



## James "Jim" Lewis Bertalotto Jr.

December 14, 1945 - January 31, 2025

James "Jim" Lewis Bertalotto, Jr. age 79, of Springdale, AR passed away on Friday, January 31, 2025, at Regency Hospital in Springdale, AR. He was born in Monett, MO on Friday, December 14, 1945; son of Lewis Charles and Mae Mary (Conley) Bertalotto. He was a 1962 graduate of Pierce City High School. Jim was lovingly known as "Sonny". He proudly served in the US Army Air Cav (1966-1969) in the Vietnam War where he was a Huey crew chief/mechanic and doorgunner for two tours. He was discharged from the Army in May 1969, and met his wife, Linda Smith, shortly thereafter. They were married on Friday, September 12, 1969, in Chula Vista, CA. Jim and Linda spent 55 years enjoying life together. Jim was a meat cutter for various places and ended his career as the owner/operator of Jim's Butcher Shoppe in Miami, OK. He and Linda worked together at the Shoppe for over 20 years. Jim was an avid crappie fisherman, Denver Bronco fan, and enjoyed watching Caitlin Clark play basketball in college and WNBA. He loved his family and cherished the time he had with his grandchildren. Jim loved his yearly Sibling Days when all his brother and sisters would get together to visit and reminisce. He was a member of the VFW Post 2952 in Springdale, AR where he volunteered through his wife. He wanted to help and support Veterans in any way he could. Jim and Linda took a 50th Anniversary history trip in 2019, visiting Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and Salem, MA; and was able to participate in an Honor Flight in 2022 with his son, Dan. Jim will be missed by many for his jokes, pranks, and fast smile.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda Bertalotto of Springdale, AR; two children, Andrea (Jeff) Dudley of Bixby, OK, and Daniel (Mandy) Bertalotto of Fayetteville, AR ; five grandchildren, Josh and Maddie Dudley and Mary Kate, Caroline, and Jack Bertalotto; ten siblings, Barbara (Ken) Ellis of Pierce City, MO, Marjorie (Ben) Layton of Pierce City, MO, Janice (Leo) Schmidt of Monett, MO, Mary Lou (Harold) Lombard of Pierce City, MO, Jeannie (Ralph) Schmidt of Pierce City, MO, Beverly (Norman) Ozbun of Verona, MO, Geraldine (Don) Brattin of Aurora, Ron Bertalotto of Monett, MO, Linda Gail Bertalotto of Joplin, MO, Cindy (John) Witt of Pierce City, MO; 21 nephews; 18 nieces; 17 great-nephews; 21 great-nieces; and many friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Mae Bertalotto and an infant son, David Michael Bertalotto.

A Prayer Service/Rosary will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Visitation will follow until 08:00 PM.

Funeral Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, February 8, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM with Father Matt Rehrauer officiating. Burial, with Military Honors, will follow at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

Memorials may be made, in Jim's honor, to the VFW Post 2952 Springdale in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service/Rosary

FEB 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
200 Front Street  
Pierce City, MO 65723  
(417) 476-2827

## Visitation

FEB 7. 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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200 Front Street  
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## Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MW

“ I will miss Jim, I so enjoyed sharing my tomatoes with him and Linda, that memory will last forever,

mary Jo Hankla, Sally Witt - February 03, 2025 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ I'll miss Jim, always enjoyed joking with him and his big smile on our lunch and movie day with him and Linda, he will be remembered fondly.

mary Jo Hankla - February 03, 2025 at 04:53 PM

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“ The Becker family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of James "Jim" Lewis Bertalotto Jr..



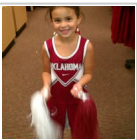
The Becker family - February 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM

SS

“ Shirley Scott lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Bertalotto



Shirley Scott - February 02, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ I went to school with Mr. Dudley's daughter, but I what made me close to Mr. Dudley was when I would be with my mother in the butch shop he knew I wanted to join the Army. Mr. Dudley had served in the Army and fought in Vietnam. He would share stories with me about his time in Vietnam and give me guidance about being in war. I joined the army and become an in Infantry Officer. I would think about Mr. Dudley's guidance when I commanded an Infantry company at, the Battle of Al Najaf and Battle of Fallujah. He is a great husband, father, Grandfather, and mentor to other children. Sir I will look for you when I get to Fiddler's Green. Salute to you SIR. (Retired) MAJOR Keah-tigh.

Darren Keah-tigh - February 02, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JS

“ *Cindy , Mary Lou and family we are so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.* 🙏

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**John and Mary Jane Stevens** - February 02, 2025 at 02:20 PM