



Our beloved Jim Russell of Manhattan, Montana passed peacefully into heaven at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital as a result of pneumonia, secondary to pneumonia. Jim Russell was born June 10, 1921 in Ponotoc, Mississippi. As a young boy, he lost his mother at age 3, his father at age 11, and was raised by his sisters with his family where he attended school and started a welding and car repair shop with his brothers. In 1942 Jim was employed by the United States Navy at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard for two years welding and repairing damaged ships in the Harbor, and thus received a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Government. Thereafter, he moved to Blytheville, Arkansas where he met his life, Betty Jo Lloyd. They married in 1947 and moved to St. Louis, then to a small town where they started a farm. He spent many wonderful years on that farm; working cattle, farming the land and raising five children.

Jim also worked as a welder his entire life. He was employed by Laclede Gas in St. Louis, Missouri for many years and worked for other companies. He also welded for enjoyment; there was always an art project or a favor for a friend in progress in his shop and friends have many of his steel creations which they will treasure for years to come.

Jim was a dedicated and devout Christian. He was very active in the various Baptist churches he and his family attended, teaching God's Word and leading ministries. He was always well respected and admired by his peers in the church. Jim is survived by his wife, Betty Russell; his children, David Russell and his wife, Karen, Terry Russell, Marilyn (Carmel) Russell, her husband, Steve, Cheryl Ebel and her husband, Brad, Susan Collins and her husband, Shane; his grandchildren, Levi, Lexi and Jason; and great-grandchildren, Kit, Michael, Levi and Leia. He is also survived by his brother, Dale Russell; his sisters, Sandra, Bonnie, Mary, Frances, Dorothy and Linda; and his nephews, Sam, James, John, Robert, Jeffrey, Richard and Roy; and his sisters, Enola, Ophelia, Adola and Albus.

Visitation will be open from 5pm to 7pm on Sunday, January 10 at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman, Montana. The funeral service will be held Monday, January 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Gallatin Valley Baptist Fellowship in Manhattan with interment to be in the Gallatin Valley Cemetery. A reception will take place at Gallatin Valley Baptist Fellowship in Manhattan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gallatin Valley Baptist Fellowship at P.O. Box 793, Manhattan, Montana, 59741.