



James Douglas Wales

September 9, 1947 - January 22, 2026

James Douglas Wales, 78, of Ardmore, Alabama passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Doug spent all of his life in the Ardmore community and was a member of Community Baptist Church. He enjoyed a hard day's work and going to church. In his free time, he liked to hunt deer and watch the Atlanta Braves. In his younger years, Doug enjoyed playing fast pitch men's softball.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Leon Wales and Deola Bryant Wales, his wife of 58 years, Jessie Wales, six brothers: Howard "Pete" Wales, Robert Wales, Kenneth "Lightning" Wales, David Wales, Louis Wales, and Aaron "Bimbo" Wales, as well as two sisters, Patsy Gates and Estelle Black.

He is survived by two daughters, Lisa (Donnie) Neeley and Cindy (Scott) Hall, three brothers: Charles (Mary) Wales, Larry (May) Wales, and Jackie (Mickie) Wales, one sister, Lousie "Sis" (Tommy) Lewter, as well as four grandchildren: Kayla Neeley, Ashley (Adam) Marlar, Austin Hall, and Madison Hall.

A visitation for Mr. Wales will be held at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A funeral service is scheduled for the following day, Thursday, January 29, 2026, again at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, with service time beginning at 11:00 AM. Bro.

Steve Hargrove and Bro. Anthony Stevens will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Gatlin Cemetery.

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home is assisting the family with services.

Cemetery Details

Gatlin Cemetery

Stateline Road
Ardmore, AL 35739

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home
27186 E. Main St.
Ardmore, AL 35739
(256) 423-4100
<https://www.ardmorechapel.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Love Brett, Ali, Hunter & Max Mathers purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James Douglas Wales.



Love Brett, Ali, Hunter & Max Mathers - January 29 at 09:26 AM

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“ Love Brett, Ali, Hunter & Max Mathers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Douglas Wales.

Love Brett, Ali, Hunter & Max Mathers - January 29 at 09:26 AM

KT

“ Jackie so sorry for your loss. Kathy Gatlin Thomas, Minor Hill, TN.



Kathy Thomas - January 26 at 07:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Douglas Wales.



January 26 at 03:32 PM

MH

“ Jackie and I are praying for the Wales family. God please bless this family and help them through this difficult time. Cindy I love you and miss you so much.



Michelle Hinson - January 24 at 05:14 PM

CG

“ Condolences to the Family. Sorry for your loss.



Cheryl Ables Geske - January 24 at 09:28 AM

DB

“ Donna Brazelton lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Wales



Donna Brazelton - January 23 at 11:07 PM

RR

“ REBECCA RIEHLE lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Wales



REBECCA RIEHLE - January 23 at 08:52 PM



“ I only knew Doug a short 17 years. He excavation around our house when we built first built in Elkmont and dug our ponds. Every year we had Doug and the boys out to do a new project. I've met a lot of men in my years but none as honest and willing to work as as old Doug. He is a men among men and will be deeply missed.

Yogi - January 23 at 08:23 PM



Thank you Yogi. He thought alot of you.

Lisa Wales Neeley - January 23 at 08:28 PM



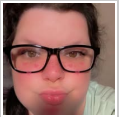
i have known Doug all my life He always did ground work for us . He dug many ponds and dozier work. He was the best in the business. A good man indeed

REBECCA RIEHLE - January 23 at 08:52 PM



Doug was a good man you will be missed

Becky Morris - January 23 at 10:13 PM



When I worked at the shell he came in every morning, always got a fresh sausage and egg biscuit with mustard. I havent seen him in some time, but I can say Doug was my friend. He will be missed by all of Ardmore.

Bothepitty Adams - January 24 at 01:49 AM