



## Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James

August 29, 1967 - August 1, 2015

Richard Byron James, known by most as "Rick", 47, of Huntsville, Texas passed on to heaven August 1, 2015. He was born on August 29, 1967 in Hopewell, Virginia to Charles James and Judy Law James.

"240 Shorty" was larger than life. He was truly a friend to all and would always bring a smile to everyone's face he met, with his infectious smile and charismatic approach.

Rick is survived by his loving wife Vanessa James; daughter Ashley James; grandsons Braydon, Bentley, and J.C.; son and daughter-in-law Austin and Kaitlyn James; grandson Aiden; mother Judy James; brothers Kenny and Nicholas; sister Pam Ault; 15 nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Charles James; paternal grandparents Samuel L. James and Alice Morrow; maternal grandparents Edwin and Peggy Law.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM till 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of Rick's life will follow the visitation at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 6, 2015 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - August 05, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ *Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear about Rick. Our prayers are with you all.  
Wendy Jasper-Martinez*

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**Wendy Jasper-Martinez** - August 14, 2015 at 01:33 PM



“ *Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Tony & Bridgette Clay** - August 06, 2015 at 09:49 PM

FB

“ My love and prayers go out to you Vanessa, and all the family of Rick. Its a wonderful thing to have good memories of your life with him...hold tight to those. They can and will bring you comfort in the days ahead. I know you will miss him; everybody already does but we know that God's perfect timing is different from ours. I will life you up in prayer. Love, Aunt Faye

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**Faye Brown** - August 06, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MT

“ Bruce and I were so sorry to hear about Rick. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. May God bless you and keep you during this time of grief. We will be praying for all of you.

*Bruce and Mary Thaler*

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**Mary Thaler** - August 06, 2015 at 11:44 AM

ET

“ Vanessa and Ashley i am so so sorry for your loss. Ricky James was a every wonderful man, and I can remember when I lived next door to y'all you guys took so good care of me treated me like family. My heart is broken for your loss, and may the Lord hold you in the palm of His hands during this very trying time.



*Elizabeth Vernon-Tibiletti*

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**Elizabeth Tibiletti** - August 06, 2015 at 11:37 AM

MP

“Michelle Pousson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James.



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Michelle Pousson - August 05, 2015 at 08:25 PM

RU

“Rachel Baysinger, Stringfellow Unit lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James



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Rachel Baysinger, Stringfellow Unit - August 05, 2015 at 07:42 PM

KS

“Ricky will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was passionate about his family and equally his friends. No one could talk to Ricky for just a few minutes because he loved to talk family and football every chance he got. He's the kind you meet and never forget. We would like to send our condolences to Ricky's family and let you know that all of you will be in our prayers. Being a die hard Texans fan I always joked with Ricky about how there was no way I would ever speak good about his Cowboys. This ones for you Ricky.... GO COWBOYS!



Kenny & Norma Smith, Rosharon Tx.

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Kenny Smith - August 05, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James.*



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August 05, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to the James family during this difficult time. Rick will never be forgotten and take peace in knowing he brought so much joy to everyone he knew.*

*Suzann and Greg Vaughn*

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**Suzann and Greg Vaughn** - August 04, 2015 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sergeant James, You are gone from our lives but you will never be gone from our hearts and thoughts. Those of us left know you will always have our backs in your spirit. God Speed my Brother Officer, God Speed.*

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**Lindy Corgey** - August 04, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *Heaven acquired another good resident. I know God's timing is always right, but this one caught me off guard. Blessings to the family, TDCJ family, and friends as we say farewell to an amazing person we were privileged to encounter in our lives.*

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**Sandy Murphy** - August 04, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James.*



August 04, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James.*



August 04, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *Mr. James a coworker and a friend rip brother*

**buddy heuermann** - August 04, 2015 at 03:51 AM



“ *Dana Lugo, Joan Roberts & Anita Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick"/"240 Shorty" Byron James.*



**Dana Lugo, Joan Roberts & Anita Jones** - August 03, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Rick



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - August 03, 2015 at 12:07 PM

MW

“ Vanessa & Family:

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We love you and praying for you.*



