



James Bunker

October 9, 1952 - June 10, 2012

James Neil Bunker of Chino Valley died June 10, 2012, in Chino Valley, Az. He was born in Prescott, Arizona on October 9, 1952, the fifth of seven children born to Keith LeRoy Bunker and Ellen Lucille Bates Bunker. Jim grew up in Chino Valley and graduated from Prescott High School, participating in basketball, band, choir and the National Honor Society. He attended Yavapai College and Arizona State University, receiving a B.S. degree in economics. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mexico. He then worked as a truck driver for Bunker Sawmill, his brother Keith's business, until his death. He married Ronnie L. Caldwell in the LDS Mesa Arizona Temple on July 5, 1979, and they were blessed with six children: Mari Jeanette Bunker Moody (John), Vernon Robert Bunker (Britney), Jamie Lyn Bunker, Neil Edward Bunker, Stephanie Ann Bunker and Rebecca Leigh Bunker. They have five grandchildren, with another to arrive shortly. Jim felt that his family was his greatest accomplishment. Jim served extensively in the LDS Church, including callings as Bishop, Young Men's President, High Councilor, Elders Quorum President, Ward Mission Leader and many others. His favorite calling was teaching Gospel Doctrine in Sunday School. He also enjoyed serving his community and promoting its growth. He spent 10 years on the Town Council with one term as Mayor. He was involved in the schools and many other community activities. He loved Chino Valley and envisioned a future of vibrant economic growth and plentiful jobs. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Kathy Graham and brother-in-law Christian Wells. He is survived by his wife, Ronnie; his children and grandchildren; brothers Keith Bunker (Charlise) and Arvin Bunker (Cathy), sisters Margaret Summers (Craig), Marilyn Wells and Ellen Bunker; and brother-in-law Robert Graham. Funeral services will be held at the LDS Church on West Perkinsville Road in Chino Valley on Saturday June 16th. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 am with services to follow at 11:00 am. Memorial remembrances may be made to the Perpetual Education Fund of the LDS Church, care of Bishop Michael Calhoun, PO Box 5400, Chino Valley.

Comments



“ Ronnie and family, so sorry to learn of your great loss. I pray that God gives you the strength and comfort in your time of need. Our prayers are with you. Jim was a very caring and giving person and will be sorely missed.

Mike and Mary Reininger - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ronnie & family, Sorry for your loss, our family sends our deepest sympathy. I know you will find comfort in the belief that he is with our Savior and they are watching over you all.

Stephane Warren - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our extreme condolences to the Bunker family. We lived next to you for 9 years in Chino Valley. What TERRIFIC neighbors. Not only did we learn so very much from your family values and terrific baked breads but the joy and happiness of simplicity and watching your family grow. We could NEVER of asked for better NEIGHBORS !! Upon moving and watching Jim's growth in the community and church it goes to prove what a terrific husband, father and individual he was to care so much about others! He will be greatly missed but never forgotten! His imprint will last forever !!

Gwyn & Michael Shippy - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ James was one of Chino Valleys best...

Ron Ketner - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Ronnie and Family,

I want to bear my testimony that I know families can be together forever. I know the sacred ordinances of temple sealings are real and binding. I know our Savior lives and comforts us when we call upon Him. I hope you feel His love.

Thank you, thank you for your unconditional friendship to myself and my family throughout the years. If I remember correctly, I believe you and Jim being present at the session when I received my own endowment. And I recall the gift you two gave me of \$50 for garments in preparation for my mission. Your kindness and generosity as a couple will never be forgotten.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the services Saturday, but I pray the Holy Ghost will be present to bear witness of the truths that Jim believed in. I pray there will be joyful memories shared too.

I love you, and my prayers are with you. I hope to visit with you next time I'm in town.

Sincerely yours,

Megan Hollingsworth Campos

Megan Hollingsworth Campos - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Michael & Donna Kovacs - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. The Lord has need of him beyond.

