



James R Freeman

November 30, 1944 - November 3, 2016

Memorial Services for James R. "Sarge" Freeman, 71, of Vidalia, LA will be held Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Young's Funeral Home in Vidalia, LA at 2:00 p.m. with a visitation from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The service will be officiated by Rev. Max Smith.

James was born November 30, 1944 in Tallulah, LA and passed away November 3, 2016 in Natchez, MS.

He was retired from International Paper where he was a Maintenance Electrician. When IP closed, he worked at Isle of Capri in the same capacity before finally retiring in 2013.

James was proud to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and finished his tour of duty as a sergeant, which is how he earned his nickname "Sarge". He served many years in the National Guard. He was an avid LSU and Saints football fan. He was a member of two bowling leagues and looked forward to seeing all his fellow bowlers each week. His love of Country Music was rivaled only by his love of Cajun and Bluegrass.

Mr. Freeman was preceded in death by his parents, Rowan and Mattie Freeman; brother, Tommy Freeman; and sister, Betty De'Loach.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-six years, Ruth Reeves Freeman of Vidalia, LA; three daughters, Ann Wisner of Richland, MS, Jennifer Warnock of Richland, MS, and Beth Kelly and partner, Jennifer, of Flower Mound, TX; three sons, James "Jamie" Freeman, Jr. and wife, Kim, of Alabama, James L. Kelly, III of the Philippines, and Steven L. Kelly of Rocky Mount, NC; three sisters, Peggy Manuel and husband, Darrell, of Streetman, TX, Rowena Johnson of Grand Prairie, TX, and Ella Price of Vicksburg, MS; fifteen grandchildren, Peyton Wisner, John Avery Wisner, Mathew Warnock, Sarah Warnock, Maya Freeman, Jaylin Freeman, Gregory Kennon, Natalie KEnnon, Cadance Kelly Frye, Katelyn Baggerly, Phillip Kelly, Jacob Kelly, Carson Kelly, Steven L. Kelly, Jr., and Nicholas Kelly; and great-granddaughter, Hazel Wisner.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Youngs Funeral Home, Vidalia
200 Carter St
Vidalia, LA 71373

Service

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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200 Carter St
Vidalia, LA 71373

Tribute Wall

RH

“ You Will Greatly be Missed Uncle James!!! Roy wanted to say a few words but said he would Not have held himself together!!! Roy wanted to Thank you for All you done for him and his brothers and sisters after the death of his mom (your sister) Betty in getting All the kids together every Summer and bringing them on Vacation with you and Your Family !! No matter what for 6 or 7 years every year you would take them all with you!! And Roy and I Will cherish the memories of the last couple of months of us visiting you and 2 weeks before you passed away you and Aunt Ruth came to Our Home Never Knowing we Would Not See you again !! Cherished Memories !! It was A Great Memorial to Uncle James just by looking at All the Friends and Family there We Know you Touched So Many Lives in a Great Way!! You and Roy both fought Cancer at Same time you Did Not Loose your Battle God wanted you to be a Peace and Now You Are!! To Our Cousins Ann And Jennifer We Love you !! And Ann the Eulogy for your Dad was !!! Words said Perfectly and From the Heart !! Your dad is looking Down from Heaven and saying he Raised All of you to Accomplish anything in Life you Want to Achieve with grace !!! We Will Miss you Uncle James say hi to my Mother in Law Betty and Maw Maw And Paw Paw Freeman !! Please Watch over Roy and All the Family !!! To Aunt Ruth we Love you and Stay Strong anytime you would like to come visit you Know where we live !!! Roy and I Love you Uncle James and We Will Miss you More than you will ever Know !!! God Bless Everyone!! 🙏🙏🙏



Roy and Audrey Hicks
Sorrento,La.

Roy & Audrey G. Hicks - November 27, 2016 at 08:06 AM

KC

“ Karen Price Cook lit a candle in memory of James R Freeman



Karen Price Cook - November 26, 2016 at 09:41 AM

JR

“ James was a quiet and happy man. He was sincere, and would always ask others how their day or week had been. James listened and it was evident that he cared about his friends and family. I enjoyed his peacefulness and his down-home friendliness. James, you will be greatly missed. I will miss your smile and hug at family gatherings.

