



James Leon "Jim" Raney

February 17, 1951 - November 10, 2015

Our loving brother and uncle, James Leon (Jim) Raney, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 with his family by his side. Jim was born February 17, 1951 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to A. Leon and C. Maxine (Green) Raney. He grew up and attended the public schools and graduated from Muskogee Central High School with the class of 1969. Jim's passion for vocal and instrumental music began in junior high when he learned to play the cornet. He maintained "first chair" in the band most of his time in school band and was a member of the marching band. He loved to sing and play guitar in the Central High School Jazz Band, as well as participate in the all-school musical plays. His love of music continued throughout his life as he played his guitar in many bands. His talented voice and his great sense of humor helped him in being a very good entertainer. Jim served our country with three different 'calls of duty'; he served in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as Sergeant, and then the U.S. Navy and later the U.S. Army Reserves. He received honorable discharges from each branch of service. Patriotism was very important to Jim and his family recalls that when he marched in the Veterans Day Parades, he was always the one asked to play "Taps."

Jim had various employments, but found selling suits to be one he really enjoyed. His career included S and K Men's Wear, where he was a Store Manager. He then worked as a store liquidator and traveled the country to perform his duties. His family also recalls, while he lived in Georgia, he

worked as an EMT. His best job came toward the end of his career when he started substitute teaching. He loved and enjoyed the kids and listening to the many stories they would tell. Jim loved being around people. His friends knew him by many different names including, 'Jim', 'Raney' and 'Jimmy Leon.' He was loved very much and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ronald Price of Muskogee; nephews, James Daniel (Danny) Price of Muskogee, Erick Samuel Price and his wife Erin of Muskogee; great niece, Brittany Price Reed and her husband Chase of Tahlequah, OK, great nephews, Bradley Price and his wife Kayla, and Jamie Leon Price all of Tahlequah, OK, great nephews, Eyan and Aydan Barry of Muskogee, great nieces, Zoe Elizabeth Price and Evinn Raney Price of Muskogee; and great great niece, Kambri-Ann Reed.

A celebration of Jim's life will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2015, at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Minister James McCracken and Minister Tony Blumenberg officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family suggests memorials be made to Boulevard Christian Church Music Ministry, 1700 W. Shawnee, Muskogee, OK 74401.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ James Leon "Jim" Raney

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ I recently learned of Jim's passing and as a fellow warrior Jim I look forward to seeing you again my friend! Thank you for your service brother...



Mark Eversole - August 14, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ Shelia Risenhoover Haughey lit a candle in memory of James Leon "Jim" Raney



Shelia Risenhoover Haughey - November 16, 2015 at 08:39 PM



Jim was a nice person I've know along time ..Back in Star dust skating rink ..

Shelia Risenhoover Haughey - November 16, 2015 at 08:42 PM

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“ *Jim and I dated a little during high school. Several years ago I found a photo and posted it on FB. He was excited as he had never seen it. We visited on FB and he said such nice things about my parents. I am so glad I got to visit him while he was still at the VA. I will always had fond memories. He will be missed.*



Sally White Phillips - November 14, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Lea Ann Sterling lit a candle in memory of James Leon "Jim" Raney*



lea ann sterling - November 13, 2015 at 06:09 PM


Rodney
Guinn

“ I wanted to share a memory I have. I kinda knew him from music and other family connections as a young man. In 1997 I was in a world of trouble, facing jail time with a new born baby girl . I was trying to set my life back straight but I had a huge hole to dig out of. I moved to tulsa got a job a started trying to make my way. I wanted to move up and needed a suit for an interview. I walked into the suit store near where I worked in tulsa. I was lucky and happy to see a familiar face by chance .. Jim .. He always had a big smile and that day was no different. He asked what I was doing and I explained my situation. Silly poor dumb kid from muskogee desperately trying to find away out and to be a provider. He said well let's see what we can do. He got me all fixed up with a suit I could afford and I remember standing in the mirror and he said .. Relax you look like you know what your doing and no will no any different. I left there with just a little more comfort and confidence and of course I went back many times over the next few years to have Jim be sure I was looking my part. We would briefly talk about MUSKOGEE and Eric and he knew how I felt and supported him. It just goes to show you never know what effect a simple thing you say or do for someone will have. For me those few words from an older man I knew from my home town were a little piece of help to keep me going.. Anyways that's my memory of Jim. Smiling looking back at me in the mirror telling me to go get em. Thanks Jim..



Rodney Guinn - November 12, 2015 at 09:35 PM