



James E. Kelton

October 19, 1955 - March 27, 2020

James Edward Kelton, 64, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 27, 2020. He was born on October 19, 1955 to Bennie and Pearl (Fairchild) Kelton in Checotah, Oklahoma. He grew up and attended Muskogee Central High School.

James married the love of his life, Rhoda Ann DeShazer, on October 25, 1973 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They shared over 46 years of a happy life and marriage together.

James was an owner of Unique Auto Repair and worked as a mechanic for many years. He had a love for music and enjoyed listening to and playing gospel and blue grass. James enjoyed playing his guitar and he loved to sing. He also loved racing and working on the race car with his son. James enjoyed riding motorcycles and going on rides with his wife Rhoda and their daughter and her husband, as well as many family members and friends. He played softball and eventually became an umpire.

James loved his family very much and will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Pearl Kelton; and sister, Carol Mason.

James is survived by his loving wife, Rhoda; son, James Kelton and fiancé Christina; daughter, Traci Doak and husband James; brother-in-law, Don Mason; multiple brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

A celebration of James' life will be 10AM, Friday, April 3, 2020 at Greenhill Cemetery Pavilion with Rev. Billy Fowler officiating. Pallbearers will be Don Mason, Billy Fowler, James Doak, Fred Fairchild, Mike Doak and David McCullough.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Kelton*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I met this man when I was 15 yrs old. I remember how good of a dad he was to his kids. His son Jamie and he went hunting every season and he attended every karate tournament he could. He was a very good man. My sympathy and thoughts are with his wife and children. He will definitely be missed.*
-Crystal Cotner-

Robert Silvey - April 04, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Praying for your family and sending virtual hugs. I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Mr. Kelton since I was 10 years old. My heart just broke for his family upon hearing of his passing. Growing up with his daughter Traci Mr. Kelton was always kind to me and never made me feel unwelcome. He will be missed.*

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“ *Condolences for your loss*

Tommy and Christi McCullough

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“ i remember that he always loved his family and he loved watching his kids grow up to be the man and women they are today and he loved playing music and watching racing.

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