



James Rankin

July 29, 1942 - May 25, 2024

James E. Rankin, 81 of Arab passed away Saturday, May 25, 2024, at his residence. James was born July 29, 1942, in Columbia, Mississippi, the son of John Dale Rankin and Mildred Thornhill Rankin. He began working for Irby Construction in Mississippi and this is what brought him to Arab in 1962. Shortly after he met the love of his life Sandra Burgess, and they married November 7, 1963. In 1972 they purchased the Fry Gap Grocery. When he finally decided to purchase a backhoe, they sold the store and developed Rankin Septic Service.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years: Sandra Rankin; daughter: Beverly F. Rankin; son: Randy Rankin, his wife Kym; grandchildren: Shelby Rankin, Karly Rankin and Zackary Blocker; great grandchildren: Kolton Elijah Rankin and Adalyn Rae Miller; special friends: Missy Lake and Shelia Hendrix; brother: Howard Earl Thornhill; sisters-in-law: Patricia Russell and Betty Trimble; host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Service was 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at Gober Funeral Chapel with Steve Funderburk and Jimmy Hamaker officiating. The burial was in Arab Memorial Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel directing. Visitation was from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Gober Funeral Chapel.

Pallbearers: Lance Coker, Cory Solley, Triston Nanato, Prentice Blocker,

Robert Nanato and Doug Manus. Honorary pallbearers: Oliver Haga, Lane Rains, Brent Rains, Robert King, Bernie Rodriguez and Daniel Rankin.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

450 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gober Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James Rankin



Gober Funeral Chapel - June 04, 2024 at 11:02 AM

AN

“ Alan, Sonya and Sarah Nipp. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Rankin.

Alan, Sonya and Sarah Nipp. - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

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“ Alan, Sonya and Sarah Nipp. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Rankin.



Alan, Sonya and Sarah Nipp. - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MC

“ Gods peace be with you & the family at this sad time. With deepest sympathy Mickie Carter



mickie carter - May 28, 2024 at 11:57 PM

JB

“ Jim Burrough planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Rankin.

Jim Burrough - May 28, 2024 at 10:37 PM

JB

“ Jim Burrough purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Rankin.



Jim Burrough - May 28, 2024 at 10:37 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Rankin.



May 28, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Rankin.



May 28, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MM

“ Management & Employees of Apel Machine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Rankin.

Management & Employees of Apel Machine - May 28, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Rankin.



May 28, 2024 at 12:35 PM

SW

“ Beverly and Randy our hearts bleed for you two as well as your mother. May God comfort you all . Rodney * Samantha Walker



Samantha Walker - May 28, 2024 at 07:47 AM

LM

“ Linda Haney McClain lit a candle in memory of James Rankin



Linda Haney McClain - May 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Rankin.



May 27, 2024 at 02:42 PM