



James Edward Lanham

October 17, 1938 - December 22, 2025

LANHAM, James Edward, was born on October 17, 1938, to Thomas Jackson and Ida Louise Lanham in Indianola, MS. As the son of a sharecropper, he learned the value of hard work.

He is survived by his daughter, Valera Lanham Brown (Reggie), two grandchildren, Alecia Brown Ohnemus (Kevin) and Mitch Brown (Erin); five great-grandchildren, Adalynn, Thea, Julia, Evalea and Benjamin Ohnemus; one great-grandchild, Hawkins Brown “on the way” to Mitch and Erin Brown; sister, Betty Brook; extended family and friends.

Mr. Lanham served his country in the Army as a young man, and thereafter was a mechanic in the Montgomery, AL area until his retirement. He used this talent to help others as long as he was able.

He found his niche in helping the less fortunate in the Food Bank ministry at Prattville Church of Christ for 10 years after giving his life to the Lord in retirement. He was also active in the CASA (Christians Against Substance Abuse) ministry.

He preceded in death by his wife, Julia Ryals Lanham; parents, Thomas and Ida Lanham and brother, Thomas Monroe Lanham.

Anyone wishing to donate in his honor is requested to give to the Prattville Church of Christ Food Bank.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025 from Prattville Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am with Minister Brent Missildine and Minister Mark Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Darien Primitive Baptist Church, Luverne,

AL. The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial on Monday one-hour prior to the service. Pallbearers will be Frank Brown, Clip Knapp, Ross Meeks, Mark Yarbrough, Kevin Ohnemus and Roy Patty.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bill Heinen, James and Robyn Darnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Lanham.

Bill Heinen, James and Robyn Darnell - December 27, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Lanham.



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“ When we went to the supermarket I will go around saying Daddy Daddy have you seen my daddy and people would say no then he would say here I am baby people would look at us like we were crazy and then I'd say oh well I was adopted and we would laugh

Sabrina Simmons - December 26, 2025 at 07:53 AM