

## He Only Takes The Best

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be,  
so He put His arm around you  
and whispered, "Come with Me."  
With tear filled eyes we watched as you suffered  
and faded away, although we loved you deeply  
we could not will you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to show us,  
"He Only Takes the Best."



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## *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



**JERRY JAMES TIPTON**

May 1, 1941 ~ October 24, 2020

## Order of Service

Song..... "Beulah Land"  
Obit/Eulogy..... Pastor Gary Tomlinson  
Song..... "I Can Only Imagine"  
Sermon/Prayer/Dismiss..... Pastor Rod Loy

### Pallbearers

Martin Zermatten	Anthony Shirley
Shelton Zermatten	Robert Johnson
David Maynard	Kim Armstrong

### Graveside Service

**2:30 PM at Williams Cemetery**

**Directions to cemetery from First Assembly NLR**

- 1. Get on US-167 S/US-67 S from W Commercial Dr and US-167 Access/US-67 Access/Warden Rd 2 min (0.8 mi)**
- 2. Drive from I-530 S to Pine Bluff. Take exit 39 from I-530 S 41 min (46.8 mi)**
- 3. Continue on US-79 S. Take AR-97 S to Bradley Rd 16 in Moro Township 56 min (45.2 mi)**
- 4. Turn right onto US-79 S/S Camden Rd Continue to follow US-79 S 28.0 mi**
- 5. Turn left onto AR-97 S 0.5 mi**
- 6. Turn left to stay on AR-97 S 0.2 mi**
- 7. Turn left onto AR-189 S/AR-97 S Continue to follow AR-97 S 5.8 mi**
- 8. Turn left onto AR-8 E 1.9 mi Turn right onto Banks Rd 4.4 mi Continue onto Banks New Edinburg Rd/Bradley 10 Rd/Bradley Rd 10 3.3 mi**
- 9. Sharp right onto Bradley Rd 16 Destination will be on the left 1.2 mi**



Jerry James Tipton, 79, Of Sherwood, went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Arkansas Hospice in Little Rock, Arkansas, after a short battle with cancer. He was born on May 1, 1941 at his home in the Wagnon Community near Banks, Arkansas and was the only child of the late James Clarence Tipton and Carrie Inez Cathey Tipton. He graduated from Banks High School.

Jerry began working at Kroger in Warren when he was fifteen years old and spent his entire 47 year working career in the grocery business. He worked at Kroger in Warren, Hamburg and NLR/LR. In 1970 he began working for MsOsker-Gardner Food Brokerage remaining through several mergers and finishing with Crossmark. He was recognized as an extremely hard worker who knew the grocery business and could get things done quickly.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mattie Ruth Beasley Tipton, whom he married on July 11, 1964, in Warren, Arkansas. He is also survived by his only child, James Denny Tipton and his wife Jennifer of Sherwood and his two granddaughters, Allison and Ashley Tipton.

Jerry had an outgoing, energetic personality and never met a stranger. He loved deer hunting and helping his son with his various sports activities. During his retirement his life revolved around helping Denny at Sylvan Hills High School and being with his granddaughters who were the real joy of his life. He was also a member of First Assembly of God in North Little Rock where he assisted his wife with the Challenger Sunday School Class each week. He was a loyal, caring husband, a supportive, loving father, a great Papa, and a faithful Christian and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sylvan Hills High School Baseball, 484 Bearpaw Rd., Sherwood, Arkansas 72120 or NLR First Assembly of God Church Project Rescue, 4501 Burrow Dr., North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116.

A visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. Services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 28th at First Assembly of North Little Rock. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m., at the Williams Cemetery, Banks, Arkansas.