



## James Erby Dobbs

February 27, 1929 - December 22, 2019

James Erby Dobbs, 90, went home to be with the Lord on December 22, 2019. Erby was born at home in Chilton County, Alabama on Feb 27, 1929. He was the second son of Roy and Gertrude Dobbs and grew up in a farming family. In 1949 he married Marianne Wells with whom he shared life for 55 years. He served two years in the US Army during the Korean War and after his honorable discharge as a master sergeant moved to Montgomery and began work at Continental Gin Co. in Prattville. While in Montgomery they became charter members of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. In 1957 he moved his family to Prattville and became active members of First Baptist Church and the community for the next 61 years. He loved his family and was always involved in the lives of his two sons, Ricki and Steven. In the community he served as a Boy Scoutmaster, Little League official and umpire, local workers union president, Credit Union president and Masons. He was a lifelong church deacon and usher. Never meeting a stranger, he was friend to innumerable Prattville residents. He loved people, conversation, cars and trucks, especially Fords, the outdoors, motor home travel and camping. Upon retirement from Gilmore Ford he and his navigator wife, Marianne, spent the next 15 years traveling throughout all 48 continental US states in their motor home. He was truly a family man, friend to all and a faithful Christian who read his Bible every day.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Gertrude Dobbs, wife, Marianne Wells Dobbs, brother Leroy Dobbs, granddaughter, Susan Elizabeth

Dobbs and great granddaughter, Hadley Kate Bush.

Erby is survived by his two sons, Ricki (Charlotte) and Steven Dobbs; five grandchildren, Matt (Taylor) Dobbs, Jennifer (Pat) McIntyre, Katie (Ryan) Bush, Eric Dobbs and JaneyGrace Dobbs. He was proud of his seven great grandsons, Anderson and Parker Dobbs, Davis, Wells and Coleman McIntyre, Beckett and Wells Bush.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church Prattville on Friday, December 27 at 2:00 pm with Dr. Travis Coleman and Rev. Dave Burns officiating. The family will receive visitors at the church from 12:00 to 1:45pm. Burial will follow at Prattville Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to his home church of 62 years, First Baptist Church in Prattville, Alabama.

# Cemetery Details

## Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
138 S Washington St  
Prattville, AL 36067  
(334) 365-0606

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Betty Bubba Stubbs lit a candle in memory of James Erby Dobbs*



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**betty bubba stubbs** - January 12, 2020 at 12:06 AM

PF

“ *May the comfort from family and friends continue to strengthen you during this difficult time, and may you find comfort in the words found in the last book of the Holy Scriptures: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

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**Pat F.** - December 29, 2019 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ *Ricki, Steve and family, I am so very sorry to read of your loss. I have many fond memories of your parents from many years ago when I was younger. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Julie Israel Crowe** - December 28, 2019 at 09:13 AM

WF

“ *He will truly be missed at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Clanton, homecomings. He new most of the people here and never really met a stranger. I tell everyone he was the one in the Mustang. Great man who will truly be missed. Bro. Ernest, Shiloh pastor.*

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**william fike** - December 27, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James Erby Dobbs.



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December 26, 2019 at 04:00 PM