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James Eldon Hendley, son of the late Joseph Henry Hendley and Vaneta Proffer Hendley of Aquilla, Missouri, was born January 7, 1951 AD, in Cape Girardeau and departed this life on April 18, 2023, at Southeast Health Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 72.

Mr. James Hendley was a farmer and rancher on Bootheel Angus Farm, which is one of Missouri's Century Farms. James was the fifth generation to own and operate Bootheel Angus Farm. He enjoyed showing cattle at the fairs throughout the area.

In 2010, James was appointed and served almost a year as Stoddard County Clerk. Later he hosted a local show, called Hometown Heroes, where he interviewed local veterans, especially World War II veterans. James was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, and he loved the Lord. James enjoyed hunting, riding horses, and camping, especially with his grandchildren. He enjoyed attending school activities and sports activities of his grandchildren. James will be remembered for his sense of humor, practical jokes, and teasing nature.

On June 10, 1989, he was united in marriage to Frances Hudson Balchin in Elbert County, Georgia. Fran survives at their home on the farm north of Aquilla, Missouri. James is survived by two sons, Joseph Glenn Hendley and wife Kathy with their children Wyatt Hendley, Katherine Hendley, Isaac Hendley, Tessa Hendley, Clara Hendley and August Hendley of Aquilla, Tyler Hendley and wife Ashley with their children Maren Hendley, Lucy Hendley, Ezekial Hendley of Farmington, Missouri. James is survived by one sister

Jolinda Hendley of Colorado Springs, Colorado, two sister-in-laws, Jane Glidewell (Joe) and Patty Balchin of Elbert County Georgia. A nephew, Eric Olson (Sara) and a niece Nicole Dages of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

James was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Cody James Hendley.

Visitation will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri on Sunday April 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the funeral following on Monday 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Those wishing to make contributions can donate to the Cody James Hendley Scholarship Fund at Bloomfield R-14 Schools 505 Court Street, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

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