



James Homer Sears

May 25, 1932 - August 26, 2024

James Homer Sears, 92 of Kingsville, Missouri passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024, at St. Lukes East Hospital in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

He was born Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Green Castle, Missouri, to the late Emmett E. Sears and the late Dollie (Pickering) Sears. He was a graduate of Green City High School. He married Donna (Pfeiffer) Sears on January 26, 1952. They spent 72 wonderful years together. They raised two sons Johnny and Jeff: two daughters Deborah and Jamey. James was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1953 – 1955.

James earned his bachelor's degree at NE Missouri State University (now known as Truman State University), and later earned his master's degree at CMSU (now University of Central Missouri). James was a longtime basketball and baseball coach for Kingsville High School and was the Kingsville School District Superintendent from 1967 until 1986. James was the first inductee into the Kingsville Hall of Fame in 2016. When James was not coaching baseball or basketball he could be found playing golf, softball, or listening to or playing music. James was multi-coordinated in both sports and music as he knew how to play several instruments.

Besides his love for music and sports, James loved going to his grandchildren's activities and being their biggest fan. James will be forever

remembered as a loving father, a doting grandfather, and a caring husband. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Surviving is his; son, Jeff (Bernadette) Sears of Louisburg, KS; two daughters, Jamey (Mickey) Fleeman of Pleasant Hill, MO and Deborah Fleeman of Kingsville, MO; seven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Donna, one son, Johnny Sears and son-in-law Danny Fleeman

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, September 2, 2024, at the Sears Gymnasium at Kingsville High School, 101 E. Adriatic St, Kingsville, MO 64061. A funeral service will follow at 7:00 PM at the Sears Gymnasium with Pastor John McRoy officiating.

A graveside service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at the Kingsville Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Jason Brown, Beau Fleeman, Joey Fleeman, Vincent Sears, Larry Weir, Jordan Brown. Honorary Pallbearers: Mickey Fleeman, Lewis Phelps, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made out to Amedisys Hospice, 6601 Winchester Ave, Kansas City, MO 64133.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Campbell-Cast Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.castfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Kingsville Cemetery

W Highway
Kingsville, MO 64061

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sears Gymnasium - Kingsville High School
101 E. Adriatic St.
Kingsville, MO 64061

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sears Gymnasium - Kingsville High School
101 E. Adriatic St.
Kingsville, MO 64061

Graveside Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kingsville Cemetery
W Highway
Kingsville, MO 64061

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Sending love and peace to the family of Jim Sears. As a student of Kingsville High School, Mr. Sears was a strong, inspiring, and supportive superintendent. His talents and dedication to the students and community was a gift he gave with love and humility. He will be missed by so many.*

Jenifer (Holmes) Cady - August 31, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Homer Sears.*



August 30, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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“ *There are so many memories I wish to share, riding the bus as coach drove us to basketball games and to baseball games, all while having a spit towel on the floor at his feet between the pedals. Jim Sears is an inspiration for those of us who are blessed to have been one of his students in life at Kingsville. God bless you Jim and all your family, as well as all the lives you influenced!*

Floyd Gudde - August 29, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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“ *The Evelyn Holmes family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Homer Sears.*



The Evelyn Holmes family - August 29, 2024 at 01:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Homer Sears.*



August 28, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ *Renick School District 1958-60 1964-67 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Homer Sears.*

Renick School District 1958-60 1964-67 - August 28, 2024 at 04:35 PM

NB

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family of Jim Sears. I was a member of that first undefeated girls team in 1961-62. What a wonderful, fun year that was! Coach Sears and I had a long phone conversation a few years ago. He could remember every game, every shot, every score. I married Dennie Bowden May 25, 1963. He lived right across the street from your family in Cairo. His mother, Martha, and your mother were great friends! We graduated from Truman University in 1966. Dennie passed away this past Christmas night. We had 60+ wonderful years together but we wanted more! I am sending prayers for your healing.
Sincerely,
Nancy Norton Bowden

Nancy Norton Bowden - August 28, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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“ Love Eddie and Sue Watkins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Homer Sears.



Love Eddie and Sue Watkins - August 28, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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Love Eddie and Sue Watkins - August 28, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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“ I have too many memories to share just one. He was my uncle. My dad and he were the youngest of the nine and probably the closest. They played on the same baseball and, I think softball teams. They golfed together. They would sit and talk for hours when they were together. As an uncle, Jim was the best. He picked on us. Sang to us. Gave us advice. Let us know when he was proud of us. He shared stories of our family that we would never have known. I loved him, Aunt Donna and Johnny so much and think about them all the time. Jim will be lauded as a great coach, educator and athlete. But to me, he was my wonderful, funny, smart and greatest uncle. All of my love to Debbie, Jamey, Jeff and all of the grandkids and great grandkids. - Marsha

Marsha Sears-Miller - August 28, 2024 at 08:42 AM