



James M. Vandeventer SR.

October 30, 1928 - September 8, 2011

James M. Vandeventer SR. born 10-30-1928 in Gracemont, Oklahoma passed away 9-8-2011 in Kingman, AZ while traveling to Los Angeles with his son, James Vandeventer, Jr. and his daughter, Cindy Holmes. He was preceded in death by his wife, Chalao, Brother: Wilbur Vandeventer, Sisters: Bernice and Vena, and his Mom and Dad: Ruth and Clyde Vandeventer. He is survived by his son: James Vandeventer, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA and his daughter: Cindy Holmes of Fredonia, KS.

Son-in-law: Dee (piper) Holmes and James Welch, Grandchildren: Jennifer DePriest, Tresslie McGraw, Cody Holmes; Great-grandchildren: Brandon James Hunsucker, Alira Briggs, Abrielle and Arrienne McGraw; Nieces and Nephews: Janene and Mike Dainty, Connie and Mike Bradley, Sheila and Gary Walker, Bart and Cassie Rowe, Luke Rowe, Julie Baker; Sister and Brother-in-law: Samporn and Guy Bierwirth.

James was retired from the Air Force and served during the Vietnam War where he met his late wife Chalao in Bangkok, Thailand, also retired from American National Insurance Co. in Joplin, MO, owned Five Star Jigs of Miami, OK and had recently started Resto Rides Classic Auto Restoration with his son Jim Jr. in Los Angeles. He loved working in the garden, yard and crappie fishing was a favorite hobby. He spent many years playing country and western music and had his own band, Jimmy Vann and the Western Playboys which played at NCO clubs during the Vietnam War. He was also the original author of the country music hit "Please Release Me".

Memorial Services will be held 1:00 PM Thursday September 15, 2011 at Cooper-Althouse Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Leon Weece officiating. Online guestbook and condolences are available at www.cooperalthousefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Cindy and Jimmy . So sorry for your loss and know that you will always have the memories in your heart of your love for him...Know that he is happy again to be with all his family and that you will always have us here for you two.. All we have now is each other so lets not lose that I love you guys....##imported-begin##Julie and James Baker##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Jimmy & Cindy,*

Our hearts go out to you and your family during this time.

It was a great honor and privilege to know your dad & mother.

Their friendship I will treasure in my heart always.

The passing of Jim has been a great loss.

My deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to you both.

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