Jeanine Reeves - November 18, 2016 at 01:07 PM

HR

“ James R "Sarge" Freeman. Brother-in-Law, friend, and fellow Rook player. We will miss you! Jeanine and I are honored to have known you. Many are the days we would sit, laugh, and enjoy your company at Mama's. You were a rock, steady, quiet, easy going and true. Thanks for the quiet, peaceful and pleasant memories we have of you! God Speed, "Sarge", God speed.

Herschel Reeves - November 16, 2016 at 11:06 AM

KS

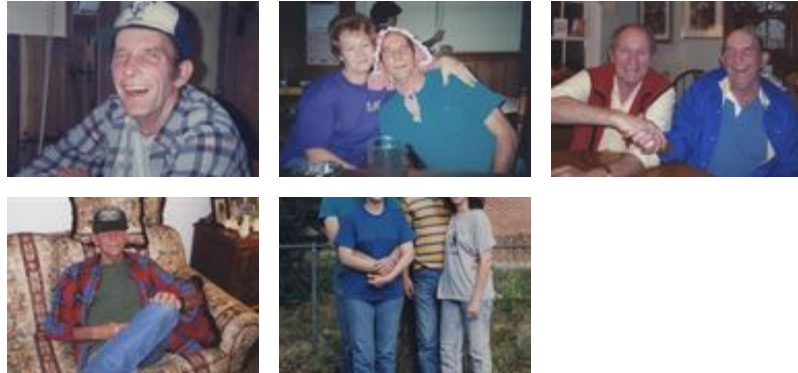
“ Katherine Squyres lit a candle in memory of James R Freeman



Katherine Squyres - November 16, 2016 at 01:36 AM



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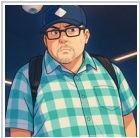
Young's Funeral Home - November 15, 2016 at 05:02 PM



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Young's Funeral Home - November 15, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *I'll always remember James as the strong, quiet man he was. He loved his family, and of course, he loved his football. He will forever be remembered by those whose lives he touched. Rest in peace, James.*

Robert Reeves - November 14, 2016 at 01:28 PM



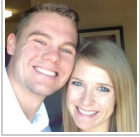
“ Paw Paw James was a very quiet man. You could find him sitting in his chair, watching the LSU or New Orleans football game or reading at the table. PawPaw James always had the good candy too.

In the last week, I've reminiscenced on how kind and sweet he was. He loved my Nanny and my family very much.

Like my brother, I believe that James was a respectful and great man who will be missed.

Love you PawPaw!

Natalie Kennon - November 13, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ Although a quite man that didn't verbalize or exhibit his ever emotion, I will forever remember his smile and warmth (see picture).

Like my grandfather, I tend to keep quite and listen more than I speak. These attributes make writing this passage even more difficult.

Since his passing there has not been a day in which I have not thought of my grandfather. Whether I am drinking coffee while reading a book after breakfast, watching LSU football, or eating something sweet (all of which happen at least once a day), my mind drifts towards him.

The thing I loved most about my Paw Paw James was that he made my grandmother happy. Love between two people can be difficult to describe or put into words, but love can always be felt and I could always feel a sense of love and kindness between my Nanny and Paw Paw James. I can only hope to be able to make my wife half as happy as James Freeman did my Nanny.

He was a great man that I respected deeply and will miss even more. Although his passing was a very sad day, and continues to be difficult to handle, I have nothing but happy thoughts and memories of James Freeman and I know many others feel the same way.

Go Saints!

Greg Kennon - November 13, 2016 at 10:12 PM

BE

“ Watching LSU last night made me miss James even more! He loved his Saints and his Tigers.

Beth - November 13, 2016 at 07:03 PM

BK

“ I remember when James worked at the paper mill and would drive up at the same time every day. Mama would meet him at the door with a kiss and his coffee ready and waiting. He would get embarrassed if we saw them kiss.



Beth Kelly - November 11, 2016 at 07:58 PM

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Beth Kelly - November 11, 2016 at 07:57 PM