



James Presley

June 20, 1950 - December 28, 2020

James "Sunshine" E. Presley, 70, of St. Paul; died Monday, December 28, 2020, at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville. He was born Tuesday, June 20, 1950, at Gadsden, Alabama; to James G. and Margie Vandergrift Presley.

James was a supervisor for Alltel for 31 years. He was a Christian, a father to one son, and loved his family and friends dearly. James was also a carpenter and musician who loved to sing and play music with his friends. James also enjoyed hunting, riding horses, fishing, and camping. He and his partner, Noreta, lived life to the fullest over the 15 years they shared together. They pulled a camper all over the country and rode his Harley Davidson motorcycle for several years. His favorite campsite was Tanyard Holler where he was host to years of deer camp gatherings around a huge pit fire. James never knew a stranger. His favorite spot for breakfast was The Snack Shack in St. Paul where he would sip coffee and shoot the breeze with the gang.

James was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Patricia Reid. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Kari Presley of Oneonta, Alabama; his partner and best friend, Noreta Baker of St. Paul; one step-daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Tommy Whorton of Aurora; two grandchildren, Alex Presley and Blake Presley; 4 step-grandchildren, Jacob and Rebecca Whorton of Aurora, Cheri Schlegel of Springdale, Amber Jerkins of St. Paul, and Jessica and Blake Curtis of Fayetteville; and 6 step-great-grandchildren, Peyton, Laney, Aidan, Aubrey, Caleb, and Annabelle; three

sisters and brother-in-law, Margaret Ann and Hub Morrison, Mary Frances Presley, and Elizabeth Preseone Jones; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and a host of loving friends.

Private interment will take place at Brashears Cemetery, St. Paul. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *You are on our thoughts and prayers.*

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - December 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *What a loss to humanity. James was a delightful human being. He gave the best hugs, had a great sense of humor, and always put a smile on your face. A bright light in the universe left us. We will miss him dearly. Condolences to his entire family.*

Rebecca Lynn & Michael Clark - December 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Our families spent a lot of time together when we were young. James Earl was always a good friend. Praying for the family.*

Amanda Newton Kleiser - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *James was my very best friend and I will miss him so much. But, we sure had many a good time together. I love you brother.*



Jeffrey Wilson - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *My Dear Brother, although we may not have spoken to each other in a couple of years, I still loved you. I'm already missing you so much. We promised we wouldn't drift apart again but we did. It's too late for regrets but I have so many. You are always in my heart. I'm so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. I have memories and I know I will see you again soon, Until then, I'll remember you with Love and the Love you had for Noreta. Your baby sister, Elizabeth*

Elizabeth P Pesceone - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *James was a wonderful man and a terrific friend. I'm definitely going to miss his quirky jokes. I love you James!*



Meagan Rose Wilson - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I always loved camping with James and Noreta. I will miss him so, he was a character.*

Sara Cordes-Whorton - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *James will be missed by so many but he was so loved by so many. Hope him and Shoffit are having a good time together again. Noreta and James family we are so sorry that you have lost such a wonderful man but try to remember him as the fun loving guy he was. Love to you all. Bill and Rhonda Shackelford*

rhonda shackelford - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ God rest high cuz ! You will be missed but never forgotten! Love ya !

Shannon Beatty(helms) - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I didn't know you long but you always made me feel like a part of your family. Thanks for the good memories.

Mike Ross - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, family and friends. James was a man i enjoyed talking every morning at the snack shack. He will be greatly missed here on earth but we can looking forward to seeing him again in heaven.

Everett W Fine - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ Gonna miss you my ole friend. Burned lots of wood and told lots of stories around that big fire pit.. RIL James...

Whit Norman - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I never saw James in a bad mood. He definitely was one of my favorite people. The last time I saw him he was riding in the parade on his crazy horse going every which way. He asked if I wanted to ride with him. I laughed and said he was crazy. I remember thinking I hope I am like that when I'm his age. Heaven gained a great man. So many prayers and love to his family...



dusty beckum - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry
*James was a wonderful man. James didn't
not know a stranger I remember meeting
Him backing in the day. Prayers for you all.*



Debby Frye - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I'm so sorry Noreta & family for your loss.
*James was such an amazing person, even
though he called me hateful & I called him
grumpy, he could always make everybody
laugh. He loved you dearly & He was loved
by so many & will be greatly missed.*



Sheila Burnett - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry for you loss James always loved to joke and have
fun. prayers for all of you

Johnny and jo wheeler - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Noreta and Family; So sorry for your loss May God carry you
through this most difficult time! Love and Prayers !

DeAnna McElhaney - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ We enjoyed watching James and his buddy Shoffit ride in the Pioneer Days parade looking like the great American Cowboy. He always had a smile along with a great story. Heaven gained an Angel but we lost a great friend Prayers for Noreta and family 🙏❤️

Sharon and John Taylor - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Thanks for all the wonderful memories you left us with. We had some much fun traveling the country with our traveling trio and teaching you to jug fish on Grand Lake. Life on this earth with be so difficult and different without you. Prayers for your family and all who knew you and loved you. I am forever grateful for your friendship ❤️
RIP Cowboy



Michelle Hice - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Sending love and peace I Love you Noreta ❤️

Gracie Beck - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. James was a nice man and will be greatly missed.
Audra

Audra Bolinger - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ James you will be mist an we love you. My friend rest in piece. We will see each other again in the future.



Carl & Kim Johnson - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ So sorry for the loss of James Earl..(Sunshine) He was a great friend to many...He will be missed...Fly High Sunshine...

Frankie & Teresa Brooks - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Had a lot of great times around the camp fire with you buddy. Gonna miss bringing you new hats for your collection. Until we meet again... Love ya my friend!

Beau Norman - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM