



James Bemis

October 3, 1945 - July 10, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of James Lynn Bemis.

James Lynn Bemis, 79, of Maurertown, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Winchester Medical Center. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Christian Church in Maurertown. Pastor Eric van Leeuwen will officiate.

Mr. Bemis was born October 3, 1945, in Woodstock, son of the late Wilbert P. Bemis and Lois V. Wright Bemis. He was a 1964 graduate of Central High School and worked for 43 years as a salesman for Irvin Candy Company in Edinburg. Upon his retirement, his passion was being a camp host at Endless Caverns. He was a member of Zion Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ann Feller Bemis whom he married on July 22, 1964; daughters, Theresa Lynne Bemis Smith and Kim of Maurertown, Kelly Ann Bemis Gochenour and Lester Jr. of Maurertown; and bonus daughter, Amara Rose Funkhouser Williams and Jayden of Middletown; grandchildren, Lexton Gochenour and Katie, Chase Smith, and Colten Smith and Alyssa; step grandson, Anthony Smith and three great grandchildren, Conner, Rylie and Preston Gochenour.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Zion Christian Church, Toms Brook Vol. Fire Department or charity of choice.

Jim loved 'Chillin" on his front porch, camping and spending time with his family

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zion Christian Church
1772 Zion Church Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Bemis.

July 25, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Bemis.



July 25, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Judy and Family..... I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Know you are in many thoughts and prayers for peace.

Sandy Coffman

Sandy Coffman - July 17, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was a friend of mine for years.
Nelson Ryman

Nelson Ryman - July 14, 2025 at 06:49 PM

KB

“ Judy and family, sorry to hear about Jimmy.
May God comfort and keep you all in care.
Love Karen and family



Karen Burner - July 14, 2025 at 11:13 AM

BE

“ 3 files added to the album Jimmy Bemis



Becky - July 13, 2025 at 09:51 PM

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Becky - July 13, 2025 at 06:33 PM

DV

“ Judy, I'm so sorry for your loss of Jimmy. I pray that God will comfort
you and your family during your grief. Diana Vann

Diana Vann - July 12, 2025 at 11:10 PM

JR

“ Our sincere sympathy to Judy and the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim will be missed very much. Janice & Kenny

Janice & Ken Ryman - July 12, 2025 at 10:29 PM

DW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. When I think of Jimmy I think of friendship and family. Nothing but Heaven itself is better than a friend who is really a friend-someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart. That was Jimmy- he knew no strangers and was your friend for life. His light will continue to shine in the hearts of each and every person he came into contact with. His strong faith and love of family was evident in his every day life. He was such a “card”. They say everyone is the age of their heart...Jimmy had the gift of “spinning yarns”- much inherited from his Dad and added to by his Wright cousins-James, Dick, and Pete. There was never a dull moment when these guys were together- they kept us connected to the past while trying to help navigate the road to the future in this totally insane world. Jimmy leaves behind such a legacy of love in the love of his life, Judy, their beautiful daughters, grandkids, and great grandkids...so many beautiful memories to share. Know that you all are surrounded by our love and prayers. Jimmy is wrapped in the everlasting arms of our Lord and so many loving Angels. He is on a new journey- no longer heard but by your side each and every day. Keep your faith, family, and friends close as you navigate through this most difficult time. With much sympathy...



Dianne Wright - July 12, 2025 at 07:57 AM

FP

“ Judy, may God Bless you and your family at this time of sorrow. Words cannot express my true feeling about Jimmy's passing. RIP my friend.

Frank Painter - July 11, 2025 at 11:26 PM

KF

“ Uncle Jimmy was a big part of my childhood. I have many happy memories with he, Aunt Judy, Theresa and Kelly, as well as BaBa and Pap Bemis. I felt like I could always depend on him to be there if I ever needed anything. Never do I remember being with him when he wasn't fun to be around. He always made me smile. He will be missed by so many. Much love to all of you! -Kathy

Katherine Fravel - July 11, 2025 at 10:21 PM