



James N. Melton

September 16, 1917 - March 2, 2013

James N. Melton, age 95 of Bloomington passed away Saturday evening March 2, 2013 at his residence. He was born September 16, 1917 in Bloomington to Donald and Pearl Robinson Melton.

James was a graduate of Bloomington High School and attended Indiana University. He initially worked for RCA in Bloomington.

Before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1941 he married Virginia Duncan also of Bloomington. In the Air Force he served in Burma and India and was the recipient of the Purple Heart. Upon returning to Bloomington he briefly worked with his father and brother as a stone cutter before purchasing an orchard from his father in law that became known as Melton Orchards.

James was an active member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Masonic Temple and First Christian Church of Bloomington.

A funeral service for James will be held Thursday March 7, 2013 at Valhalla Memory Gardens in the chapel at 11:00AM. Visitation will be held Wednesday March 6, 2013 at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM. Memorial contributions may be made in James's honor to the American Cancer Society and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat & Steve I am sad that I just found out and missed the funeral. My thoughts are with you. Jim was one of a kind. I use to tell him he was a wealth of information. I always loved to hear his stories. He will be missed! I am sure he and Virginia are having a wonderful reunion.

Debbie Reynolds - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JE

“ I worked for Jim at Melton's Orchard in the mid-70's. He was a wonderful man and I had so much fun picking apples, driving his old pick-up truck and tractors, and make apple cider on Friday and Saturday evenings. Thank you Jim for a wonderful opportunity to work and enjoy growing up in Bloomington.

Jeff Post - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

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“ Pat and Family,

I am so saddened to hear about the loss of my good friend Jim. He was like a grandpa to me and I enjoyed getting to know him. He taught me alot about life. I will miss visiting with him. One of our goals together was for him to get to come see me graduate from nursing school. I know that he will be watching over me that day. May God bless the family and friends today and always. I'm here for all of you. Love and miss you Jimbo!

With Deepest Sympathy,
Olivya

Olivya Elliott - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

KL

“ Jim I will forever hold you in my heart and I will miss you so so much. You taught me so much about Monroe County, WWII and just life in general. You were always there to give me advice when I needed it through many ups and downs. I will always cherish the memories of working at the orchard back in the early 1970's. We had many laughs and fun times. You were a part of my family and I will always cherish those memories forever in my heart. Love you Jim. See you later. Kim

Kim Lentz Fuller - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Jim. He was such a good man and never forgot all his neighbors. When my parents purchased 20 acres in the 1950's, it was on Duncan Rd. My mother still lives in the same house and my sister, and my husband and I still live on that same piece of property. We would watch Jim through the years going up to the part of the orchard that was right across the road from us. He has been a mainstay for this little corner of the county. He will be missed.

Susan Chambers Truelock - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM