



Mr. James Edward Cruse

July 9, 1944 - November 22, 2025

James Edward “Eddie” Cruse age 83, of Rossville, Georgia went to be with The Lord Saturday, November 22, 2025. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Leslie Cruse and Mary Ann Oliver Cruse Walker. Eddie spent his childhood in Ooltewah, Tennessee and his adulthood residing in the Chattanooga and Rossville, Georgia areas. He was the former owner and operator of Cruse Construction Company, also owned and operated a Re-Sale Shop in Rossville, Georgia. He was of the Baptist faith and had recently accepted Christ as his Savior. Eddie was an avid NASCAR Fan, especially for the number 3 car – Dale Earnhardt. He enjoyed going to auctions, watching WWE Wrestling, Westerns, wheeling and dealing all the time. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife: Blanche Henrietta Peoples Cruse, son: Alan Cruse, step-daughter: Vickie Howard, sisters: Clara Cross, Geraldine Blanks, brothers: L. Gene Walker and Larry Walker. He is survived by his daughter: Lisa Poss of Stockbridge, GA, son: Tim (Angie) Cruse of Ringgold, GA, step-sons: Billy Howard of Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Scott Howard of Florida, sisters: Margie (Paul) Newby, of Lookout Valley, TN, Lucy (William) Russell of Chattanooga, TN, Denise (Ron) Dye of Knoxville, TN, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Monday from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm – Monday – November 24, 2025 graveside at Ooltewah Cemetery with Pastor Wayne Chasteen officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests to please make memorial donations to any

local food bank. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes – Fort Oglethorpe Chapel, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Ooltewah Cemetery

8800 Ooltewah Cemetery Road
Ooltewah, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
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Graveside Service

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ooltewah Cemetery
8800 Ooltewah Cemetery Road
Ooltewah, TN

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for the family and friends. I had the pleasure to be his nurse for a little while. Deeply stubborn in the beginning and he found out I was too! We had a kindred spirit that way. He was a lot of fun to be around. Always with a laugh or helping hand. Very sweet, kind and always thinking of others. I know he is rejoicing being reunited with beautiful wife that he absolutely adored. He loved to share stories and memories of her. We may have shared a few tears together and then strawberry cake (her favorite). He will be truly missed.



Kelly Myers - November 24, 2025 at 10:10 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, sending prayers for the family. I knew Eddie from West side auction, and his shop on west side drive. He was always so nice to me and a lot of fun to be around. I live in Florida, but feeling thankful that I had a lucky chance to talk to him a little while back (accidental call). It was really nice to hear from an old friend, he was as charming as always.

Donna Barnes - November 24, 2025 at 08:11 PM