

James Ralph Bassett

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My great-grandpa, James Ralph Bassett, was born February 17, 1932 in Illinois. When he was two years old, he moved to Adams County and lived in Decatur. He Married Beverly Joan Bassett on September 6, 1953. They had two children, Nan and Scott Bassett.

James was enlisted in the army in the Korean War. He was based in Hawaii. When he was done with that, he worked at GTE for the last 25 years he was able to work. GTE was Verizon and now is Frontier.

He was involved with the First United Methodist Church youth for many years and he was also Adams Central Community Schools wrestling scorekeeper for a long time. One thing he did that he never told us was that he gave back every penny he earned score keeping. He didn't spend any of it. I thought that was absolutely amazing. Although James was not a rich man he gave it all back because he didn't think he needed paid for doing something he loved to do. This is one example of how great of a man he was.

James Bassett passed away July 14, 2010 in Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur IN. He resides in the Decatur Cemetery.