



Francis James (Son) Lawrence

October 2, 1942 - June 22, 2013

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Francis James (Son) Lawrence born October 2, 1942 went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ June 22, 2013. He was born and raised in Huntsville, Texas and attended Huntsville schools.

James joined the Army at the age of 17 and spent most of his time in Baumholder, Germany. After his discharge he attended Barber College in Los Angeles California where he spent several years working. James moved back to Huntsville and worked as a barber in several shops. He finally purchased some land at Plantersville, Texas and built his home there and where he barbered in Montgomery and Conroe, Texas. James went to work for TDCJ and worked for 10 years at the Pack Unit in Navasota, Texas until he retired.

He is preceded in death by his mother Maudine McMillian and step Dad Jake McMillian, father Sherfield Lawrence. Survivors include children, son Robert, daughters, Sonia and Christian John of California and Jackie Lovelady of Dallas and seven grandchildren of California. Survivors also include sister Shirley and husband, Joe Lillard, sister Elizabeth Dillard, brother and wife Steve and Marian McMillian and a loving family of nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

James loved to fish and garden and raising water melons but his real joy was building on to his house where he was always adding on. James had the faith and didn't mind sharing it with anyone who would listen. Many thanks to Odyssey Hospice nurses and support staff for their support and caring. A special thanks to friends who were always there to help.

Graveside services will be at 2:00pm Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at McAdams Cemetery with Chaplin Ron Ellis officiating. Mr. Lawrence will lie in state Monday, June 24, 2013 9:00am to 5:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Francis James (Son) Lawrence

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ James's passing hits very close to home. There is that ever present smile and sunny disposition that were his signatures. He was also a great athlete. Being in the same class we played hard together and James could hit. He was a guard and had the perfect body for it. You didn't see James down for very long. And I think one of my best memories of James was in Jr. High when the coach had a contest. James blew us all away doing something over 80 situps. I lost count on the pushups. James was the Man. Hallelujah.

Britt Bell - June 25, 2013 at 07:13 PM



“ I want to say that James Lawrence was such a lively, positive and fun young man. I was so happy when I saw him at a Christian conference in Houston several years ago. He had turned his life over to the Lord Jesus. I am glad that he is in a joyous place.

kaye moore mitchell - June 25, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ I said a prayer this morning when I read of the passing of this old friend. I remember him so well. I had a big crush on him in school. What a great attitude and smile he always had. I thought of him often through the years and wondered where and what he must be doing. Shirley and Joe, there are no words I can say except he remains in our hearts.

Linda Wells Farmer - June 25, 2013 at 09:23 AM

BW

“ *My sincere condolences to James family. He was always friendly and nice to me in school. Praying for strength and comfort from God to carry you through your loss.*

Barbara

Barbara Davis Wakeham - June 24, 2013 at 07:18 PM

FV

“ *I remember James from high school. I remember he always had a big, friendly smile for everyone. The world is missing a good man but Heaven had gained one.*

Floyd Vice - June 24, 2013 at 04:22 PM

ML

“ *I was sorry to read about the death of "Son." I know he will be missed by his family.*

Mae Sue Davis Leslie - June 24, 2013 at 04:15 PM

CL

“ *I never wanted to face this day, hearing the news my dad passed away really hurt. I'm so thankful for spending the time I had with him over the years. I look back and laugh & cry about the talks we had. But most of all I am so grateful he was with Shirley & Joe and everyone else who was there with him. Thank you for doing what I could not. You can now rest in peace dad. Thinking of you all, Love always*

Christen Jon

Christen Lechuga - June 24, 2013 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ Sorry to say I had not seen Son in years, but I have very fond memories of playing together. I remember the firecracker wars where the hill on 16th Street would be covered with paper residue. I remember sitting on his front porch at night and someone telling about the panthers roaming the woods across the street. I remember the great cornbread and beans his mother made. Rest in Peace Son.

John Bradley - June 24, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BN

“ Shirley it is with sadness I read of your brothers passing. Praying for the family!

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - June 23, 2013 at 06:51 PM

BL

“ I will always remember Son's big smile and his booming laugh and his love for his family. Shirley, I know you loved him, your devotion and care for the past few weeks shows that like a shining beacon, but most important is that Son knew it too. I am glad your voice was the last thing he heard. He is not in pain anymore, but he will always be with you.

Benny and Sandra Lillard - June 23, 2013 at 06:12 PM