



James Earl Woods

January 17, 1929 - April 7, 2023

James (Jim) Earl Woods was born in Ada, Oklahoma, on January 17, 1929, to James Fredrick Woods and Winifred (Brantley) Woods. He grew up in Ada helping his parents with sharecropping along with his 5 siblings: Lester Woods, Kenneth Woods, Herman Woods, Altina Jacobs, and Lois Castillo. Jim died peacefully in his sleep on April 7, 2023, at age 94. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, and by his wife, Alva Louise Woods in 2021.

As an adult, Jim lived for 1 year in Brooklyn New York, where he served at Bethel. He then spent a few years in southern California, and then 25 years in Warren Oregon, where he raised his family. Jim spent his retirement years in Pearce Arizona, where he lived for the last 30 years.

Jim had 6 children and 2 stepsons, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren. Jim's children in order of age are:

- o Sheila Greener (Arizona)
- o Curt Evern (Nevada)
- o Teresa Gunn (Arizona)
- o Scott Johnson (Minnesota) (deceased)
- o Tracy Alan Woods (Washington)
- o James Drew Woods (Arizona)
- o Lisa Gibson (Oregon)
- o Rebekah Thomas (New Mexico)

To support his family, Jim worked as a master die cast mold maker, and he and his family ran a small farm with a few farm animals, including beef cattle, dairy cows, and 2 horses.

During those years the children were at home, Jim and Alva took them on many interesting road trips and camping adventures, including trips to Montreal in Quebec Canada for an International Convention; Brooklyn New York to visit Bethel facilities; Plentywood Montana for seldom worked territory; as well as trips to Oklahoma, Minnesota and California to visit relatives; and camping trips to National Parks and other parks. Jim's cars were old, and the children recall breakdowns on nearly every trip, but Jim could always fix the problems and keep going!

Jim was known for being able to fix almost anything. He loved working on cars and motorcycles and growing trees of many varieties. He loved to read. He enjoyed Bible study and sharing what he learned with others. For a period of time, he regularly visited prison inmates in Arizona to share his message that studying God's Word benefits us now and in the future to come.

Jim was a 2nd generation Jehovah's Witness, joining his mother and father in the ministry from an early age during a time when Witnesses were arrested in Oklahoma for preaching. Jim continued as a Witness of Jehovah God all his life.

"We hope you will leave a message here for the family and/or a memory. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 17, 2023, in Willcox, Arizona, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 403 W. Rex Allen Drive. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please email tracywoods@bmi.net for Zoom details. In lieu of flowers, please free to make a charitable contribution to the Worldwide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses at www.donate.jw.org, or to a Hospice organization in your area."

Zoom Meeting ID: 897 5191 3029

Password: 142966

Previous Events

Memorial service

JUN 17. 3:00 PM (MT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
403 W. Rex Allen Dr.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ I remember riding on the tractor with Dad. I used to play on his Harley and in the little Metro car. I used to hang out with him in the garage while he worked on cars. I'd hand him wrenches. I remember always leaving at the same time for meetings and always being one of the first ones there. Learned how to play chess from Dad too. Summer trips to Southern California to see family but also the 1978 trip that covered 20 states and 6 provinces.

Rebekah Thomas - June 18, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RU

“ Uncle James would look at something n figure it out n then fix it n make it work n he would explain it to you n tell how it can work he had a way with that n always seemed so calm to me I know he always loved Jah n his family we will see you soon in Jah's paradise. We love you all 💕😊

Russell - June 17, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ This is Russ Cook Jr. I had great memories at their house. We played dominoes happy trails and cards we also ate good food big breakfast and my favorite was the biscuits and gravy. We enjoyed good association and great conversations about the paradise what it would look like and what we want to do there. My Uncle James always had a smile and made everyone happy. I look forward to welcoming him back to paradise.



Russell Cook - June 17, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LC

“ I remember when we had visited James and Alva in Oregon and we were able to milk the cows! He was a great handyman and definitely loved the land. I think it's genetic in the family! I look forward to seeing him and the rest of his wonderful family members in the beautiful resurrection.

Lezlie Cook - June 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM

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“ We have many fond memories of the Woods family. Jim and Alva were very hospitable inviting us many times to enjoy lovely meals at their home in Warren. With much love, Bertie and Cindy Coffman

Cindy Coffman - June 17, 2023 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ Our family remembers having nice meals at the Woods home. One time my husband was having some muscle cramps and Jim threw in a great back adjustment and the cramps disappeared. Then there was the time Art took several kids including Scott to Mt. St. Helens before it erupted and Scott strained his ankle. Then Jim had to come to the rescue again and called for a helicopter to retrieve Scott off the mountain. Such memories. Much love to all your family. Sherry Sherwood and family

Sherry Sherwood - June 17, 2023 at 12:42 AM



I had never heard that story Sherry. Thank you for sharing it.

Rebekah Thomas - June 18, 2023 at 08:08 PM

TW

“ In the early years of their marriage, Mom & Dad lived in southern California. One day while riding his Harley to work, as was his custom, a Cadillac ran a stop light & Dad t-boned it. The Cadillac had to be towed, but Dad picked up his fender & rode to work with a sore shoulder! His boss made him go get an X-Ray. He had a broken collarbone and in those days they would put an upper body cast on. His cast held his left arm straight out. He rode his Harley back to work that way. His boss chastized him & sent him home. So he rode home. Mom told us kids she saw him riding into the driveway that way... that was the first she knew of the accident. This incident didn't stop him from riding a motorcycle back & forth to work most of his working life. (Tracy Woods)

Tracy Woods - June 15, 2023 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ We recall a fun memory when we came to visit mom & dad. Dad had spent time ahead of our visit repairing 3 of his motorcycles so we could all ride when we got there. Also at one of our visits he told us he had been re-reading the old JW Yearbooks so he would have encouraging things to talk about when we all were there. During that visit, he shared with us several experiences he had read in those Yearbooks. (Cheryl Woods)

Cheryl Woods - June 15, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Earl Woods.



June 13, 2023 at 09:38 PM

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Tracy Woods - June 12, 2023 at 04:23 AM