



James Wilkerson Case

June 1, 1949 - July 17, 2007

James Wilkerson Case, 58, of Jeddo, formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away at home in his wife's arms on July 17, 2007, after a short battle with Mesothelioma.

He was born on June 1, 1949 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the son of the late Dr. James W. Case II, and Sarita Marie Diaz Case.

His marriage to Kimberly Carpenter (nee Lugari) was May 8, 2006 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Only married a short time, but found the love he always searched for and knew existed.

James was employed by the Detroit News Partnership as a pressman for 11 years prior to his illness. He absolutely loved his years as a white water rafting guide in West Virginia's New and Gauley Rivers. He also was an avid collector of coins and watching his vast collection of movies. James was a proud and successful 11 year member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

He touched many lives with his kindness, generosity, and compassion for life. He will be sadly missed by his wife Kim; daughter, Darla (Tommy) Reeder; grand daughter Taylor Bland all of Texas; stepchildren, Peter & Amy Schmidt, step grandson Jackson Lincoln all of Michigan; sister Jo (Alvin) Lee; nephew Jason (Tina) Lee; great niece Alden Lee, all of Arkansas. Best friend Lester Kendricks of Arkansas, and Clayton Smith of Michigan. As well as many favorite cousins and other friends.

The family would also like to express much thanks to Dr. Senthil Raju M.D. and staff at Greater Yale Medical: Heartland Hospice of Lapeer and staff for all

the compassion and care during this difficult time.

James was preceded in death by his beloved pet Bud, with whom his ashes will be mixed.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial trip to ride the white waters of the Gauley River is planned in the future. Arrangements completed by Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

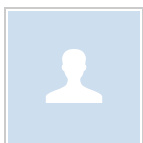
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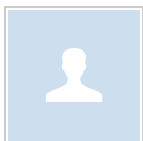
“ *It's Thanksgiving, everyone misses you so much! I am so very thankful that you came into my life. I will wait for my time to be with you again. I LOVE YOU!##imported-begin##Your beautiful bride##imported-end##*

November 22, 2007 at 04:52 PM



“ *I knew Jimmy as a friend from back in the 70s when he, Darla, Dodo, and Croc lived two doors down and lost touch with them sometime after they moved to Greenville. Every time I hear Disco Inferno by The Trammps or Boogie Oogie Oogie by A Taste of Honey, I remember the tons of fun Jimmy and I had in Washington when he was a pressman with The Washington Star. Jimmy also taught me some street smarts in the big city. Jimmy truly had a kind heart for his friends and brightened many lives with his joie de vivre.##imported-begin##John Headrick##imported-end##*

August 18, 2007 at 08:09 PM



“ *Jimmy*
Thank you for all the smiles and laughs you gave the family. They say that every person comes into our lives for a reason and I think you reason was to show us how much we need to live every day to its fullest. Even on you bad days you found a reason to smile. You mad all of us a stronger person because of that. We will think of you every time the record play is on and play some of that good ol' music. May you live on forever in the hearts of your family here. We will miss you Mr. Jim
Love Pete & Robyn##imported-begin##Pete & Robyn##imported-end##

August 11, 2007 at 05:42 PM



“ Gimme a T for Texas
T for Taylor tooo...
Rock 'n Roll

*Grandpaw I love you!! I am soooo comforted by knowing that you
can watch over me 24/7 now! I love you so incredibly much!
I'm glad and sorry at the same time that you can watch from
Heaven and see whats going on!
I love you so much, but you know that ;).....
love you
Your favorite Grandaughter!!!!!!❤❤❤ ##imported-begin##Taylor
his granddaughter##imported-end##*

August 06, 2007 at 05:58 PM



“ *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer 29:11 (NIV)*

Thank you Kim for taking care of Jimmy in his last years. He found a beautiful place and person to live out his last days.

Thank you Jimmy for coming back to us. How well I remembered you as a child. So much fun, always with your special laugh and special to all of us. I am so grateful for the close family ties we had at the end. In Darla Elizabeth we will always see you. The most wonderful gift is a beautiful child to lead the next generation! She has your daring spirit and love of family. I see now why you loved Taylor so much. She is beautiful and such an intelligent, sensitive young woman. As we loved you we will love them too. Thank you for these wonderful gifts and the gift of you. I love you Jimmy, Louise (Weedy)##imported-begin##Louise Richolson##imported-end##

August 02, 2007 at 06:06 PM



“ *Jimmy, it's been only 2 weeks since you left. I have done my best to respect your wishes. Some things I could not do, since things were taken from our home. I am so sorry. You were right all along, I should not have trusted a certain family member, but wanted to believe their ways were different, that they did have respect for you and our home. I guess they do not know what love, compassion, & respect is. I will do my best for your memory. I will always love and miss you.....kim##imported-begin##Kim Case##imported-end##*

August 01, 2007 at 04:42 PM



“ *My you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jeannie Moll##imported-end##*

August 01, 2007 at 01:42 PM



“ *To my 'New Daddy': I need to thank you for being such a loving, giving, kind, forgiving, friendly, and deviously funny man to my mother and to me and to Jackson. It seems cruel the way you were brought into our lives and taken away just as fast. We are better people having known you, and I thank you for that. Even though you talked funny. We love you Jimmy !!! You are missed.##imported-begin##Amy Schmidt##imported-end##*

July 25, 2007 at 09:58 PM



“ *I was a good friend of Jimmy's when he attended high school in Newport, Arkansas.....we had a lot of fun at the weekend dances at the Legion Hut....Jimmy reminded us of Davy Jones, the lead singer of The Monkees, the popular 60's-70's group.I'm glad he has earned his reward and is now free of earthly misery. God bless all of you. John##imported-begin##John G. Pennington##imported-end##*

