



James William Markham

September 20, 1933 - January 31, 2017

James William Markham (JW) 83, of 3412 Brookneal Highway, Gladys died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara Markham for 61 years.

He was born September 20, 1933 in Gladys, a son of the late Gordon Lee Markham and Willie Adel Lovelace Markham. He loved his country dearly and served in the US Army and was stationed in Enewetak Atoll, Marshall Islands. He was a member of Kedron Baptist Church and loved the Lord. He was the longtime owner of Markham's Restaurant who appreciated his many customers. JW had a great sense of humor and was known for telling stories to everyone. He supported many local youth sports programs, and coached in the Rustburg Dixie Youth Baseball organization. JW was a loving husband and father who cherished his family. He adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Karen Hubbard and her husband Bobby of Gladys; three sons, Mike Markham and his wife Susan of Lynchburg, Kevin Markham and his wife Jennifer of Dacula, GA and Rodney Markham and his wife Melissa of Mount Carmel, TN; three sisters, Shirley Elliott and her husband Jack of Rustburg, Nanci Markham of Lihue, HI and Brenda Holt and her husband Kenny of Rustburg; eight grandchildren, Amanda Mays and her husband Zack, Blane Markham, Logan Markham, Alex

Markham, Camden Markham, Andrew Markham, Robbie Hubbard and Brian Hubbard and his wife Jessica; and three great grandchildren, Aiden, Alex and Grady Hubbard.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Frances and Linda Johnson.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Kedron Baptist Church by the Rev. Brian Reynolds and Rev. Roger Roller with interment to follow in the church cemetery with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Kedron Baptist Church, P.O. Box 38, Gladys, VA 24554.

Cemetery Details

Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Markham*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 04, 2017 at 10:30 AM

CT

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Markham's passing, he was a fine gentleman and will be sorely missed in the Gladys and Rustburg communities. Condolences to his family members.*

Chuck Toler



Chuck Toler - February 14, 2017 at 11:01 PM

KC

“ J.W. Markham is my uncle, he always will be. J.W was a family man in every sense of the word, That is rare by today's standards, we need great role models as Fathers and Husbands he was both. He was my last living Uncle, my heart is broken for his family and our loss. I was recently asked about the visitation by a coworker, I told him that if the number of friends that show up to say goodbye has anything to do with your place in line in Heaven J.W is at the front. I was born a city boy but spent time their with them in the summer and J.W Markham showed me my heart was pure country. I will miss him and his laughter. God Bless.

Keith Coalson - February 07, 2017 at 08:56 AM

SK

“ Just learning about JW's death. I have wonderful members of JW because I grew up across the road from his family and was a frequent visitor to their house. I even wrecked his bicycle once. My mother, Dorothy Brown, now deceased, lived near him and Barbara for many years and was really fond of both. My best to Barbara and the children and to his sisters. I regret I did not learn of his loss early enough to join everyone at his service. My best to all. Sandra Brown Kelly, Roanoke, Va.

Sandra Kelly - February 05, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Tims lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Tims - February 05, 2017 at 10:48 AM

BM

“ Thinking of you and your family Barbara. So very sorry for your loss. JW will be missed.

Bonnie McHaney

Bonnie McHaney - February 04, 2017 at 12:49 PM

RA

“ Rhonda Angel lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Rhonda Angel - February 04, 2017 at 10:45 AM

MC

“ j w was such a great person and role model for my family, lots of great memories at kelly field over the years. will never forget when rustburg won their first ever minor league baseball tournament, jw running around the bases. he was such a mentor to the kids that he coached. he will be sorely missed, i send out my condolences to the whole Markham family, god bless the family!

mark coleman - February 04, 2017 at 10:16 AM

AH

“ Barbara and Family,
Though Ted and I have been gone from Gladys for 30 years now, we have never forgotten you and J.W. Your kindness and warm personalities were a beacon to all. We are so sorry to hear of J.W.'s passing and we pray for the peace that comes from all of your wonderful memories of the many years you shared.

