



James "Jim" Gower

April 30, 1933 - October 1, 2014

James "Jim" Thomas Gower, Sr. age 81, of Pleasant View, died Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 4th at 11 o'clock am at Heads Free Will Baptist Church with Bro. Barry Simpson and Bro. Phillip Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in EverRest of Cheatham with Timmy Walker, Ben Head, James Walker, William Spain, Michael Head, David Blades, Jim Palmer, and Gary Head serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Johnny Hunter, Jeffrey Neely, Britt Moffet, and Gary Bean. The family will receive friends at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View on Friday, October 3rd, 4-8:00PM and again at the church on Saturday from 10AM till the hour of service.

Mr. Gower was born on April 30, 1933 in Robertson County, Tennessee to the late Harold and Maibelle Elliott Gower. He was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and worked with the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Board. He spent many years as a meat cutter in the local grocery store and was a member of Heads Free Will Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Betty Dowlen.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Joan Brown Gower; sons, James Thomas "J.T." Gower, Jr. of Joliet, MT, Delwynn "Del" Gower of Pleasant View; daughters, Cynthia "Cindy" Hunter of Hermitage, Elly Moffet of Gallatin, Karen Schmaing of Hermitage, Nora (Gary) Bean of Fruitland, ID; sisters, Dorothy "Dot" Hyatt of Leesburg, FL, Vernona (Duane) Elliott of Pleasant View; 13

grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jeannette “Jenny” Sullivan of Savannah, GA; and a host of loving nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Heads Free Will Baptist Church Building Fund. All contributions may be sent in care of Austin and Bell Funeral Home.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in PLEASANT VIEW is in charge of these arrangements. (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *James "Jim" Gower*

Debbie Evans Duncan - October 03, 2014 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Elly, Deepest Sympathy to you and your entire family! Love you!*

Tyler,Nichole & Leyton Milligan - October 03, 2014 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Poppa, I love you so very much and although I selfishly wanted you to stay, i am glad you are no longer in pain. I am so thankful that I, Isaiah and Alana were able to spend time with you this summer.I will cherish those memories. "I'll see you again. This is not where it ends. I'll carry you with me. Until I see you again." Love always, April, Isaiah and Alana*

April Moffet - October 02, 2014 at 09:31 PM