneville First Methodist Church. There he served as a member of Berean Sunday School class, Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Mrs. Barbara Hughes’s Wednesday Night Bible Study. James served in the United States Air Force. He was an active member of the Booneville Civitan Club for many years.

James, along with his brother, Smith Goddard, founded Goddard’s Jewelry in 1958. He operated the jewelry store until his retirement. He enjoyed yard work, fishing, camping and traveling. Meeting with his coffee friends was the highlight of his day.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Booneville Funeral Home. Visitation for Mr. Goddard will be Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 5:00 until 8:00 PM at Booneville Funeral Home. Bro. Trey Lambert and Bro. Bobby Hankins will be officiating. Burial will be in the Crossroads Cemetery. Booneville Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Donnie; son, Jimbo Goddard and wife Anissa of

Charleston, SC; daughter, Beverly Goddard of Booneville, MS; brother, Bobby Goddard of Booneville, MS; sister, Evelyn "Ruth" Strakis of West Palm Beach, FL; and sister-in-law, Virginia Goddard of Booneville, MS.

He is preceded in death by his son, Kenny Goddard; his parents; brothers, Smith Goddard, Richard Goddard and Tommy Goddard; sisters, Esther Goddard, Mary Helen Goddard, Lora Bell Eaton and Juanita "Dank" Goddard.

Pallbearers will be Freddie Turner, Bud Griffus, Harold Eaton, George Via, Ronny Guin and Bill Morgan. Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Jones, Bill Ward, Jr., John Andy Ward, Bob Eubank, Billy Joe Bridges, Bill Southward, Jimmy Grimes and Hal Willcoxon.

Condolences may be extended to the family at [boonevillefuneralhome.net](http://boonevillefuneralhome.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home  
506 North Third Street  
Booneville, MS 38829  
(662) 728-6607  
<https://www.boonevillefuneralhome.net>

## Funeral

JUL **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home  
506 North Third Street  
Booneville, MS 38829  
(662) 728-6607  
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## Burial

JUL **26** (CT)

Crossroads  
Jumpertown, MS

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Mr. G was the best!* ”



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**Amelia Davis Garvin** - July 26, 2023 at 04:23 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Windham Johnson lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard* ”



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**Barbara Windham Johnson** - July 25, 2023 at 08:48 PM

JT

“ *Candi, I am sorry to hear of your uncle passing. May God's blessing be on your family.* ”



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**Janette Taylor** - July 25, 2023 at 05:43 PM

HW

“ *Donnie and Beverly,*

*I am sorry to hear of Mr. Goddard's passing. I had not seen him in a very long time; since the jewelry store. I pray for peace for your family.* ”

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**Heather Walters** - July 25, 2023 at 03:44 PM

DG

“ David and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Goddard. We considered him a cherished friend and an excellent jeweler. Prayers go out to Mrs Goddard and the rest of the family. Heaven has gained a very good man. David and Pat Glidewell



David Glidewell - July 25, 2023 at 10:38 AM

ZH

“ David and me are sadden with our friend James passing . He fought cancer with a strong Will to live for a long time , but on Sunday God called James home and told him his suffering is over, we feel so blessed to have know James and Donnie too, you were his rock , Donnie take care of you. With Love, Sympathy and prayers 🙏🌸🍀

Zandria Huddleston - July 25, 2023 at 10:10 AM

JP

“ Junior Peeks sent a virtual gift in memory of James Arthur Goddard



Junior Peeks - July 25, 2023 at 09:16 AM

JP

“ Junior Peeks lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



Junior Peeks - July 25, 2023 at 09:14 AM

EG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are extended to the Goddard family. Please continue to lean on GOD for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Eric Graves - July 25, 2023 at 08:29 AM

BW

“ *Donnie and family, I am so sorry to hear of James's passing. Friends and family have lost a truly fine man, but God has gained an even more wonderful angel. God give you comfort and strength, Barbara Gayle Davis Wallace*

Barbara Gayle Davis Wallace - July 24, 2023 at 10:44 PM

TR

“ *Trish Ray lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard*



Trish ray - July 24, 2023 at 10:19 PM

CB

“ *Connie Boren lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard*



Connie Boren - July 24, 2023 at 09:56 PM

MB

“ Marie Beasley lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



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Marie Beasley - July 24, 2023 at 09:40 PM

DH

“ Dennis Horn lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



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Dennis Horn - July 24, 2023 at 09:37 PM

VW

“ Venita Wheeler lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



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venita Wheeler - July 24, 2023 at 09:16 PM

VW

*The world lost one of the best. He will be missed by all of Booneville. We love you all and our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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venita Wheeler - July 24, 2023 at 09:19 PM

PC

“ Philip Copeland lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



Philip Copeland - July 24, 2023 at 09:15 PM

JQ

“ John Quinn lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard

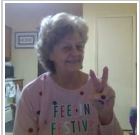


John Quinn - July 24, 2023 at 09:01 PM

JQ

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are so sorry for your loss.*

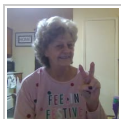
John Quinn - July 24, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ Patti Guinn lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard



Patti Guinn - July 24, 2023 at 07:04 PM



*you will truly be missed. I am so glad to get to talk to you before on the phone .. we love all and prayers for loved ones.. GOD BLESS..*

Patti Guinn - July 24, 2023 at 07:06 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Jones lit a candle in memory of James Arthur Goddard*



Susan Jones - July 24, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SJ

*My thoughts and prayers are with Donnie, Beverly and Jimbo. I love you all very much.*

Susan Jones - July 24, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ *I'll always remember Mr. Goddard in my home church while growing up and as a jeweler in downtown Booneville. He was a dear friend to our family and a cornerstone of our community. What a wonderful person. I pray for sweet Donnie and the rest of the family as I know his absence will be hard on them. Glenn Storey Schove*

Glenn Schove - July 24, 2023 at 05:12 PM

HL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Goddard family. May you find peace in knowing Mr Goddard is in the arms of Jesus. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Hope Long - July 24, 2023 at 04:15 PM

AB

*Very sad to James left to heaven not a loss as he's waiting for all to come be with him and our father God. Wally loved him and Donnie. Continue with our prayers for all Familia. Love yall*

Ales Briceño - July 25, 2023 at 06:05 PM