



James H. Rackley

January 14, 1939 - June 6, 2020

James Hiram Rackley, 81, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020. He was born January 14, 1939 in Morris, Oklahoma to Johnny H. and Dixie (Hallum) Rackley. He attended public schools and graduated from Liberty High School in 1957.

James was the owner of a Skelly gas station from 1970-1978. In 1979, he started working at Fort Howard as a forklift operator until 1997. He also taught forklift classes at Muskogee Vo-tech for many years. Lastly, he worked for Muskogee County Transit and retired in 2009.

James will always be remembered for his love of being outdoors. He enjoyed deer hunting, camping, and fishing, but most important was spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Dixie Rackley; brother, Johnny Rackley; and sister-in-law, Ellen Rackley.

James is survived by his son, Todd Rackley and wife Melissa; daughter, Kim Adams and husband Jim, all of Muskogee; bonus son, Jim Price and wife Vicki of Ft. Gibson; grandchildren, Lachelle Stroble and husband Jay, Mandy Adams, Lacey Streble and husband Nick, Rebecca Whiteside and husband Tim, Logan Rhodes and wife Taylor, Hunter Rackley, and Alex Rackley; 12

great-grandchildren, Jay, Nathan, Kash, Jerome, Mylie, Heath, Nick, Nate, Shelby, Xavier, Xander, and Artemis; brother, Bill Rackley of Van Buren, AR; sister-in-law, Delina Rackley of Ft. Smith, AR; along with 3 nephews and 1 niece.

The family will receive friends from 5-7PM, Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services celebrating James' life will be 2PM, Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Echols officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Steve Mayes, Logan Rhodes, Hunter Rackley, Nick Strebel, Tim Whiteside, and Jay Strobel serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Godwin, Mike Stewart, and Jim Price.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family to greet friends

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
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Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *James H. Rackley*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I remember James and his brother, Bill, visiting our family for a couple weeks every year. It was fun having them come to visit. They added to our teams for outside games.*

Joyce (Hallum) Sack

joyce Sack - June 10, 2020 at 06:53 PM



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Mandy Adams - June 10, 2020 at 04:57 PM

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Mandy Adams - June 10, 2020 at 04:42 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 10, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JP

“ I am blessed to have known James for over 20 years. He and I share a love for camping, fishing, cooking the fish caught at the end of an always successful and enjoyable fishing trip, sharing the catch with as many people around the camp whether we knew their names or not, as well as the friends and family we invited. I have many fond memories of the trips we shared, the boat would be leaving at 7 a.m. for the morning run and 5 p.m. for the afternoon run...if you wanted to go you'd better be there right on time. 😊 James always caught a 20 pounder, one trip in particular was when we were camping together in March 2000 we were pulling jugs on the last day, we hadn't yet caught the 20 pounder. As we were coming close to one of the jugs it stood straight up and almost disappeared under the water. James and my son Alton we're trying to land the big one James was as excited as the teenager beside him. Working together the big one got pulled up into the pontoon boat as they both turned around where I could see from the drivers seat the biggest broadest smiles I ever saw. The big one (flathead) weighed in at 58 pounds...no fish story here...there's a picture on James's wall to prove it.

James is and always will be very special to me, I always felt welcomed and appreciated by him, I would always look forward to our In person visits as well as our weekly phone conversations...Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. he would always be on time, and if he wasn't I knew something was up.

God Bless you James I love you and will see you again in Heaven...I'm sure you and St Peter are swapping fish stories right now.

Jim Price 🙏❤️

Jim Price - June 10, 2020 at 09:20 AM

AP

I remember that day like it was yesterday. I always loved those summer and fall fishing trips we had together. James was such a caring and giving individual. We love you James see ya in heaven bud.

Alton Price - June 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM

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David Rackley - June 09, 2020 at 08:36 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 09, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James H. Rackley.



June 09, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DR

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David Rackley - June 09, 2020 at 04:15 PM

DR

“ Uncle James has always been a part of my life. My dad, Johnie, was James' eldest brother. Being the eldest nephew, I remember things that few other people could have known.

James lived with us for a while. I was present, when he married. In the early 1960's, I remember the white shirts, ties and fedoras that were all the rage for insurance salesmen. We fished in Oklahoma and hunted deer together in Arkansas. I visited his home in Big Spring, Texas. He attended my high school graduation. When I was a poor student in college, he arranged for badly needed tires for my car. All I had to do, was drive to his station to have them installed. He was present, when I married. For our honeymoon he provided his cabin at Lake Eufaula. In 1976, my wife and I stayed with James and Pat for a month. We paid for our room and board by working in one of his gas stations.

For those of you present at the time, you will remember how I learned to fillet a fish -- over and over Uncle James would describe, in intricate detail, the entire process; and as I nodded with understanding, he would begin afresh, as if he could tell that I might have missed an important detail.

There are hundreds more stories. Simply said, we were family, and family matters. Uncle James you will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Rest in Peace, Dear Uncle,

David Rackley

David Rackley - June 09, 2020 at 03:58 PM