



James Dempsey

July 15, 1966 - December 26, 2025

James Charles Dempsey, 59, of Delbarton, West Virginia, passed away on December 26, 2025, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. James was born on July 15, 1966, to the late Jessie Dempsey and Lidia White. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Brenda White.

James enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and those moments meant the world to him.

James is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Nancy Ann Dempsey of Delbarton, WV; one brother, Leory Runyon of Crum, WV; and his sisters, Audrey Patterson of Caulfield, Missouri; Regina Bickford of Rolla, Missouri; Janie (Oliver) Maynard of Crum, WV; Thelma Wheeler of Delbarton, WV. Barbara Ellen Runyon of Matewan, WV and Margaret Epling of Tennessee. He also leaves behind three special babies whom he dearly loved, Holden Dempsey, Blayze Stepp, and Zyra Stepp, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends who will miss him deeply.

Services honoring James will be held at Chafin Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Visitation will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Roger Ooten. Burial will follow at the Dempsey Cemetery in Elk Creek, WV.

Chafin Funeral Home is proudly serving the Dempsey family.

Cemetery Details

Dempsey Cemetery

Delbarton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home
215 Riverside Drive
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Service

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