



James Dale Cureton

July 29, 1950 - June 18, 2016

James Dale Cureton, 65 of Chattanooga went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, June 18, 2016. He was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga area and was a member of Church of the Nativity in Fort Oglethorpe. He was an Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War as an Air Traffic Controller and retired from Norfolk Southern in 2010 after more 32 years of service as a Switchman. He was very active with his church family, helping with the food pantry and feeding those in need and was also a member of the United Transportation Union Local #338. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who will be truly missed by all that knew him. He was preceded in death by his father, William Thomas Cureton; mother & step-father, Helen Elizabeth and Howard Wilbanks and brother, Thomas Ralph Cureton.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 47 years, Myra Bowman Cureton of Chattanooga, TN; daughters & sons-in-law, Minerva & Troy Lofty of Chattanooga, TN and Kelly & J.D. Halfacre of Chickamauga, GA; 5 grandchildren, Molley, Wade, Charlie, Henry and Helen; 2 great grandchildren, Judy & Eileen and numerous extended family & friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016 in the Episcopal Church of The Nativity with The Rev. Lori Fehr officiating. The family will receive friends following the service from 2:00 until

5:00 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church of the Nativity, Book of Remembrance, P.O. Box 2356, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742 (706) 866-9773. Online guestbook www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home- Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Nativity
Fort Ogelthorpe, GA

Gathering

JUN 25. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Fort Ogelthorpe, GA

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Kelley Jean Dobbs lit a candle in memory of James Dale Cureton* ”



Kelley Jean Dobbs - July 08, 2016 at 10:55 AM

DE

“ I want to say that the Curetons are like family to me, but they’re not. They’ve been a part of my life for so long that they are as inextricably tied to my heart as my closest of kin...they’re not “like” family at all. They are.

Dale had a smile – one, in particular, that I want to think was reserved especially for me. Likely it wasn’t, but still...I suspect that I happened to be on the receiving end far more than averages would dictate as seemly. A slight grin, head-tilt, and a roll of eyes that simultaneously said, “What in the blue blazes is she talking about,” “Tell me, again, how Kelly wound up befriending this mess of human ridiculousness,” and “I love you. So much.”

Dale, this world tilts differently without the reassuring knowledge of your steady presence in it. Your families – those bound to you by blood, by friendship, and by the community of faith – miss you. Together we grieve for the loss of your presence in our lives, but take comfort in one another, knowing that we will heal together, too.

Godspeed, ya ol’ coot. I suspect I will say many stupid things throughout the rest of my life – as I suspect, too, that your familiar bursts of baffled affection can absolutely transcend the notion of this earthy existence.

I know you have your popcorn ready.

Deidra - June 27, 2016 at 12:04 PM



Love you Deidra!!!

Minerva Lofty - July 07, 2016 at 11:37 AM

GC

“ I met Dale in 2000 when i started at the railroad. He was an incredible mentor. I recruited him to serve as President of the local when i was elected Treasurer. He was always there to help me out. And if i needed help with a crossword puzzle he usually had the answer. Heck of a man. Maddie is in bed with Ed tonight Myra thank you for sharing him with us.

Greg Chambers - June 24, 2016 at 07:15 PM

CH

“ To the family of james dale cureton.. I am Deidra's aunt and i heard about the passing of your husband and father. My heart goes out to you all during this time. Prayers and condolences to all of you. I am here if you need anything..

cheryl - June 22, 2016 at 03:22 PM

CH

“ Cheryl lit a candle in memory of James Dale Cureton



cheryl - June 22, 2016 at 03:20 PM

JP

“ *Man! My heart huts so bad. I just think about all the time I've spent with Dale. He Took Me To My First Movie Bambi. He took me and Kelly to buy car seats for our baby dolls. You know most men wouldn't have done that. I was like 18, and wanted to re-do a bedroom suite, he said bring it to the house will do it. So we went and got this orange smelling stuff. Man he was right it worked. We stained it. It was beautiful. The list goes on. I loved him so, he was like my second dad. I'm just going to miss him. Most people didn't understand him, but I did.*



Jennifer Pierce - June 22, 2016 at 01:09 PM

SP

“ *Sarah Perkins lit a candle in memory of James Dale Cureton*



Sarah Perkins - June 21, 2016 at 10:46 PM

SP

Dale will be missed by all his family and friends who are left behind on this earth. We can take comfort that we will all be with him again some day in heaven. In the meantime we must press on and keep trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God comfort Myra and the rest of Dale's family in this time of deep sorrow.

Sarah Perkins - June 21, 2016 at 10:49 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Dalton lit a candle in memory of James Dale Cureton*



Peggy Dalton - June 21, 2016 at 10:40 PM

CC

“ *Myra, Kelly and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers, We will never forget Dale and what a great person, man he was. He has certainly earned his wings. RIP Dale, you will be missed.*

Carol and Gregg

Carol Capron - June 21, 2016 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Christi Brown - June 21, 2016 at 12:44 PM

AL

Wonderful picture.

Amanda Lopez - June 23, 2016 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ Dale,

You will be greatly missed. I can't imagine what life will be like down the road for us all without you, but I know my life was better for having known you. Rest in peace my friend.

*Love,
Christi*

Christi Brown - June 21, 2016 at 12:43 PM

PD

My brother you were definitely one of a kind like a diamond in the ruff. You have always been there for us. A wonderful husband, farther, grandfather, son I remember how you took care of Helen and Howard, son-in-law you have always been so good to mom and dad when he was here. You to should have a ball catching up you and dad. I loved you but most of all I respected you for the special man you were. You will be missed by all lucky enough to really know you. Rest in piece my brother. Your sister loved you.

Peggy Dalton - June 21, 2016 at 10:37 PM

BP

Dale will be missed greatly by Bobby and Charles. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Myra be strong you have family and friends behind you.

Bobby Pickett - June 22, 2016 at 07:57 AM

AL

Dale was responsible for getting me to attend Nativity. He took about 4 hours to talk to me about the church and explained the basics of being Episcopalian. He was so easy to talk to and always answered any questions I had. He is very special to me and so is Myra. She is so kind and loving and very approachable. May God's Spirit comfort your family and those of us who mourn for Dale.

Amanda Lopez - June 23, 2016 at 06:35 PM