*Mellicent Sikes Wiley & Family  
Bobby Wiley II  
Heather Wiley Christian &  
Jason & twins Taylor & Tyler  
Heath Wiley  
Justin Wiley &  
Joanna & daughters Tess & Tori*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - August 02, 2015 at 10:31 AM

WL

*You will be missed little buddy we had some great times together*

Woody latham - August 03, 2015 at 06:27 PM

WH

*Truly a lost Friend best LT I had when I worked under him as a CO.  
Great time and Memories RIP Boss Hogg*

William Harris - August 04, 2015 at 12:45 AM

DK

*So sorry for your loss of Rick. Much, much too young to be gone. I knew both '240 Shorty' and Nicholas from the Estelle Unit.*

Denise Kembro - August 04, 2015 at 11:13 AM

DB

*Ricky you will be truly missed. Just a great all around person with a heart of gold and always had a smile. Our sympathy to the family.*

*Milton & Dianne Birks*

Dianne Birks - August 04, 2015 at 06:25 PM

GR

*I'm so sorry that Sharon and I could not be there. We thought a lot of Rick. He was a great Masonic brother and enjoyed coming to lodge. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace my brther you've earned it . Our prayers are wiyh you Vanessa.*

*Love Always Gene & Sharon Reynolds*

Gene Reynolds - August 09, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“🙏 even tho u gone u will be missed and remembered i will live on in ur memory and become a freemason in ur memory i will also do as a man is supposed to do and be godly i love you uncle richard james u tought me alot and i appreciate ur existance RIP RICK

Charles Deizel James - August 01, 2015 at 11:16 PM

PR

“ *Mr. James was one of the nicest people I've ever worked with. I always knew if the need arise, he would have my back, as I would his. I will miss seeing you at work Mr. James! Best wishes to his family during this difficult time.*

P. Robicheaux - August 01, 2015 at 09:20 PM

AO

“ *Ricky was an amazingly caring and considerate man who often spoke without thought., spoke from the heart! If he hurt your feelings or made you mad he always apologised quickly! Full of life, always had a smile and loved to help. The best friend you could have! Miss you dearly Ricky!* ”

Amber Cruz Ochoa - August 01, 2015 at 09:09 PM

SG

“ *We will miss you Ricky. You were always making us laugh. I couldnt look at you and not smile. We are praying for your family, see you someday buddy.* ”



Seth Gobar - August 01, 2015 at 07:11 PM

AB

“ *240..shorty what to say what to say..you had a heart of gold, and just loved to cause chaos at work and wait for the next crew..that's an inside joke by the way..those that know him know what I mean laugh with me..you always new you had a plate and beer at our house..and our kids well heck what can we say...* ”



amanda buchaneck - August 01, 2015 at 06:49 PM

 Stacey Thompson

“ *Ricky... as kids we did some crazy stuff. You will be missed my friend. Love ya.* ”



Stacey Thompson - August 01, 2015 at 06:10 PM

BO

*we will miss ya ya crazy ....but a good crazy you went unexpected but will miss u totally bro*

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**billy Others** - August 02, 2015 at 12:50 AM

 Adeleke Adeola

*It is was a great shock to some of us that have work with you closely, The moment i heard the news yesterday the memories of the time we spent together at work just keep ringing in my head , How you wait to see all officer have left their duty post before you go home and how you check on everyone if they are doing ok, I see you beyond a supervisor , i see you as a man who is committed and ready to give you a word to lift your spirit. I remember some of those words you say at the shift briefing telling us to prepare for tomorrow and put our family in a comfort zone because you don't know what will happen tomorrow. You are heart that lift up the souls of others. May your soul rest in peace and i pray to God to comfort your Household. RIP Lt. James.*

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**Adeleke Adeola** - August 02, 2015 at 09:57 AM

 Jeff Dodson

“ *Super nice guy. Would give the shirt off of his back if someone needed it. And... HE WAS A COWBOYS FAN.... don't worry Rick, we will get tge Top of AT&T STADIUM open so you can see the game. R.I.P. brother, you will be missed*

*Jeff and Vicki Dodson*

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**Jeff Dodson** - August 01, 2015 at 05:15 PM