



## Arnold Eugene James

November 22, 1928 - July 14, 2017

Arnold Eugene James, 88, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2017, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, New Mexico. Viewing will be Monday, July 17, 2017, 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 10:00 AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Jim Bignell will officiate. Interment will follow the service at General L. Douglas McBride Cemetery which will be conducted by the Roswell Veterans Honor Guard. A tribute of Arnold's life may be found at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

On November 22, 1928, Arnold was born to Leoniel Artie James and Mary Jane (Mollie) Prentice in Electra, Texas. He honorably served in the US Army from September 11, 1952, to August 31, 1960. Arnold Eugene James and Ida James were married on August 14, 1987, in Roswell, NM. A retired rancher, Arnold worked as a fireman for eighteen years at the Roswell Fire Department. Arnold owned Gene's Backhoe Service for ten years. He loved to hunt, fish and ride motorcycles.

Those left to cherish Arnold's memory are his loving wife, Ida James; son, William Bradshaw and wife, Penny; granddaughter, Amy Jo Jones and husband, Morgan; grandson, Brian Bradshaw, great-grandson, Clayton Jones; nieces: Sherron James Price and husband, Johnny Price, Donna James; nephews: Gary Travis James and wife, Roxanna, Donald Eugene James, Terry James, Rodney James, Aldean James; great-nieces: Michelle Coombes

and husband, Frank, Amber James, Breanna James, Dakota James, Sarah James; great-nephews: Gary Troy James and Fiancé, Courtney Porter, Kevin James; great-great-nephews: Brendan Coombes and fiancé, Amber Mackovich, Ethan Coombes, Travis James; great-great-nieces: Michaela Coombes , Acadia James; great-great-great-great-niece, Adalyn Coombes; sister-in-law's: Sharon Chrisman, Louise Rhodes and husband, Aaron; brother-in-law, Lloyd Chrisman and wife, Jenny; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Arnold in death are his parents: Leoniel Artie James and Mary Jane (Mollie) Prentice; Clifford Lyle James, Troy Travis James, Leoniel Artie James Jr, Alfred Dean James, W. L. James, Charles Dana James, Wilbur Lee James and Dewayne James.

A reception will follow the services at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 915 W. 19th Street, Roswell, NM.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Arnold by his family

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arnold Eugene James*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Uncle Gene, you are an awesome uncle. I will miss you a lot. We have had a lot of great times. You, Doris and myself took a vacation and went to Arizona, Utah and Colorado. We took a tent and camped out. We saw the Grand Canyon. We took my 1967 Chevelle Supersport. It would get hot and we would have to let it cool off. It was a fun trip.*

*You, Ida and myself took a trip to Childress, TX to see Monroe Prentice and his son Mark. It was good to see them.*

*When you had your backhoe business, you had a job for a kennel west of town off of 2nd street. You drove your pickup pulling the backhoe and I drove the dump truck (which I had never done before) That was an experience, but it usually was with you Uncle Gene.*

*You are now reunited with your mother, father and 8 brothers.*

*You are in my heart forever.*

*I love you,*

*Sherron James-Price*

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**Sherron James-Price** - July 16, 2017 at 07:02 PM

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“ Uncle Gene , I have never met a finer man , A true friend and Loving relative . When I married into the James Family I instantly became friends with Gene and his first wife Doris as did my whole family . Mom and Dad loved him as much as I and so did my 3 sisters , he was like a second father to my wife Sherron and Doris was the one she could always go to for support and guidance , we spent countless hours with them and Gene and I fished, hunted , went to get firewood and even formed our own little motorcycle club together , our Daughter loved him dearly as they spent endless hours playing together on our many fishing , camping , hunting and motorcycle rides , he always had time for his relatives and friends . We would get together and play cards till well past midnight and I would have to get up and be at work early the next morning . Gene never seemed to take anything seriously and was always the same with a generous heart and attitude .When Doris passed away Gene eventually found another Love and lifelong companion in his second wife Ida , we all thought the world of her also ., they would have celebrated 30 years of marriage this August. I will miss Gene but I'm very happy for all the great times we shared and I'll always cherish those memories for he is not gone but in our hearts forever ..... until we meet again

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**Johnny price** - July 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ I will miss you so much Uncle Gene. We had so many great times growing up. I remember that time you had your pouch of chewing tobacco and I thought it was that Bubble Chew and I wanted some, so you have me a little. I chewed that and it was awful. You laughed so hard. I love you. You and Papaw.. can fish in heaven now. ❤️  
Michelle

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**Michelle Coombes** - July 15, 2017 at 09:55 AM