



James Michael Johnson

January 17, 1964 - May 25, 2022

James Michael Johnson was born on January 17, 1964, to the late Claude and Goldie Johnson of Pikeville, Kentucky. James left this earthly life on May 25, 2022.

James was a welcomed addition to a growing and loving family. He was one of twelve children. He brought love and joy to a family that loved him with all their hearts. As James grew, he developed into a man that made both his parents proud to call him their son.

James married the love of his life Wanda Damron Johnson on April 5, 1985. Together they welcomed two wonderful boys, James (JJ) Michael Johnson II of Somerset, Kentucky and Travis Lee Johnson of Pikeville, Kentucky. James was a devoted husband and father; his family was the center of his world. Besides spending time with his family, James enjoyed playing golf and bowling. If you wanted to know how well he was at either, all you had to do was ask him, he would gladly tell you. James also enjoyed watching Kentucky basketball and wrestling. He also had a passion for working with wood. Whether it was building a swing or constructing a deck, James enjoyed the challenge of ensuring it was done better than anyone else.

James held numerous occupations throughout his life. Anywhere from Marlowe's Country Palaces, selling lawn care equipment, to an independent contractor. No matter the occupation, James tackled each with the same enthusiasm, with only one goal in mind...providing for his family. If you wanted to know who the best at any of these occupations, again all you had to do was

ask him and he would gladly tell you...It was him.

Anyone that knew James would tell you that he had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed laughing, especially at the expense of others. James was a practical joker that never missed the opportunity to pull off a prank on anyone. Even as he battled the very thing that cost him his life, James never lost his sense of humor or missed an opportunity to pick on someone for a good laugh. He was truly James to the very end.

James is survived by his wife Wanda. Their two sons James II (JJ) and Travis (wife Ashely). Additionally, his 2 grandchildren Alicyn and Bricyn. He is also survived by his Brothers Paul (wife Linda) Johnson of Parris, Kentucky, Darwin Johnson of Somerset, Kentucky, Claude (wife Drema) Johnson, Jr of Ivel, Kentucky, and Dwayne (wife Christina) Johnson of Crawfordville, Florida. His Sisters – Charity (husband Richard) Burdine of Somerset, Kentucky, Marleen (husband Junior) McGowan of Somerset, Kentucky, Naoma Nichols of Somerset, Kentucky, and Sharon (husband Steve) Stewart of Somerset, Kentucky.

James is preceded in death by his parents- Claude and Goldie Johnson, sisters- Martina Lynn and Wanda Sue Johnson, brother- Randy Johnson, nephews- Paul Johnson, Jr, Brandon Johnson and Jimmy (Peanut) Johnson, and niece- Jessica Johnson.