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horace hickman hightower jr. - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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It was an honor to have known Jim Bunker, who was such a fine family man and strong leader in his community. He shall be greatly missed.

Our love goes especially to long-time friend, Ronnie and the Bunker family,

With loving sympathy,

Nancy and Fulton Wright

Nancy Kirkpatrick Wright - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Ronnie and family.....

My heart hurts for you and I would like to share with you a poem I have written for special friends. I can say from deep within me, that I know what it is like to loose your Eternal Partner for a while....and I also know what it is like to lose a loved one suddenly and unexpectedly as you lost Jim. I lost my daughter 2 years ago unexpectedly when she simply didn't wake up on Jan.6,2010 and then I lost Dave a month later.

THE ROAD

By Alice Loy Lange

In the beginning the Lord gave each Man
A road he must travel, the best that he can,
Sometimes the road seems rugged, from birth,
So the WAY that it's traveled proves every man's worth,
But....dotted along our road, to the end
We intersect others of those we'd call "Friend",
The going seems smoother, it can't be denied ,
As we travel together, a bit, side by side,
Eventually, though, there may come a day
When the path of the Friend my lead a new way,
But....somehow, our highway is better each mile,
I'm so glad that our roads coincided a while!

With love.....

Alice

Alice Loy Lange - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I've known Jimmy since he was a little boy. I remember when he was in high school they used to square dance in Mutual. They were called the Chino Checks. He was always someone you could depend on for anything you needed help with. I'm so grateful for the gospel and the knowledge that you will be together as a family again. I know his Mom and Dad and Kathy were anxious to welcome him home.

Patty Gilpin Keberlein - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known the Bunker family since in the late 1920's and they have all been a prominent figure in the town of Chino Valley, in church, school, and all civic matters. Jim was no exception and he will be sorely missed by everyone. He was always interested in all matters and always looked at both sides of an issue before making a decision. We will all miss him. My sympathy to all the family at this sad time.

Ruth Gilpin - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim will be greatly missed here, but sorely needed on the other side. I don't know of anyone else that is more ready to be welcomed on the other side of the veil. He has been here for all of us and has helped and supported us in our trials. He has passed his trials in this life and has now moved on. Our love goes out to the Bunker family who have always been there for us. We appreciate their fine example and everlasting kindness. Thanks for everything!

Dewey J. Levie - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ What an amazing family; what a sad loss for those who loved him and for the community. My prayers are with the Bunker family.

Mariela Bean - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Working and knowing Jim has been a pleasure and will miss his kind and easy manner.

Condolences to the entire Bunker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabot Peters - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ The Bunker family has been a treasure to the community. Jim inherited his integrity and character from Keith Sr. and Mrs. Bunker. He knew nothing but kindness, compassion, and service--all because his tremendous faith in the Lord.

He will be missed sorely by all who knew him.

Mariela (Lord) Bean

Mariela Bean - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to return from a trip and learn of Jim's death. Far too young. I remember when he was born!

Dana Brisendine Sharp - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you so much for your great example that you set to everyone. You have been a fantastic person, and always did a great job in all of your callings. You served and did wonderful. May peace and comfort be with your family and friends and all of your loved ones. Take care, you will be missed and will always be remembered of all the wonderful and great things that you have done. Thank goodness for life here after. I am so pleased that we know that there is no end, that we all continue on after death. there is still more for us to do as we leave this world. May you be welcomed from so many many others that have gone on before you. You will always be remembered.

Ronda Boster Johnson - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ After moving to Chino in 1968 I got to know Jim and his family. The close relationships with the Morman family's were amazing to a child of a split family. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend many dances at the Morman church- square dances, many called by Gil Gilpin. There was always someone with a stick of gum to pass between the couples to insure the 6 inch rule. Jim was a wonderful boy and man. I know Jim will be missed by all here on earth, but he has been welcomed into the kingdom of God. Blessings to all his family and friends that will miss him here on earth. Janet

Janet (Westbrook) Siegfried - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM