



# James D. Pulliam

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**D**ecatur-James D. Pulliam, 86, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015 in Hickory Point Christian Village.

Services to celebrate James's life will be held at 2:00 PM on June 4, 2015 at Grace land/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services. Burial will be in Maroa Township Cemetery concluding with military honors by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorial Contributions may be sent to the Decatur Genealogical Society.

James was born July 7, 1928 in Decatur, Illinois the son of Joseph and Luvincy (Siebert ) Pulliam.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and was a Korean War Veteran. Jim worked in management for Illinois Bell Telephone Company & Ameritech, retiring after 29 years of service. On April 24, 1970 he married the love of his life, Martha (Dever) Pulliam in Tuscola, IL. They shared 38 wonderful years together traveling, working on genealogical research, playing cards with friends and enjoying time with each other. She preceded him in death on October 7, 2008. James was a member of the Decatur Genealogical Society & Ducks Unlimited. He enjoyed spending time on the family farm, gardening and genealogical research on family members.

James leaves behind one sister, Wilma Fever of El Paso, IL. his nephews, Joseph (Joyce) Fever of Oreana, IL; Daniel (Janice) Fever of Gridley, IL; Gary(Joni) Polk of Savoy, IL; Steven Pulliam of Santa Barbara, CA; Michael Pulliam of Ventura, CA; nieces, Brenda Polk of Savoy, IL; and Susan Pulliam of Richmond, CA; several great nieces & nephews and several great-great nieces & nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Donald Pulliam, and two sisters Norma Pulliam and Wanda Polk.

The family would like to thank all of Jim's friends for their support during his



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extended care and a special thank you to Dr. Jerry & Susan Snyder for all their loving help, support and continued friendship.

The family of James D. Pulliam is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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ER

**Ernestine** posted:

I was sadden to hear about Jim. I worked with him at the phone company for manyyears. He was a good person and a very good friend. May he rest in peace.Ernestine Madison- Morris

June 13 at 2:29 PM

ZB

**Zee Bakerzbee** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James D. Pulliam

June 6 at 7:04 PM

RG

**Roy Groves** posted:

Memories of Jim, My brother Paul and I grew up living just across the creek from Jim's home. Our family's and others from the neighborhood would meet on Saturday evenings during the summer for a potluck supper. The older folks would play cards later in the evening and visit. The kids played outside and enjoyed the evening. Jim had one of the earliest stereo record players in the neighborhood. The living room had bookshelves in opposite corners on the wall. Jim set up the stereo with speakers in each shelf corner and had a stereo demo record of a clock ticking that would bounce from one corner to the other side, back and forth, and also a ping pong game with sounds of the ball in the same fashion. Summer chores on the farm in the 1950's included baling hay around the neighborhood. Jim used to ride on the back side of the baler when they used wire tie bales and help feed the wire tie arms. It took 2 people to work the wires, one on each side of the bale slide feeding the wire. That had to be the worst job ever, with the hay dust and the hot summer heat and just sit there stuffing wires all afternoon, sometimes till suppertime, with only a lemonade break once or twice in the afternoon.Paul and I rode the rack wagon and stacked bales which was a far better job than eating the baler dust all afternoon as Jim did. It was interesting to see the turkeys in the haymow of the barn that Jim raised and the chicken and egg business he had for awhile. That was a lot different than the usual cattle and hogs seen in the neighborhood in the 1950's. Paul worked at the Bell phone co. the same time as Jim did. They worked in different departments but would see each other periodically. Both of us would see Jim out riding the mower during the summer. Sometimes Jim would be mowing on one side of the creek at his home place and Paul or I would be riding the mower at our home place across the creek on the other side. Jim was a very good friend and neighbor. Our condolences to the family.Roy and Paul GrovesNeighbors

June 2 at 10:46 AM



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**Donald/Bernadette Custin** posted:

I met Jim at DMH back in the 50's before he went to work for the Bell Systems. My wife met Jim at Bell and therefore, we both knew him when we got married. We have been friends for eons. RIP old friend. Don and Bernadette (Bernie) Custin

June 3 at 7:19 PM



**Virgil Lyke** posted:

Jim it was grand working with you on our one and only cut-over. I wish in my career at the telephone company I would have had you as a manager. I am sure I would have I learned a great deal.

June 2 at 10:46 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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