

REV. JAMES "JIM" WINTERS OBITUARY
December 19, 1944 - November 30, 2003 (Age 58)



Services for James Winters, 58, were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003 at Grants Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Tommy Raley officiating. Burial was at Grants Memorial Park.

Jim Winters died Nov. 30, 2003 in Milan, New Mexico. He was born Dec. 19, 1944 in Crossett, Arkansas. He served as a missionary with the World Baptist Fellowship. He founded and was Pastor of the Faith Baptist Church in Milan. Jim was a volunteer chaplain with Cibola County Sheriff's Office. His hobbies included flying planes.

Survivors include, his wife Bonnie of Milan; son, Matt Winters of Forney, Texas; daughters, Sarah Winters of Milan and April Winters of Las Cruces; brothers, Dennis Winters of Montgomery, Texas and Shannon Winters of Deer Park, Texas; sister, Becky Lombardo of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

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On Sunday evening, November 30, 2003, the long battle which Bro. Jim Winters fought with cancer came to an end. With his loving wife, Bonnie, and his children gathered around his bed he slipped quietly from this life and into the presence of His blessed Lord. Funeral services were held on December 3, 2003 at Grants, New Mexico.

Bro. Jim was born in Arkansas but spent most of his early life in Deer Park, Texas where he was saved and grew up in the Central Baptist Church under the ministry of Pastor Charles Dunn. As a teenager he surrendered to preach and attended the Arlington Baptist College where he met Bonnie, whose home church is the Portsmouth Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. God blessed them with three children, Sarah, Matt, and April.

Bro. Jim served as pastor of two churches before he felt the call of God to work with the American Indians. For the past 20 years he and Bonnie have labored to reach Indians with the Gospel. They have been faithful to that calling and God has blessed their ministry. Souls have been saved, believers baptized and the Lord has provided a nice building after many years of meeting in various facilities.

Bonnie plans to remain on the field and work to reach Indian women and children with the Gospel. At present an elderly retired preacher is doing the preaching at the work and Bonnie and her daughter, Sarah, are working with the women and children. Bonnie will need your fervent prayers and faithful financial support as she continues in the work.

A good foundation has been laid and now there is a need for someone to go and build upon that foundation. Please join in prayer that the Lord will call a family to lead this work forward and that many more Native American souls will be won to Christ in the Milan, New Mexico area.

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