Ann Hunt

Ann Hunt - February 04, 2017 at 08:26 AM

BW

“ *J W was quite a man! My wife and I knew him from eating at his restaurant near Winfall. We started by eating burgers. etc., then we evolved to his famous spaghetti! After a while, the restaurant closed, but after everyone's wishes, the restaurant opened again for spaghetti twice a month - no comparison to his spaghetti. Look out, heaven, you will be eating spaghetti soon! Love to the family, Bob & Gloria Winston*

Bob & Gloria Winston - February 03, 2017 at 10:37 PM

LJ

“ *Mike, Kevin, Rodney, I'm very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. His love for baseball and it's players back in the day truly made a constructive impact on all of us during those years at Kelly Field and through High school. I remember like it was yesterday (40 years) ago. His energy and excitement as a coach still and will remain in my memory. May God bless you all and watch over you during this time of loss. Larry Cindrick Jr.*

Larry Cindrick Jr. - February 03, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James William Markham .*



February 03, 2017 at 06:07 PM

SL

“ *Mike and family we are so sorry for your loss. God be with all of you. Sharon Harris Logwood and David Logwood.*

Sharon Logwood - February 03, 2017 at 05:56 PM

DH

“ Every Dixie Youth game ended with a trip to Markham's. J.W. was a fixture in Rustburg. Liked by all, disliked by none. His death is not a loss for him, but is a loss for all the rest of us.
David and Cheryl Hawkins.

David and Cheryl Hawkins - February 03, 2017 at 02:31 PM

JJ

“ Jim, Tonda and Jared purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James William Markham .



Jim, Tonda and Jared - February 03, 2017 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ Kevin, Sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. From a long ago baseball buddy.

Mark Brumfield - February 03, 2017 at 12:24 PM

TB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. JW was a very special man who always smiled and had a story ready to tell. He will be greatly missed but he is rejoicing with the Lord.
Jim, Tonda and Jared

Tonda Bennett - February 03, 2017 at 12:11 PM

AC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. Mr. Markham always spoke whenever he saw me and always had a smile on his face. Over the past few years, he was quick to ask about Mom and Dad, how Mom was doing after Dad's passing and about Drew and his baseball. He will be missed by many.*

Andy Calohan - February 03, 2017 at 11:43 AM

GR

“ *Very sorry to learn of the passing of J.W. He was always so kind to us kids in high school and a huge supporter of all of us in law enforcement. His memory will live on because of his love and kindness to everyone.*

Gary W. Reynolds, Forest, VA

Gary W Reynolds - February 03, 2017 at 11:02 AM

KF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will miss Mr. Markham. God bless each of you. With Sympathy, Kitty and Mike Farris and Family*



Kitty Farris - February 03, 2017 at 09:44 AM

GS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers of condolences are with you at this time. JW was very special and always had a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed.....our earthly loss is Heavens gain. Chuck and Georgia Seekford*

Georgia Seekford - February 03, 2017 at 08:58 AM



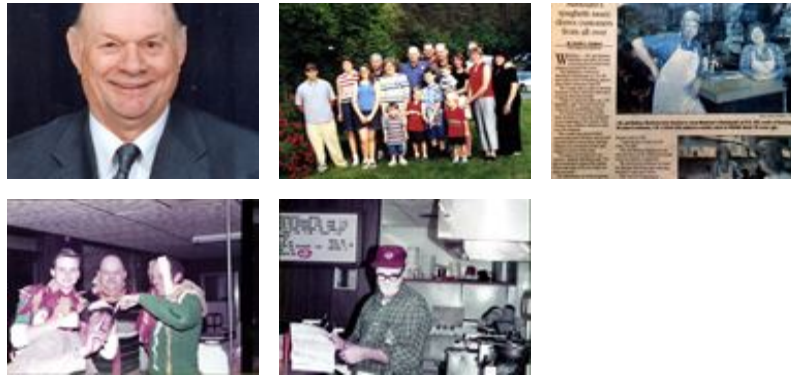
“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James William Markham .*



