



## James L. Dowdy

July 19, 1935 - December 12, 2025

James L. Dowdy died December 12, 2025. He was born on July 19, 1935, to the late Kent and Lena Sowers Dowdy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sallie T. Dowdy; son, Steven D. Dowdy; six sisters, Annie Bradberry, Faye Smith, Mollissa Hall, Weeda Bradberry, Betty Mae Waldrop, and Shelby Jean Dowdy; two brothers, Russel Dowdy and Billy Dowdy.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Janet Dowdy; brother-in-law, Garnet Hall; special friend, Norma Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

James grew up in Blacksburg. He served in the United States Army from 1956 – 1958 before serving on the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board and on the Advisory Board of the National Bank. He was the owner of Blacksburg Floor Fashions from 1974 – 1996 and a member of The Belmont Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Prices Fork Community Church.

Funeral Services will be conducted, Friday, December 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverends Shake Smith and Mike Hill officiating. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The

family will receive friends from 1:00 – 2:00 pm, on Friday, December 19, 2025, prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy was a great next door neighbor on Melody Dr. and became a real friend. We spent considerable time sharing and comparing our life experiences. Many times Jimmy sat in the cargo space of his garaged car watching over the neighborhood. Sometimes waiting for Norma to bring yet another “Great Buy” Ham to put in his freezer for safe keeping. A visit with Jimmy always ended with a good feel Smile. We will miss him. Karen & Gary Yntema.

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**Gary & Karen Yntema** - December 19, 2025 at 10:26 AM

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“ Shirley Sowers Woolwine lit a candle in memory of James L. Dowdy



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**Shirley Sowers Woolwine** - December 14, 2025 at 03:26 PM