



James Lauren Reed

July 5, 1973 - September 22, 2014

James Reed

James graduated from Tullahoma High School in 1991. He attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and graduated with a BS degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro Tennessee. He earned a BA at Southern Arkansas University. From Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona he received a Specialist Degree in Literature.

James' chosen sport was football. After college ball and pro camps, he signed an NFL contract through his agent in Dallas, Texas, but suffered a career ending injury shortly thereafter. He turned his interest to education, tutored Spanish in various locations, taught Physical Education, coached basketball and varsity baseball at Middle Tennessee Christian School in Christiana, Tennessee. James was a youth minister in Tullahoma, Tennessee and Magnolia, Arkansas and substitute teacher in the Ark-La-Tex area before departing for Barcelona, Spain, where he taught English for the last twelve years of his life at FIAC Escola D'idiomes in Sabadell, Spain. James was always voted a favorite among his students, many of whom have recently corresponded in very good English to express their great sorrow at his passing.

An excellent public speaker, James was an avid reader, perpetual student of literature (especially the classics), and a published author. He enjoyed learning about past civilizations, cultures and belief systems, math, physics and astronomy. He enjoyed sports, outdoor activities, boating and fishing.

James possessed a wonderful sense of humor and had many hilarious stories he enjoyed sharing. He had a large, open, bright mind and a quiet wisdom. He loved people. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the kindness he shared with all those he met.

James departed this world on September 22, 2014, leaving behind his mother, Laurie Smith of Tullahoma, Tennessee, his father and step-mother, Jim Reed and Rene' Reed of Texarkana, Texas, brother Jon Reed (Barbara) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, his girlfriend, Sandra Ullot Sanchez of Sabadell, Spain, Grandmother, Ardys Pyles of Tullahoma, Tennessee, two step-brothers of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Monty Smith (Kim) and Brandon Smith, a step-brother, Lincoln Levealle of Waco, Texas, a step-sister, Laura Levealle of Plano, Texas and a step-sister, Lynda Peebles (Mason) of Sanger, Texas among a number of other relatives. He was preceded in death by his step-father, Clyde Smith, Jr. of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

A memorial service will be held at Daves - Culbertson Funeral Home on Saturday, October 25, 2014, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to NAMI/TN, 1101 Kermit Drive, Suite 605, Nashville, TN. 37217

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Lauren Reed*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Still miss you*

pete buchanan - December 01, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *Hola, soy Ignacio Rivera de Sabadell, James comenzó siendo mi profesor de Ingles, pero se convirtió en un buen amigo con que el pude disfrutar de muchos buenos momentos. Hoy me he enterado y se me ha partido el alma... Te echare de menos "little brother", I love you.*

Ignacio Rivera - November 28, 2014 at 05:36 AM



“ *James was in my Algebra class at THS and he was the most courteous student any teacher could wish for. He was kind and friendly to everyone and had the most beautiful smile. I was able to talk with him at his step-father's visitation and I was so impressed and proud of the man he had become. I am so saddened by his death and I will continue to pray for you, Laurie. Betty Hendrickson*

Betty Hendrickson - October 23, 2014 at 09:59 AM

SJ

Having experienced my young life with James in school, the baseball fields, yards, woods, and other great "nooks" of Tullahoma, I am saddened to learn of his passing. My childhood friend exemplified kindness, compassion and caring. I shall hold that memory near. Much love to all family.

Scott Johnson - October 23, 2014 at 05:16 PM

AS

“ We knew James during his time as Youth Directory for our teens at Jackson St. church of Christ in Magnolia. He left a lasting impression on our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all that loved and knew him.

Amy Sisson

Amy Sisson - October 11, 2014 at 01:36 PM

JF

*“ James was one of the kindest, caring, genuine, and most unique people I have ever known. He was truly loved by all his classmates and friends. He is so missed! My thoughts and prayers have been with his family every day.
God Bless you all!*

Julie Flath - October 10, 2014 at 07:55 PM


Desiree
Porter


*“ Dear Laurie, words escape me. My heart aches for you. Know that I hold you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Your friend,
Desiree Porter*

Desiree Porter - October 06, 2014 at 11:10 PM

BL

“ So sorry we loved him very much!! He was a great young man I can remember having some great talks with him!! Our family will never forget him we will miss him!! Our love is sent to you at this time. May God Bless you and your family and put his loving arms around you!!
Bill and Bettie Lawrence

Bettie Lawrence - October 04, 2014 at 10:08 PM


Barbara
Templeton

“ Laurie, you don't know me, but I saw u a lot. as Ardis lived next door to my older son. I thought the world of James, as a young guy he spent lots of time with my younger son Jason (AKA MOOFER) Templeton. I took them to movies, parties, etc. and he kept us all in stitches. His sense of humor was wonderful and there was never a dull moment when he was around. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family. He was a special young man and will be missed! The Templeton family

Barbara Templeton - October 03, 2014 at 02:38 PM


Melissa
Johnson

“ James was a sweet and loving person. He was an adorable boy who grew to be a kind and handsome man. We adored him and will miss him. All our love to the Smith / Reed family... You were our neighbors for so many years and our friends always.
Jim, Beth, Jamie, and Missy Bryant (Johnson)

Melissa Johnson - September 26, 2014 at 11:04 PM

MF

“ Laurie....I'm so sorry to hear this news. I hurt for you, your family, and for James. I loved him like a brother. James was a loyal and unconditional friend. The last two days have been very hard for me. I struggle with guilt, anger, but most of all... hurt. Please know my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. James could light up a room with his own upbeat way. He loved to make people smile. I will cherish the countless good times we had together. I pray that he somehow knows what he meant to me. I miss my friend. With love to you and your family. Michael Foster

Michael Foster - September 24, 2014 at 12:46 PM

CH

“ Laurie and family - James' light will continue to shine in the sunbeams reaching down to earth, reminding us that nothing loved is ever truly lost. Hoping you find comfort in your wonderful memories of a fine young man. My deepest sympathies to you all. Love you. Cindy Hasty

Cindy Hasty - September 24, 2014 at 09:20 AM