



## Jimmie Leuellen Bash

May 19, 1944 - January 27, 2026

Jimmie Leuellen Bash, 81, passed away on Tuesday, January 27, at his home in Galena, Kansas, surrounded by the family who loved him beyond measure.

Born on May 19, 1944, in Joplin, Missouri, Jimmie spent his life fixing what was broken, solving what was complicated, and steadying whatever needed a steady hand. He had a rare, natural brilliance, an ability to understand how things worked and how to make them work better. If there was a problem, he could solve it. If something needed doing, he did it right. He always said that if you were willing to put in the extra time, you could find success.

Jimmie devoted many years of his career to Vickers Incorporated, where he wore many hats as a machinist, line inspector, and union president. He became the person people turned to when something needed to be done right. He also served for many years as a reserve police officer with the Galena Police Department, giving his time and steady presence to his community. Later, he shared his knowledge by teaching automotive skills, passing on the practical wisdom he'd built over a lifetime. He was a longtime member of the Galena Masonic Lodge and a 32nd Degree Mason. He was also a member of 6th Street Baptist Church.

To his family, Jimmie was more than capable, he was extraordinary. He was the smartest person they had ever known, a man who never gave up on

anything he believed in. To his daughters, he was nothing less than a hero.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy (Freeman) Bash; his father, James Bash; and his sister, Sherri (Bash) Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy (Kelley) Bash; his daughter Kimberly (Bash) Forst and her husband Michael; his daughter Danielle (Bash) Cruse and her husband James; and three grandsons, Kaleb Pippins, Brady Cruse, and Samuel Forst, each carrying a piece of his grit, humor, and determination.

In keeping with his wishes, no public service will be held. The family welcomes prayers, memories, and kind thoughts as they honor Jimmie's life and legacy.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Denise (Freeman) Ezell lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Leuellen Bash*



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**Denise (Freeman) Ezell** - February 06 at 10:57 AM