



## James Dow Pledger

August 27, 1932 - February 26, 2018

James Dow Pledger, 85 of Altus passed away Monday, February 26th 2018 in Clarksville, AR. Dow was born August 27, 1932 at Center Cross Community in Ozark, AR to James Arville and Jewell Phillips Pledger. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean Pledger; a son, Kevin Lee Pledger; a sister Polly Ann Pledger Russell; and a granddaughter, Amie Lee Pledger.

Dow is survived by a daughter Kathy Dunahoo and husband Billy of Altus; a son, Jim Pledger and wife Dottie of Ozark; a brother, Doy Pledger and wife Wilma of Coweta, OK; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and two nieces and one nephew.

Dow married his high school sweetheart, Barbara on August 30, 1952 in Yuma, Arizona; they were married for fifty years. At the age of fourteen he became a bus driver for the Altus-Denning School District and graduated at age sixteen. He served from 1953 to 1955 as a K9 Handler, and was a Barber from 1955 to 1985; he became a Mason in 1962 at the Coal Hill Masonic Lodge, where he sat in all chairs, a Worshipful Master in 1967, a Royal Arch in 1968, and then a Knights Templar Mason in 1969. Dow was also a member of the Poultry Association for twenty four years, a member of the Cecil American Legion and a lifetime member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

After retirement, he and wife Barbara bought a 1500 Honda Goldwing,

became members of the Goldwing Retreads and Honda Goldwing Road Riders and travelled forty eight states including Mexico and Canada.

Memorial service will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in Ozark with Vickie Dunn speaking.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Young, Terry Masingale, grandsons, Brandon Roberts, Adam Pledger, Trey Dunahoo, Ben Flanagin, and Reece Medlock, and great grandsons, Deacon Matthews, Isaac Pledger, and Adrian Roberts.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Dow Pledger*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Isaac sent a virtual gift in memory of James Dow Pledger*



isaac - March 02, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Norma Hyde Patterson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Dow Pledger.*



Norma Hyde Patterson - March 02, 2018 at 03:25 AM



“ *he was my great grandpaw. isaac pledger*

isaac - March 01, 2018 at 02:34 PM



*Yes son, and you were his life, and the same to you. There's not a lot of 85 yr, 14 yr best friend relationships. You two were for sure a special type of buddies.*

Amanda McGinnis - March 08, 2018 at 11:00 PM