



## JD Vowels

December 18, 1934 - April 1, 2016

James Douglas "J.D." Vowels, age 81, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 9:03am, Friday, April 1, 2016, at Methodist Hospital.

J.D. was born in 1934 to parents George Douglas and Mary Helen Vowels in Waverly, Kentucky. As a boy, he attended St. Peters Grade School in Waverly, KY, followed by high school at St. Vincent Academy, near Waverly, KY.

Throughout his schooling, he worked alongside his father and his brother, Robert A., on the family farm. After he graduated high school, J.D. enlisted in the United States Air Force. He did his basic training at Samson Air Force Base in Geneva, NY, and then went to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas for jet engine school. When his service was complete, at Chennault AFB, Lake Charles, LA. J.D. came home to Morganfield and worked at St. Vincent Academy on a farm the school owned. It was here where he met his first wife, Judith E. Humm. Together they had 5 sons. The family moved to Joliet, IL where he worked as a machinist at Caterpillar, Inc. for 28 years, after which he retired and moved to Henderson. It was in Henderson where J.D. met his second wife, Paulette. He was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. After retirement, J.D. still found time for farm work, and he also drove a school bus. He loved making long trips. His family jokes that his favorite book was the Road Atlas and that, before google, friends and family would call on J.D. for directions.

In addition to his parents, J.D. was preceded in death by his brother, Don Vowels, and his sister, Helen Jane Parker Hurt.

Survivors include:

Wife of 25 years: Paulette Vowels of Henderson, KY

5 Sons: James E. Vowels and wife Sue of Plainfield, IL

Tony D. Vowels of Silverton, CO

Donald T. Vowels of St. Peters, MO

Carl R. Vowels and wife Michelle of Oconomowoc, WI

John B. Vowels and wife Kris of Rockville, MD

2 Step Sons: Keith Sizemore and wife Marla of Henderson, KY

Cliff Sizemore and wife Tracy of Henderson, KY

Step Daughter: Krista Sizemore of Henderson, KY

5 Brothers: Robert A. Vowels

Marty Vowels and wife Judy

David Vowels

Billy Joe Vowels and Nancy Hamilton

Birdie Vowels and wife Judy

1 Sister: Mary Anne Williams and husband Norman

14 Grandchildren, 1 Great-Grandchild, Many Nieces and Nephews

Relatives and friends are invited to J.D.'s Life Celebration from 2:00-8:00pm

Wednesday and then again Thursday at 10:00 am at Benton-Glunt Funeral

Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Larry McBride

at 12:00pm on Thursday at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Burial will

follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson. Military honors will be

rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40. A prayer service will be

held at the funeral home on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to American

Diabetes Association, <http://www.diabetes.org>, and Holy Name of Jesus

Catholic Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration®

Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 826-9623  
roselawn@ccol.net  
<http://www.bentonglunt.com/>

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

APR 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church  
511 2nd St.  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ *JD Vowels*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *To Jim and all of your brothers. Laurie, my mom Lorraine and I are so sorry to hear about your dad. Jim remembered my dad walking with the band at parades and I remember JD being our school bus driver and cooking at pancake breakfast's at Laraway. Those are childhood memories that will not be forgotten.*

*Dave and Laurie Sowa*

*Lorraine Sowa*

David Sowa - April 06, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Vowels. I have fond memories of both he and Judy. My sympathies to all the Vowels brothers.*

*Janet (JB Sampson) Rande*

Janet Rande - April 06, 2016 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JD Vowels.*



April 06, 2016 at 12:57 PM

TJ

“ Don,  
I'm so sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

*Trisha Jenkins*

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**Trisha Jenkins** - April 06, 2016 at 11:51 AM

CL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

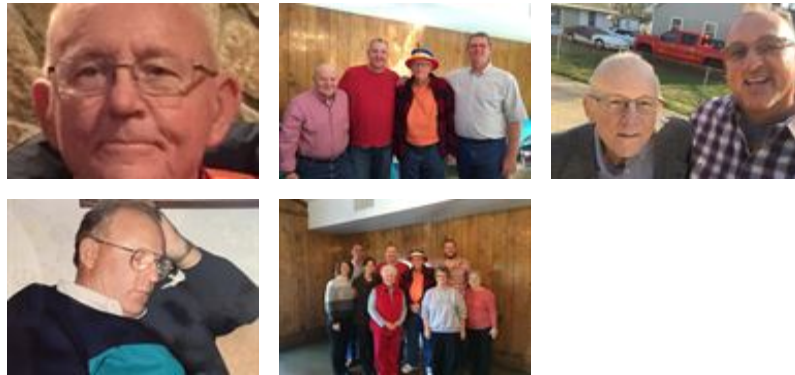
*Chris Lanciault*

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**Chris Lanciault** - April 06, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Benton-Glunt Funeral Home** - April 06, 2016 at 10:10 AM

SD

*Don, My condolences. Steve Dieso*

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**Steve Dieso** - April 06, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JF

“ Jeanette Ogary, Colleen Juricic, Valerie Priest and families purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of JD Vowels.



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**Jeanette Ogary, Colleen Juricic, Valerie Priest and families -**  
April 06, 2016 at 08:41 AM

LB

“ To David and all the Vowels families.  
Please accept our deepest sympathy's on the passing  
of James. All are in our thought's and prayers.

*Larry & Paulette Boswell*  
*Owensboro, KY*

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**Larry & Paulette Boswell -** April 05, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of JD Vowels.



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April 05, 2016 at 01:46 PM

PE

“ To the whole Vowels family: I'm so sorry for your loss of JD. I have not seen any of you

*for a long time now, but remember you all fondly.*

*Pat McKenna Ehrensberger*

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**Pat Mckenna Ehrensberger** - April 05, 2016 at 12:33 PM

CA

“ *Paulette, David & Family...  
May God comfort you as you mourn this loss and celebrate a long life.*

*Love...Randy and Cathy Armour*

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**Cathy and Randy Armour** - April 05, 2016 at 08:04 AM

BJ

“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my family's' sincere condolences.*

*Bob, Darlene, Bob, Chris and Zachary Cerovac  
Lowell, MA (formerly of Joliet, IL)*

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**Bob Cerovac Jr** - April 05, 2016 at 07:34 AM

AA

“ *Alliance Foods AP purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of JD Vowels.*



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**Alliance Foods AP** - April 04, 2016 at 03:22 PM

ST

“ *To the entire Vowels Family.....  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all  
We will remember Uncle JD with great  
memories, lots of laughs and  
much love*

*Stephanie, John  
Maya, Amelia and Anthony*

*Medway Massachusetts*



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**Stephanie** - April 04, 2016 at 09:49 AM

JW

“ *Jim & Teri, John & Ajla and Kathy Wilhelmi  
purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of JD  
Vowels.*



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**Jim & Teri, John & Ajla and Kathy Wilhelmi** - April 03, 2016 at  
08:45 PM

LS

“ Dear Paulette and Billy Joe:

*We are sorry for your loss.*

*Paulette, it was just a few short weeks ago that I saw you two in the parking lot at Eastland Mall in Evansville.*

*JD talked to me about my truck when I came out to leave. He was a great guy and I enjoyed our conversation.*

*I'll be praying that the Lord will give you both a peace that only He can give.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dave and Lynn Odom Smith  
Dixon, Kentucky*

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**Lynn M Smith** - April 03, 2016 at 05:31 AM