

James Garfield Thompson | 1938-2016

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James “Big Jim” Garfield Thompson, 77, of Alvord, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Decatur Funeral Home.

Jim was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Decatur to J.W. and Dessie Mae Thompson. He married Blanch Cushman Aug. 20, 1959. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1970. He married Rosie Moody McDaniel Dec. 13, 1978.

Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959. He worked for Wise County Public Works until he retired. Grandchildren were very important to Jim, and he loved them dearly. He had a love of cooking and enjoyed reading cookbooks and looking at recipes. One of his greatest pleasures was the ability to make people laugh.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Blanch; parents; sister Jeanette; and brother Lee Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Rosie; daughters Jerri Thompson, Sherri Counts and Tish Wright; sons Jim Thompson Jr. and Billy McDaniel; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; his especially dear friends Scott Craft, Kenneth Caldwell, David Souther, Tom Goode and John Norcross; and numerous other family members and friends.