



## Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell

November 11, 1944 - January 5, 2026

Mr. Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell, age 81, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026, at HCA Florida Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida following a recent illness.

J. R. was born November 11, 1944, in Coffee County, Georgia, to the late Isom Jewell and the late Oneda Phillips Jewell. He was a farmer and outdoorsman all his life. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren and watching the animals around his home. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Along with his parents, J. R. was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Jake Jewell, 3 brothers: Merrill Jewell, Harvey Jewell, and Gerald Jewell; as well as 3 sisters: Barbara Knight, Bernice Crosby, and Doris Mizell.

J. R. leaves behind his loving wife of 40 years, Darlene Haddock Jewell, of Douglas, Georgia; a son, Richard Shannon Jewell of Douglas, Georgia; a grandson, Richard Blake Jewell of Douglas, Georgia; a great granddaughter, Paislee Jewell of Douglas, Georgia; as well as 3 sisters: Shirley Meeler of Douglas, Georgia, Donna Paulk of Alma, Georgia, Judy Lott of Douglas, Georgia; and a number of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A funeral will be held for J. R. on Saturday, January 10, 2026, in the Ricketson

Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Waldron, and Rev. Chris Waldron officiating. Interment will follow in Utah Cemetery in Atkinson, County. His family will receive friends at Ricketson Funeral Home on Friday evening, January 9, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Active pallbearers will include Jason Jewell, Jody Jewell, Chad Jewell, Jed Jewell, Scottie Jewell, and Blake Jewell.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with the Jewell family at [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements for J. R. have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Utah Cemetery (Atkinson County)

2340 Minchew Road  
Axson, GA 31624

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Interment

JAN 10 (ET)

Utah Cemetery (Atkinson County)  
2340 Minchew Road  
Axson, GA 31624



# Tribute Wall



“ Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell



Ricketson Funeral Home - January 09 at 05:00 PM

DB

“ Darlene, I am so sorry for the passing of your husband. May God be with you, Shannon, and your family as you go thru the difficult days and months ahead. Sending Hugs and Prayers.



Deborah Boyd - February 18 at 05:13 PM

JC

“ Saddened to hear of the passing of sweet JR Darlene, you have been through so much heartache, pain & loss. You are a strong beautiful lady! No words will soften your hurt... but please know You, Shannon & family are in our thoughts, hearts & prayers 🙏🌹 We love you our forever friend! Big hugs



JOANN & NOLAN COURSON - January 10 at 01:57 AM

KB

“ Our sincerest condolences to Darlene and family in the loss of JR. They became like family in their many years of visits to Maggie Valley. We loved sharing in their love for the area and knowing it was their happy place. We always looked forward to seeing them! We're still finding Werther candy wrappers in the yard. It's a gentle reminder of a visit from our friends. You are missed, JR. We love you. RIP our friend.



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**Ken Brown** - January 09 at 08:41 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell.*



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January 09 at 08:22 AM

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“ *Ken & Beth Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell.*

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**Ken & Beth Brown** - January 09 at 08:22 AM



“ Tammy Merritt lit a candle in memory of Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell



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**Tammy Merritt** - January 08 at 12:18 PM

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“ Tommy And Lynn Harrell lit a candle in memory of Jake Richard "J. R." Jewell



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**Tommy and Lynn Harrell** - January 08 at 03:56 AM

MJ

“ Where do I begin there's so many memories, I'll always remember your jokes. I swear you had one for everything. Pops this one really hurts. I wish we had more time and I wish you could've been here to see Shannon come home and do great. I know you'll be watching from above. But dang how I wish you were still here. I love you old man. You'll always be my pops.. Until we meet again watch over us and give Kolton a great big hug for me.



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**Michelle & Shannon Jewell** - January 07 at 09:00 PM