



James Kenneth "Kenny" Taverner

November 22, 1940 - November 22, 2025

James Kenneth "Kenny" Taverner, 85, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on November 22, 2025, at his home. He was born on November 22, 1940, in Ozone, Arkansas, to Ivan G. Taverner and Pearl I. Hignite.

He was a proud Army National Guard Veteran and was called to active duty during the Little Rock, Arkansas, public school's desegregation. Kenny was an avid outdoorsman; he loved hunting and shooting guns. He was a member of the NRA, the North American Hunting Club, and other organizations committed to being in nature. More than being outside, he loved being with his family. He loved his children (and all children) with his whole heart. His favorite hobby was being devoted to embarrassing his kids! Kenny was a good man; he didn't let his hardships in life change him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ivan G. Taverner and Pearl I. Hignite, and brothers, John Taverner and Ray Moore.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Williams) Taverner; his children, Kelley Stewart, of Arkansas, Dawn Romine, of Arkansas, Danielle Martinez, of California, and Jared Edward Wolf, of Arkansas; step-children, Toni Gilleland, of Arkansas and David Escudero, Jr., of Alice Springs, Australia; siblings, Tom Taverner, Dorothy Roybal, Pat Cantrell, Anna Lou Melson, Sara Taverner, Bruce Taverner, Kathy Taverner, Joe Taverner, Margaret Owens, Susan

Unzerzagt, and James Kerr Taverner; as well as, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at Wasson Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Wasson Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation, <https://donorservices.alz.org/> To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Ozone Cemetery

Ozone, AR 72854

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Carolyn Taverner lit a candle in memory of James Taverner



Carolyn Taverner - November 29, 2025 at 09:52 PM

RS

“ Condolences to all of Kenny’s family, he was a good man and will be missed. Sincerely, Randy and Kathy Shipman and family.

Randy Shipman - November 27, 2025 at 05:04 PM

BB

“ Sorry for the families loss. He was a good neighbor.

Bryan L Barnes - November 27, 2025 at 12:20 PM

SG

“ Sandra Grasska sent a virtual gift in memory of James Taverner



Sandra Grasska - November 27, 2025 at 03:02 AM

KS

“ My last memory of Dad is the smile on his face when I arrived and when I left. He was always happy to see me and Dawn and that was wonderful for us.

KELLEY STEWART - November 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM