



James Shepherd

October 24, 1957 - January 30, 2025

James Shepherd, age 67, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Thursday, January 30, 2025. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 24, 1957. He was a long-time resident of the Northwest Georgia area and was of the Seventh Day Adventist Faith. James was a train and car enthusiast as well as an avid antique collector. He was known as a gentle giant that loved animals, his family and lived for his beloved grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth Peterson and Jimmy Don Shepherd; aunt and uncle who raised him Gary and Glenda Shepherd; mother-in-law, Helen Helms; sister, Nancy Mosley; and son, Joey Matthew Knowles Shepherd.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-three years, Debra Caldwell Shepherd; daughters, Jessica Shepherd, Sarah Ambrose and Rebecca Ambrose; sisters, Stella Boggs, Sandy Colangelo and Sherry Steele; brother, Daniel Shepherd; grandchildren, Hunter, Joey, Madi, Randy, Dominick, Cassie and Dezzy; extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM, Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, February 4, 2025 in the chapel. Burial will follow in Plowman Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Plowman Cemetery

Apison, TN 37302

Tribute Wall



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of James Shepherd.



February 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Mario & Sandy Colangelo and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Shepherd.

Mario & Sandy Colangelo and Family - February 03, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ Mario & Sandy Colangelo and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Shepherd.



Mario & Sandy Colangelo and Family - February 03, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ Susan H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Shepherd.

Susan H. - February 02, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ I will miss hearing him say to me, "hey little brother .."
A person could never ask for a better big brother, hew was funny,
loved to talk about the old days, and always ended our conversation
with, "love yah brother.."
I already miss you big guy, but knowing you, you'll find a way to
mess with your little brother! I love you James, we'll all see each
other again, and we'll all make sure Debbie's OK for you.

Daniel Shepherd - February 02, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ Cyndy W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Shepherd.

Cyndy W. - February 02, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Diane & Dusty lit a candle in memory of
James Shepherd



Diane & Dusty - February 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James Shepherd.



February 02, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SK

“ I worked with James for many years & he was always pleasant, funny & enjoyable to be around. I always thought very highly of him as a great human being. He was there for me when I lost my son as unfortunately he had also experienced. He helped me through a difficult time & I had a great deal of respect for him. My heart is very broken losing a great friend. He loved his family deeply & will be sorely missed by everyone he touched.....Steve Kopp

Steven Kopp - February 02, 2025 at 08:39 AM

PS

“ Paul Smith lit a candle in memory of James Shepherd



Paul Smith - February 02, 2025 at 07:31 AM

WP

“ James was a gentle giant. He was funny, he loved guns, muscle cars and family. He had a warmth of love about him. I worked with him and always looked forward to seeing and talking to him. He will be greatly missed. I wished I had one more conversation with this gentle giant because I can still hear his laugh. Prayers for his family. God bless

Wade Patterson - February 01, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TW

“ I first meet Shepherd in 1985, I was 16 years old. I worked with him in some form up until he retired. He's been a great teacher, great leader and a beloved friend. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to the family. I will keep you in my prayers.

Tony Widener - February 01, 2025 at 08:25 PM

PS

“ He was a great man. To know him was too love him. He will be missed 🙏🙏 I worked with him for many years .



Paul Smith - February 01, 2025 at 06:18 PM