



Donald James

November 13, 1958 - October 2, 2016

Donald Howard James, age 57, of Springfield, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2016 at NorthCrest Medical Center after a valiant 16 year struggle with illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 1pm in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Joe Rushing officiating. Burial will follow in the Murphy Cemetery in Springfield with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 4-8pm and again on Thursday from 11am until the hour of service at 1pm.

Mr. James was born November 13, 1958 in Springfield to the late Howard and Virginia Fort James. He worked as a scale operator for Porter Brown Limestone Company and was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents Mr. James is preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Alice Fort and grandfather, Wesley Claude James. Mr. James is survived by his sister, Patricia Holman of Springfield; brother, John Wesley James of Springfield; close friend and caregiver, John Henderson; nephews, Clint Holman and Jesse James, both of Springfield and Bruce Mimms of Clarksville; nieces, Tina Burns and April Green, both of Springfield.

The family requests donations be made to Centerstone and may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Murphy Cemetery

Hoods Branch Road
Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
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Springfield, TN 37172
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Funeral Service

OCT 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dad,

I wasn't the greatest son in the world. And, I hope this does reach you some how up in heaven. I ALWAYS did and ALWAYS will love you. I am sorry I never got to say good-bye. To say I forgive you for the things you said during our last talk. But know I do love you and forgive you. You gave me life and for that I will always be thankful. And I will always look back on the fun times we had.

Love,
YOUR SON
Christopher R. James

P.S. Patricia. since you knew nothing about mine and dads relationship. I will forgive you for not wanting to include me. But, when it comes to kids. At least I went to see my dad twice a month for 7 years. Bruce left you and never looked back. So lets not point fingers at peoples kids. o.k.

Christopher James - October 06, 2016 at 06:12 PM

BJ

“ Your 13yo grandson, Zachary Aaron JAMES, is getting so big! He is 5'10" tall, 215lbs and wears a size 12 in men's shoes. He is very athletic and an A honor roll student. He decided to start shooting school archery, NASP, 2 years ago and has qualified for the World Tournament both years as an archer. Yes, he remembers you! I am sorry that under the circumstances the 2 of you did not get to know each other better as he was growing up.



Brent James - October 06, 2016 at 04:30 PM

BJ

“ To the man I never called Donald, but Dad...

There were good times and there were bad times. I try to cherish the good times and hide away the bad, but sometimes other's actions make the bad times hard to hide away!

Our last 2 conversations set the tone as to why I was left out of your obituary, unfortunately it was the last that your sister heard and decide to leave me out as your son. It's amazing that in a time of mourning someone could stoop so low as to say you got on their nerves. Stoop so low as to ask that your own flesh and blood be locked out and left out of your obituary!

Without you, DAD, there would be no BRENT HOWARD JAMES! A man that is charitable, loving, caring and DID forgive the hurtful words that cut me so deeply I cried for not days, but months and years to follow!

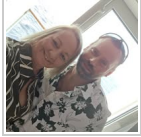
I wanted to be there to say goodbye, had plans to be there to say goodbye, but as to not stir drama within the walls of Austin and Bell... I stayed away. I will visit soon so we can have the talk that I tried on many occasions to have.

Love your eldest son, who is not without sin himself,

BRENT HOWARD JAMES

PS - Karma finds her way to those who need it most... especially the greedy spiteful individuals who act without knowing FACTS!

Brent James - October 06, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ Tina Burns lit a candle in memory of Donald James



Tina Burns - October 05, 2016 at 01:09 PM



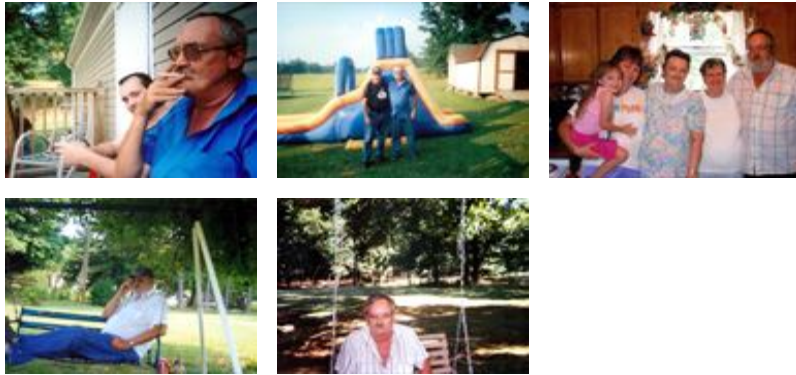
“ Cheryl Smorto lit a candle in memory of Donald James



Cheryl Smorto - October 05, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 04, 2016 at 03:20 PM

PH

“ Donald was the best brother anyone could have , I already miss him and will continue to do so. As he lived with me for the last 7 yrs the house is quiet without him. Sure he could get on my nerves but none the less I loved him greatly. He is definitely in a much better place without pain.



patricia holman - October 03, 2016 at 04:57 PM

JF

He will be missed so much.we will all meet in heaven some day.

Joyce fort - October 03, 2016 at 07:23 PM



Deborah
Hunter

We are so sorry Patricia and Wesley for your loss..Both of you are in our prayers..

Deborah Hunter - October 04, 2016 at 02:25 PM