



James Dewey Hull

January 29, 1951 - November 28, 2022

James Dewey Hull was born January 29, 1951 in Muskogee, OK. He peacefully went home to the Lord on November 28, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital at the age of 71. He is the beloved son of Jesse James Hull and Elsie Thomas Hull.

Never straying too far from his deep Oklahoma roots, he graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1969. James served Muskogee well as a Firefighter (IAFF Local 57) from 1977 until his retirement in 2000, where he was a decorated Captain.

While a Firefighter, James also owned and operated several businesses during his lifetime, including Pepper Mattress, where he made custom mattresses. His sewing kit was to be envied by many.

Both his occupations and hobbies spoke to his great talent with his hands. Gifted with immeasurable skills in the area of upholstery, those same tactile skills translated to many of his hobbies - which included restoring classic cars and body work. It was hard to find anything James couldn't repair, enhance, or restore. His ability to bring things back to life, whether an old vehicle or a faulty tv remote, was a great source of fulfillment in his life. Other interests included all things NASCAR, (Dale Earnhardt was his favorite), Harley-Davidson motorcycles, old Westerns, and anything having to do with wartime

history. It always seemed like if there wasn't a race to watch, there was definitely something with John Wayne or a WWII documentary on tv that one could spend time watching alongside James.

James was devoted to his family, and married the love of his life, Kennie, on June 17, 1993. He referred to Kennie as his Princess, and with her, he finally had his family. They raised 4 boys and cherished the life they made together for almost 30 years. He was supportive and proud of Kennie in her role as a Muskogee educator and often made materials and furniture for her classroom. 4 boys led to 10 grandchildren that he would look upon with excitement and awe from their infancy up through adulthood, known lovingly as PaPa. His imprint on each of their lives is lasting.

James was preceded in death by his father, Jesse James Hull. Left to mourn his loss and honor his life and legacy are his mother, Elsie Thomas Hull of Muskogee; wife, Kennie of Muskogee; mother-in-law, Helen Tarpley of Owasso; son, Tad Colburn and wife Emily; their children, Charlie and Maggie of Tulsa; son, Nick Colburn and his wife Jennifer; their children, Ben and Olivia of Edmond; son, Marty Colburn and wife Julia; their children, Hannah, Ethan, Gabe and Jude of Owasso; son, Grant Colburn and wife Jennifer; their children, Reid and Beau of Edmond; family by choice, Bruce and Angela Satterfield; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he loved dearly.

A celebration of James' life will be 10AM, Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jared Callahan officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Tribute Wall



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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



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