July 25, 2007 at 03:31 PM



“ *I will always have very fond memories of my cousin, Jimmy. He was like a big brother to me at times, and I'm going to miss our telephone conversations.*

God bless you, Jimmy!##imported-begin##Ricky Richolson##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 12:32 PM



“ Jimmy has always been more than a brother to me. I could count on him to listen to me tell me when I was wrong or right which wasn't very often [ha ha]. Being the person he was he never ask for much from anyone. We were seperated when our daddy died so when we were able to be together I could always count on him to lead me down the good and not so good paths. If I had a penny for all the jokes he pulled on me I would never want for anything. I don't believe Jimmy realized how many friends he had or how many lives he touched by being the special person he was. If Jimmy cared about you it was with his heart and soul. Some people took advantage of his giving nature and kind heart but in the long run he would chalk it up as one of lifes little lessons. I could always count on him to defend me if he thought someone had taken advantage of me one way or the other. I know that he is now out of pain and no longer suffering but I also know that he wouldn't want the ones he loved to dwell on his death. He would tell us to remember the good times we shared and go on with our lives. I also know that I now have a very loving uncle holding two special babies for me. He has finally gotten to meet meet my first son and first granddaughter. He knows how much I miss him and finally he is able to see in my heart how deeply I loved him. As usual his last words to me whenever we talked or said goodbye after one of his visits was sweetheart I love you and now I won't hear them anymore but knowing that he's happy and with everyone that he missed so much. I'm going to get by. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for all the love and happiness you gave him. Jimmy I miss you! Love Jo [Josie] Jo Lee P.O. Box 313 Dyess, AR. 72330 870-764-2153##imported-begin##jo lee##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 08:39 PM



“ I'll cherish the last five years in which my Uncle Jimmy and I grew together. He was always there to celebrate during weddings or graduations. More important, he was there to offer support in times of tragedy. Uncle Jimmy was a loving soul and my family and I will miss him dearly. Thank you, Kim, for the wonderful care you provided him in his last days.

Jason##imported-begin##Jason Lee##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 09:48 AM



“ Jimmy will be missed for his constant smile and a laugh that was contagious. When we were young marrieds and met Jimmy, Darla, and Crock, we became friends for life watching our children grow and mature. Jimmy was so committed to staying in touch and for that I'm grateful. Now it is time to take care of yourselves as you know it's what he would want you to do. So please know that you are in my prayers and have my deepest sympathy as we miss Jimmy already. Kim thank you for caring for him. Crock your entry here shows the love that only a daughter can have for her father. Never forget your Dad's kind heart. Love to both of you and all the family.##imported-begin##Betty Bass##imported-end##

July 23, 2007 at 11:07 AM



“ Jim and I were friends for more than twenty years. He gave me my first job after I married and taught me many things. We worked together, hunted together, we laughed and cried together. I'll never forget Jim and the friendship we shared.

With much love,

Larry Acker##imported-begin##Larry Acker##imported-end##

July 23, 2007 at 10:55 AM

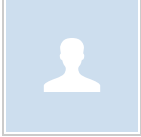


“ To Jimmy's wife, daughter and especially his sister, Josie,

Jimmy and Josie were small children when they moved to our neighborhood in Pocahontas, AR. They lived next door to me and my mom and dad for several years. (Mom and Dad also operated the local theatre which was the center of entertainment in our small town in the 1950s) Mom and Dad took a special interest in Jimmy and Josie and although Josie tried to move in with us everyother day when she was a little girl, Jimmy is the one who stayed in touch over the years. Anytime he came to Pocahontas, he came to see mom and dad. His visits gave them great pleasure as you can imagine how much fun and laughter he brought into their lives. Mom especially got a huge kick out of his many tales about his life adventures. He was always so enthusiastic and fun. I am so sorry we've lost him but what a great gift he gave to all of those close to him.

a note to Josie: Mom died in 2005...didn't suffer, went fast still joking and telling us all what to do. Daddy is 81 and works full time at Wal-mart.(he started working at the show when he was 6 so is in his 75th year of work!) Daddy and I would love to see you. Linda Oakley Bowlin, daughter of Max and Geraldine.##imported-begin##Linda Oakley Bowlin##imported-end##

July 22, 2007 at 09:14 PM



“ My Daddy,

They say that while in heaven, a soul chooses which parents it will be born to. I know, that I made the right choice. You have taught me how to forgive. You've given me a love of Harry Nilsson, thank you very much! Most importantly, you gave me Al-Anon. The 12-step program is our private, special bond. Your greatest gift to me. I carry no pain, my successes in life are directly related to the person you've led me to be, by your example and your leading me to recovery, as well. For all who may read this, please feel comfort in knowing HE IS HAPPY IN HEAVEN! HE HAS FINALLY FOUND PEACE AND IS FILLED WITH OVERWHELMING LOVE! It's all good! Love, Croc 903-327-6103, darlabethcase@hotmail.com###imported-begin##Darla Reeder (child)###imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 02:41 PM



“ *My deepest love will always be with you. You finally realized how deep my love for you was. I am so grateful that you came into my life, even though it was way too short. You showed me more than you will ever know. You are a great man, even more than you knew. You touched many hearts. Miracles do happen and you were the one that happened in my life. I will always cherish our time together. Even though we both had wished for more. You put up a great fight, but one that was so hard to conquer. I am honored to have been your wife. Rest in peace, my love.....kim :{###imported-begin##Your Beautiful Bride###imported-end##*

July 20, 2007 at 01:43 PM