February 03, 2017 at 07:53 AM



“ *113 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 03, 2017 at 07:07 AM



“ *I will see everyone this weekend, but wanted to send my condolences now. Uncle Jay gave me my first job and I was grateful to have it! I will miss his laughter, stories, and will chuckle when I think of him on the dance floor. He was always entertaining.*

Kenda Tufford - February 03, 2017 at 06:29 AM

KT

“ *Kenda Tufford lit a candle in memory of James William Markham*



Kenda Tufford - February 03, 2017 at 06:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Markham .*



February 03, 2017 at 04:42 AM

AI

“ *Barbara and family, we are very sad to hear of J.W.'s passing. We always enjoyed the times we spent talking with him throughout the years. God bless, Dale and Angie Isaacs*

Angela Isaacs - February 02, 2017 at 09:12 PM

SS

“ *J.W. was a very special person. We always looked forward to his spaghetti on Friday nights and super bowl party.. We were so sorry to hear of his passing. Love & prayers to all of you.*

Steve & Charlotte Shelton - February 02, 2017 at 08:40 PM

SS

“ Steve & Charlotte Shelton lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Steve & Charlotte Shelton - February 02, 2017 at 08:35 PM

GD

“ Glenn & Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Glenn & Phyllis Dalton - February 02, 2017 at 08:06 PM

RL

“ Ramona Lawrence lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Ramona Lawrence - February 02, 2017 at 06:58 PM

RL

I love J.W. He was one of a kind. I loved to hear him tell tales about the older Elliott children! We all lost a dear friend, but heaven gained a true angel. Thoughts and prayers to Barbara and all the family. Love you.

Ramona Lawrence - February 02, 2017 at 07:08 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Lanyon lit a candle in memory of James William Markham*




brenda lanyon - February 02, 2017 at 06:40 PM

RA

“ *Barbara,
We are so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed JW and especially enjoyed talking sports. He will be missed.
Roger and Teresa Akets*

roger akers - February 02, 2017 at 05:58 PM


Rodney
Clark

“ *I remember as a kid playing baseball in his yard, and learning to shoot pool in the store. You will be missed.
Rodney Clark*

Rodney Clark - February 02, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James William Markham .*



February 02, 2017 at 02:07 PM

SW

“ Barbara, We are praying for you and the rest of the family! Enjoyed talking over many a meal with J.W.! He will be missed!



Steven and Carol Wood - February 02, 2017 at 12:15 PM

DB

“ Barbara and family, I was so sorry to hear of JW's passing. He was such a kind man. I will always remember his smile and kindness when we would come by the restaurant. Our prayers are with you. Deborah Nash Burman

Deborah N Burman - February 02, 2017 at 12:07 PM

RC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I thought a lot of JW. He sways laughed at my jokes. He surely will be missed. May God comfort the family and friends and bless you.



Robin Coalson - February 02, 2017 at 12:01 PM

DI

“ Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of James William Markham



Dianne Irby - February 02, 2017 at 11:43 AM

DD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man. Not only did I grow up coming to Markham's to eat, mostly with my Daddy but I also had the honor of working for him. He made work seem less like work with all his stories and jokes. Some of my best Friday and Saturday nights were spent with the Markham family and the 100s of customers that came in for the best food around. Heaven gained a great man.

Denise Dinwiddie

Denise Dinwiddie - February 02, 2017 at 11:14 AM

DH

“ Sending you love and prayers. Donnie,
Donna and Sarah Hamlett



Donna Hamlett - February 02, 2017 at 10:46 AM

KE

“ So sorry to hear about JW..... He will surely missed. by everyone that knew him. We are thinking about you all during this time of grief. Love all of you. The Eagles, Kenneth, Valerie Casey, Emily.



Kenneth Eagle - February 02, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DC

“ All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the good Lord comfort you as only he can do.
Sam and Debbie Cash

Debbie Cash - February 02, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you at this time. The Dennis Cowart Family*

Pam Cowart - February 02, 2017 at 08:36 AM