



J. C. Slatton

December 11, 1934 - August 21, 2023

James Cicero Slatton, lifelong resident of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, departed from his earthly home on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 88 years old and in true J.C. fashion – when he got “good and ready.”

J.C. was born in Walnut Ridge on December 11, 1934, to S.C. and Edith (Prater) Slatton. He attended Walnut Ridge School until the 10th grade when he “had enough of that.”

J.C. worked as a grocer in his father’s store and was first to run the projector at the Walnut Ridge movie theater as a young man. He also served in the Army National Guard from 1953 until he went active duty in April 1960 at the age of 25.

Specialist Five Slatton spent his Army days, most notably, in Germany during the Cold War and Berlin Crisis, where he received a National Defense Service Medal, and in Korea, during the Vietnam War. He received an Honorable Discharge in December of 1966 and returned home to Walnut Ridge where he spent many years serving Walnut Ridge and Hoxie as a fire fighter and a police officer.

After leaving law enforcement, J.C. went on to become a truckdriver – dubbed “Smokestack” – until he retired in 2011. In over 40 years of trucking, he never

got a ticket.

J.C. married the love of his life, Barbara Manus, on March 14, 1986. When he wasn't trucking, he enjoyed spending his time "drinkin' coffee and tellin' lies," watching westerns, singing, playing pool, calling the Hogs, and gallavantin', but his most favorite thing was being The World's Best Pappy to his grandbabies. He said that's when he really had a ball. J.C. loved his family, and he loved the Lord. He was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church.

J.C. was reunited in Heaven with his sweetheart, Barb; his parents; his brother; an infant son; his daughter, Debra; daughter-in-law, Terri Lynn; twin grandbabies; and many other relatives and friends.

Pappy is loved and missed by many on earth including his children by love and marriage; Perry and Peggy Manus of Walnut Ridge, Carlotta and Randy Ragsdale of Jessieville, AR, Mark Ross of Jonesboro, and Bobby and Marsha Ross of Hot Springs, AR; children, Jim Slatton Jr. of Searcy, AR, Penny Brookins of Texas, and George Slatton of Walnut Ridge; grandbabies, Bobby Manus, Summer "Summy" McClendon, Nikki "Ricky/Nik-Nik" Anderson, Pam and Travis Ragsdale, Brandi Ross, Candi, Charles, and Emily Lawrence, Tina, Erin, and Ian Ross, and Daniel Sparlin; twenty-three great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be Friday, August 25, 2023, in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. Skylor Guess officiating. Interment will be in the Lawrence Memorial Cemetery in Walnut Ridge. Pallbearers will be Bobby Manus, Graham Manus, Travis Ragsdale, Hayden Whitehead, Clayton Anderson, and Daniel Sparlin. Honorary pallbearers are Hunter Manus, Zack Manus, Joe Videll, Waymond Hutton, Daniel Webb, and Joe Riley.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 PM till 7 PM.

The family wishes to extend their many thanks to Legacy Hospice of Walnut Ridge.

10-4, Backdoor...Hammer Down. This isn't goodbye – it's "see ya later, kid."

Cemetery Details

Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

AUG **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My mother, Joyce Mitchell Mills, was J.C.’s first cousin. I believe we met many many years ago when I was young at various times as well as at my mother’s funeral over 20 years ago. Funny that he recognized me at my uncle’s funeral in 2022. He gave me the sweetest smile and hug. RIP

Callie (Mills) Gattuso - January 03, 2024 at 02:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. C. Slatton.



August 23, 2023 at 12:42 PM

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“ He was always smiling. A kinder gentleman never walked this Earth.



Ronn Ross - August 22, 2023 at 12:31 PM



Nikki Anderson - August 24, 2023 at 08:31 AM

JR

“ I first met JC when he was delivering freight to my warehouse in Huron in about 2007 I believe. We quickly became friends and continued to keep in touch after he retired in 2011. I will always cherish our friendship and the long conversations we had over the years. JC was 1 of kind and I am proud to call him my friend, Rest In Peace old Buddy, I will catch up with you down the road.
Joe Reilly from Huron, SD

Joe Reilly - August 22, 2023 at 10:27 AM



Nikki Anderson - August 24, 2023 at 08:30 AM