



James Edward Byrd Jr.

April 11, 1958 - July 20, 2022

James Edward Byrd, Jr. 64, left this world on July 20, 2022 with his family by his side in Lexington, Kentucky.

James was born April 11, 1958 in Lexington to Mary Byrd and James Byrd, Sr.. James worked as a preschool teacher, bus driver, in sales at Keeneland Race Track, and as a courier for Lexington Clinic throughout his years.

James is survived by his sisters Ann Byrd and Sharon Young (Virgil); brothers Clarence Jackson, Vincent Byrd and (Alvina), and Ernie Byrd; numerous nieces and nephews, step-children April Manley, Alex Lawson (Danielle), and Katherine Lawson. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Clifton Jackson, sisters Shirley Parker, Tina Byrd, and Sheila Ross.

James enjoyed reading, camping, working on his car and watching Steelers football. He answered to many names - Stink, Jeb, and James. He was well known for his quick smile, contagious laugh, his generosity, and the love he had for his family and friends,

Previous Events

Service

JUL **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Smith and Smith Funeral Home
340 East Third Street
Lexington, KY 40508
(859) 255-6273
<https://www.smithandsmithfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Byrd Jr.*

February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *I'm devastated of finding out of James death. I took care of him the last 2 yrs. because I gave him a place to live the last two yrs. of life. I did everything possible for him. I'm so shocked that you his family couldn't even let me know of his passing. He and I were close friends. I nursed him back to health after 2 stints in hospital, etc, etc. Hopefully he is at last at peace with his demons and is with his parents that he spoke so highly of. I will keep him in my prayers.*

Marsha Moore - August 17, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *I worked with James for several years at Keeneland. Always thought the world of him. He was a good man and a good friend to me. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Praying for his family! Kristi Barrett*

Krist Barrett - July 26, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Byrd Jr..*



July 26, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Byrd Jr..*



July 26, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Byrd Jr..*



July 25, 2022 at 10:38 PM