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James Franklin Wilthong of Puxico, Missouri passed away on March 26, 2022 at the age of 88.

James married Glenda Elaine Weaver on January 01, 1955 in Paragould, Arkansas.

James enjoyed a full and wonderful life. He was faithfully dedicated to his Lord Jesus Christ. He was born and raised in Paragould, Arkansas and graduated from Greene County Tech High School. He obtained his college degrees from Arkansas State University. He taught, coached and was high school principal at Southland School, Cardwell and Arbyrd, Missouri. James then settled with Elaine in Puxico, Missouri and served as superintendent of the Puxico school district for eleven years before he retired. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, nature, sports, gardening and traveling. James served as Alderman and Mayor of Puxico, Missouri. James served faithfully as a Member, Sunday School Teacher and Deacon at First Baptist Church of Puxico, Missouri. He served on the Stoddard Cane Creek Baptist Association and disaster chainsaw team. He was a member of Gideons International. Community Service was very important to James as he served volunteering at Mingo National Wild Life Refuge, Rotary Club projects and Homecoming actives. He served as a Rotary Club Member at Cardwell and Puxico, Stoddard County Mental Health Board, Community Relation Council at Mingo Job Core Center. James was a Korean Veteran and member of VFW Puxico Post 7822 and American Leigon.

James is survived by his wife Elaine Wilthong; his daughter Sheryl (Dale) Hartzog of Panama City, Florida; one sister Ellen (Polie) Cameron; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Lucy (Darnell) Wilthong; one brother William Wilthong and one sister Helen Hudgens.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday March 30, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri and Funeral Service to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Justin Miller of Puxico officiating.

Internment will take place at Greene County Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Paragould, Arkansas at 3:00 p.m. with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his name to First Baptist Church building fund or Gideons International.

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