



James Duncan

September 6, 1919 - August 12, 2009

James "Ivan" Duncan, 89, of Decatur, Arkansas, died August 12, 2009, at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. Born September 6, 1919, in Centeron, Arkansas, he was the son of James Blaine Duncan and Ellen Jamison Duncan. He was an Army Veteran of World War II. Ivan worked for Peterson Farms for 54 years and was a production manager. He was also an Appraiser for Decatur State Bank and was a lifelong farmer. He married Betty Lou Barlow in Jasper, Arkansas. Ivan was a member of the United Methodist Church, Decatur, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Duncan; three brothers, Orville Duncan, Leon Duncan, and Bob Duncan; and one sister, Angie Ladd. Survivors include his wife Betty of the home; one son, Jay Duncan and wife Virginia of Decatur, Arkansas; three grandchildren; Carrie Stipple and husband Jake of Springtown, Texas, David Duncan and wife Audrey and Brian Duncan, all of Decatur, Arkansas; three brothers, JD Duncan of Blackwell, Oklahoma, Wilburn Duncan of Decatur, Arkansas and Kenneth Duncan of Avoca, Arkansas; and three great grandchildren, K. James, Gavin, and Noah.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 15, 2009, at the United Methodist Church, Decatur, Arkansas, with Frank Cook officiating. Burial will follow at Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2009, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Betty, Jay and family members,
We are truly sorry for your loss and pray that God will comfort you
all during this very sad time. Ivan was a great guy!! Our thoughts
and prayers are with you all.
Jack & Patty

Jack & Patty (Holt) Boyle - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DL

“ We will sure miss Ivan's cheery smile.

Dave & Connie Lashley - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ The world has lost a hero, but heaven has gained another angel. I
met Ivan while working at the bank. I was a young college student
and he, semi-retired, was so kind to me. He was a very special
person and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with
the family, as I know, heaven is rejoicing.

Jilane Hendrix Carper - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DJ

“ My Uncle Ivan was one of the most honorable, respectable,
principled men I've ever known. I loved his sense of humor. I've
seen him when he hurt but never seen him down. I'm sure there's a
real homecoming going on for him now.
GOD bless Aunt Betty, Jay, and the rest of the family.

Dave Ladd

David C Ladd, Jr - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KO

“ I met Ivan and Betty through my work. Since the first time we met, I have thought the world of them both. They are two of the nicest people I have ever met and every time I saw them from then on, we were old friends. Ivan had a smile that could light up a room and a quiet, quick wit about him. I am truly saddened for you and your family over the loss of such a wonderful man. I pray God's comfort be with you all at this time.

Kathy Owens - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KK

“ Ivan was a wonderful man. I grew up watching him driving around town on his John Deere tractors. He taught my dad a lot about farming and spent a lot of time with our family when we built our chicken houses. My dad has always told us that Ivan was an inspiration for him and a great mentor to him. To the Duncan family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be truly missed.

Kristy (Burr) Keller - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BW

“ We are truly sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. He was very loved by us and everyone who knew him. We send our deepest sympathy to Betty and the family. We love you Betty and if every you need anything please don't hesitate to call. Again we are very sorry for your loss.

Jay, if we can help you in anyway please let us know. Your dad was a very special guy. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.....

Bryan and Reta Wilkins - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BM

“ *Ivan was such an important man in Bill's life from the time he was quite young. Then to have Ivan teach Sunday School to our sons was even better. Ivan and Betty have been admired by so many of us for years. While we are so sad today it is also a joy to think of the life lessons we learned from Ivan. Blessings on the entire family during this time. Love you all - Bill & Michal Lea*

Bill & Michal Montgomery - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JE

“ Although I did not know Mr. James Duncan, I do know who J.D. Duncan is...they used to live down the street from us on West Blackwell. We lived at 1050 West Blackwell. I am the oldest child and daughter of LeRoy and Viola Jacks. Daddy fixed T.V., and our family owned the infamous "DeRailed Railroad Company" which was housed at the shop downtown.

I understand your loss...as I still feel a very great loss since Daddy died 5 years ago in April. It was 6 years ago that my brother, LeRoy, who was on the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in Woodward passed away. He had cancer. Mother passed away 25 years ago, which was a great loss, but when Daddy died everything changed. Daddy and Mother bought that house when I was 3 months old... and, I am 62 years old now. It was home...and, of course, the trains were our family's pride and joy. But the house and shop belong to someone else now, and the trains were divided and are in various places all over Oklahoma, here in Arkansas, and now, in Dubuque, Iowa, since my oldest son, Jim, his wife, Carleen, and my two grandsons, Brandon and Jacob moved there a month ago at the request of Jim's employer, IBM.

Again, I am sincerely sorry for your loss and pray that you will be comforted by the Comforter from heaven in the following days.

You ALL will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jeanette (Jacks) Eaton

Jeanette (Jacks) Eaton - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KH

“ Ivan was a man of character and will be greatly missed. I loved to see him in church. He always had a smile and hug for me. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and Betty. God bless you always!

Kaci Harrison - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PC

“ Ivan was our Sunday Schoolteacher when I first started attending Decatur United Methodist Church. He and Betty also taught our MYF group when we reached high school. They were the Christians I wanted to be :) Ivan always had a hug for me when we came home to Decatur for a visit. He was the nicest person you could ever meet. He cared for everyone. He was wonderful! I will miss him terribly and know that He is at Peace with Jesus. I thank him for all the years of support and love. May God bless Him eternally

Patsy Cook - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AM

“ Ivan was truly a great man and loved by all. Betty and Ivan both helped so much with my grandmother before she passed. You have touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. Ivan you were a great joy and loved having you as a Sunday school teacher. Betty and the Duncan family will be in our prayers.

Andrea Robinson Moran - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DC

“ Betty, Jay and Family,

May God Bless you during this time of grieving. Ivan was truly a great man. He was kind, generous, wise, and most importantly a man of faith who we all admired. We often hear how great a man was after he passes on, but in Ivan's case we have all been saying and hearing how great he was for many, many years. To say "he was truly one of a kind" could not be more accurate. We will all shed tears with you in your loss...but we will always have the fondest memories of Ivan. What a pleasure it has been to have known him.

The Cook Family

Donnie and Patsy Cook - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

VS

“ Betty & Ivan you were the very best friends I had during the years I lived at Decatur. I think of our New Years party, our card games & pot luck at the church. How Leah enjoyed Ivan working with the young people. Betty take care of yourself, we will all be reunited in the next life. Velda

Velda McLaughlin Stahlecker - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SM

“ Jay and family,
I was saddened to hear of your father's death. I have such fond memories of your parents during our school years and have enjoyed the visits during the times I have seen them since we graduated. May God bless and keep you through these difficult times.
Sandy

Sandy Siler Millsap - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JH

“ *Uncle Ivan and Aunt Betty were my grandparents', John and Irene Hueste's, best friends. I grew up playing in their haybarn and learning to drive a tractor with Uncle Ivan and will miss him dearly. He's a wonderful man who was so patient and kind. My heart goes out to Aunt Betty.*

Jacque Hilligoss - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RS

“ *so sorry about ivan he was truly a wonderful man and will be missed greatly missed. he was always so kind to my kids and they think the world of ivan and betty.*

robert and kim smith - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM