



James Lee Hornbeak

November 9, 1946 - February 22, 2023

James Lee Hornbeak was born in Dickson, Tennessee, on November 9, 1946, to the late Gladys Lathon Hornbeak Sowell and Charlie Sowell. James Lee “DROP” Hornbeak departed his life on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Tristar Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tennessee.

James’s Lee gave his life to Christ at an early age at St. James Baptist Church Wrigley, Tennessee, which was later named Beth-el Baptist Church. Some called him Lee Lee, Sprout, Drop, other know him to be a loving, quiet person who had a heart of gold. James spent his past time singing, playing the guitar, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles, which lead him to join the Rare Blood Motorcycle Club. James loved children.

James Lee was a graduate of the Class of 1966 O.H. Bernard High School in Centerville, Tennessee, where he enjoyed playing basketball. After graduation Mr. Hornbeak enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany for many years. While there he was awarded a service award as a “Sniper” Sharp Shooter. James, after returning home from the army, attended Dickson Vocation School and obtained skills in welding. He worked at many factories in the area until his retirement.

James Lee is preceded in death by mother Gladys Sowell and Charlie Sowell, son Dale Hornbeak. Fred Hornbeak, Henrietta Sowell, Jimmy Hornbeak,

Odessa O'Neal, and Rene Terrell, and Sarah Elliott.

He is survived by wife Alma Hornbeak Louisville, Kentucky. Daughters: Kim Hornbeak Louisville, Kentucky, Anjel Darrett Clarksville, Tennessee, Sons: KY Vincent Hornbeak, Dickson, Tyrone Hornbeak, Louisville, Kentucky and Pat London, Primm Springs Tennessee. 37 lovely grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. A special grandchild, Landon from Louisville, Kentucky, who loved to come to Tennessee and hunt insect, reptiles and snakes with his granddaddy. Brothers Torez Sowell, Lyles, Tennessee. Bobby Rosiland Sowell, Dickson, Tennessee, Sisters Tishie Mae Ramey, Dickson, Tennessee, Joyce Stone, Lyles Tennessee, Sister- in-Laws Roberta Hornbeak, Lynette Russ, and Barbara Sowell. Brother-in-Laws Richard O'Neal, Riverdalec Georgia, and John Terrell, Franklin, Tennessee and Johnny Elliott Nashville, Tennessee. Special cousin Jerry Mayberry, Fred Stone, and Perry Huddleston. Special friends Larry Jackson, Ronnie Wright, Vanessa Waters, Thelma Moss, Reggie Simons, Bobby Tubbs, Robert Moss, Tyrone Taylor, Tony Wentz, Shae McCaleb, Ester Jones and Alvin Littlejohn.

Cemetery Details

Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

7931 McCrory Ln
Nashville, TN 37221

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Sorry for your loss!! Prayers for the family and friends!!*

Pamela Warf - March 06, 2023 at 08:41 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of James Lee Hornbeak*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - March 06, 2023 at 02:09 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilly lit a candle in memory of James Lee Hornbeak*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilly - March 06, 2023 at 02:07 PM

IL

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family*

Ivan Littlejohn - March 05, 2023 at 09:07 AM

LC

“ *Prayers and blessings for the family..*

Lisa Collier

Lisa Collier - March 05, 2023 at 09:03 AM

IL

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family
Ivan Littlejohn*

Ivan Littlejohn - March 05, 2023 at 08:56 AM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of
James Hornbeak*



Cheeva McClearen - March 04, 2023 at 02:18 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of
James Hornbeak*



Sheila Chance - March 04, 2023 at 09:43 AM

SB

“ *Shelia Brann lit a candle in memory of James
Hornbeak*



Shelia Brann - March 04, 2023 at 09:09 AM

LJ

“ *Larry Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Larry &Faye Jackson - March 03, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Betty Love - March 03, 2023 at 04:40 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Ronald Gammons - March 03, 2023 at 04:16 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Vicky Beagle - March 03, 2023 at 10:24 AM

VB

“ So sorry for your loss Prayers for his family and friends 🙏



Vicky Beagle - March 03, 2023 at 10:24 AM

RR

“ Ray Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak



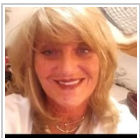
Ray Ragsdale - March 03, 2023 at 10:02 AM

LH

“ Lynette Haynes-Rusd lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak



Lynette Haynes-Rusd - March 03, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Paula Crowder lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak



Paula Crowder - March 03, 2023 at 09:14 AM

AC

“ *Alisa Collins lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Alisa D Collins - March 03, 2023 at 09:08 AM

BL

“ *Brandy London lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Brandy London - March 03, 2023 at 08:53 AM

BL

“ *Drop it's so hard to believe that you were gone that's a hard one to grasp I am thankful and blessed for all the many years that we got to share together you are always such a great person inside and out you will be forever missed and never forgotten I hope you're resting easy in heaven because I know you're watching down on us I'll see you again one day soon until then I love you*

Brandy London - March 03, 2023 at 08:53 AM

GO

“ *Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of James Hornbeak*



Glenda Orman - March 02, 2023 at 11:17 PM