



## Vallie James

February 11, 1927 - December 19, 2024

Vallie (nee Brooks) James was born February 11, 1927 in Granite City, Illinois to John and Mattie (nee Clements) Brooks and entered into rest Thursday, December 19, 2024 in St. Clair, Missouri at the age of 97 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Mattie (nee Clements) Brooks; her loving husband of 62 years, Curmel "Red" James; siblings, Charles Brooks, Chester Brooks, Kenneth Brooks, Eva Faye Brooks Yandell, Alice Fread, and William Fread; daughter, Marcia Hubbard; son-in-law, Steven Fenwick.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Thomas) Piatchek, Mickey Fenwick, and Ronnie (Vicky) James; grandchildren, Renee, Dana, Melissa, Stefanie, Alisha, Valarie, Megan, Craig, Brooke, and Lindsey; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Johnathan, Avery, Hayley, Gabby, Brie, Gabe, Aubrey, Bella, Mia, Chase, Briley, Briella, Reagan, and Liam; son-in-law, Virgil Hubbard; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Vallie was a beloved soul whose passion for life was reflected in everything she did. She cherished her family deeply, always putting them first. Vallie was an artist and had a special connection with nature; she loved spending time with horses, finding peace in their company, and enjoyed the simple joy of fishing. Her garden was a testament to her nurturing spirit, where she grew a

beautiful mix of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, bringing life and color to all who visited. Vallie's warmth and zest for life will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 30, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Cedar Hill, MO. Interment will immediately follow at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made on behalf of Vallie James to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>).

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens  
6300 SR 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100

## Funeral Ceremony

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens  
6300 SR 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100

## Graveside Service

DEC 31. 12:45 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125



# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Vallie James.* ”



December 30, 2024 at 02:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vallie James.* ”



December 28, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *Love, The Watkins Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Vallie James.* ”



**Love, The Watkins Family** - December 20, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ *The Janssen and Kraus Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vallie James.* ”



**The Janssen and Kraus Families** - December 19, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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“ *The Janssen and Kraus Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vallie James.*

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**The Janssen and Kraus Families** - December 19, 2024 at 08:04 PM