



## Mr. James Alfred Carlton

September 3, 1928 - May 3, 2015

Mr. James Alfred Carlton, age 86, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at First United Methodist Church. Reverend Lanita Monroe and Reverend Frank Smith will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors 4-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home, and again one hour prior to service at the church.

James Alfred Carlton, age 86, was born September 03, 1928 in Rutherford County, TN, to Alfred Bell Carlton and Lonnie White Carlton. He was a member of the 1946 graduating class of Rockvale High School. After operating a garage and later a service station, he opened his used car dealership in 1953; a business that began by specializing in late model used cars and pickup trucks and spanned 62 years. He expanded his offerings over seven different decades to include bigger trucks, farm implements, tractors, and finally exclusively in big trucks and heavy equipment.

On June 22, 1963, he married Janice Harris Carlton. He got two young daughters in that package deal that he raised as his own. In 1966, they moved the family to the farm with a third daughter in tow.

While running a full-time car dealership, he also ran his farm operation that included livestock, hay, vegetable gardening, and row cropping. He was the first cattleman in Bedford County to establish a herd of registered Charolais cattle just after the breed was imported to the U.S. from France. Over the

years, horses, ponies, brood mares, colts, mules, donkeys, hogs, and chickens were found in the barns or pastures.

He had champion Tennessee Walking Horses in the show ring, and raised many colts.

His first hobby was working. His second hobby was coon hunting. He raised, showed and won competition hunts with 1995 American Coon Hunters Association World Champion Goodtime Speck.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Ralph Alan Carlton, a grandson, Robert Anthony Jarrell, II, sisters, Dr. Ann Carlton and Sammie Carlton Farris.

He is survived by his wife of over 51 years, Janice Harris Carlton, daughter Jennifer Carlton Jarrell, step-daughters, Melody Mallard Teague (John), Claudia "Dobee" Mallard, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, brother, Charles Carlton, of Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alfred Carlton.* ”



May 05, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alfred Carlton.* ”



May 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to Mr. Carltons' whole family. His smiling face and bubbly personality will definitely be missed. I considered him one of my favorites :) Kim Carter Ward* ”



**kim carter ward** - May 05, 2015 at 07:58 AM



“ *Jerry & Mary Myers purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Mr. James Alfred Carlton.* ”



**Jerry & Mary Myers** - May 04, 2015 at 09:46 PM

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“ I remember all the good times trail riding on Sunday afternoons and listening to my daddy and James arguing about cattle. He will be missed. My sympathy to the whole family.

*Marsha Kay Clark Mangrum*

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**Marsha Mangrum** - May 04, 2015 at 09:07 PM



“ *Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alfred Carlton.



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May 04, 2015 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alfred Carlton.



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May 04, 2015 at 03:03 PM