



## James Donald Alsup

May 28, 1931 - October 5, 2020

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Born on May 28, 1931 has passed from this life to a better home with his Lord and Savior on October 5, 2020. James came into this world at the family home near Blanchard as the son of Lee Alsup and Iva Burton Alsup. He was the fourth child in a family of eight children; four brothers and three sisters. He grew up on the family farm in the Criner community, attending Criner elementary school and graduating from Dibble High School in 1950. James was married to Frances Naylor on June 30, 1956. Together they eventually settled in the Washington community in 1965 and raised a family of five children: Donnie, Cindy, Joe, Susie and Jason. They have been blessed with nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Dr. Cynthia Ann Alsup Ball, his parents Lee and Iva Burton Alsup, six siblings: Kathryn Jordan and her husband Will Roy, Jacqueline Vaughn and her husband Arie, Alvin Alsup and his wife Irene, Kenneth Alsup, Eldon Alsup and Larry Alsup, as well as brother-in-law Charles Chapman.

James was always a hard worker and spent 40 years in sales for a wholesale grocery company. Later in his life he became interested in real estate sales and first became a salesman and then soon gained his broker's license and opened his own real estate company for approximately 30 years.

Many of his best memories involved music. He loved both listening to and playing gospel (his favorite song was "His Grace is Sufficient") and bluegrass

music. He could play several instruments but his favorite was always the mandolin. He enjoyed games of all types, but none more so than a good game of dominoes. He loved his sports, but no doubt his favorite was to watch the OKC Thunder basketball team.

He gave his time to several activities as a long time, active member of the Truth Free Will Baptist Church of Purcell, OK. He was a member of the Gideon's International, the Free Masons and served his country proudly as a member of U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.

James is survived by his wife, Frances Alsup, one sister, Faye Chapman, Children: son Donnie Alsup and wife Linda, son-in-law Jim Ball, son Joe Alsup, daughter Susie Hyde and husband Richard Hyde and son Jason Alsup. Grandchildren include Brandon Alsup and his wife Shayne, Kristin Alsup, Luke Ball and wife Ashley, Ryan Ball, Joseph Alsup, Sarah Hyde, Rebecca Hyde, Jonathan Hyde and wife Shelby and Austin Hyde. Great grandchildren include Mason Alsup, Mikeal Alsup, Tucker Hyde, Braylen Hyde and Ryker Hyde, two sister-in-laws Jackie Alsup and Loretta Owens, one brother-in-law Benny Naylor and wife Willena. A long list of nieces, nephews, cousins, etc.

He will be remembered as a Christian man of strong character, holding firmly to his beliefs who always put his family first. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa and dear friend to many. He left this world a better place due to his actions and his example. Although he would want us to celebrate his life and enjoy the many memories, he leaves a great hole in this world that we will struggle to fill.

Graveside Funeral Services are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the Washington Cemetery. The service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, Wilson Little.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN, 37214-0800.