



James David Leonard

July 4, 1989 - October 16, 2023

James David Leonard passed away on October 16, 2023, surrounded by his family who were blessed to be by his side as he departed this life. He was an incomparable son, brother, uncle, and friend who touched many hearts throughout his life.

Born July 4, 1989, to Michelle Lee and Doug Leonard, James lived his early life in Florida and Michigan, where he spent his childhood playing baseball and football and being a wonderful role model for his two younger brothers, Matthew and Nicholas. He spent the past decade with the same employer, CVS Health, where he was most recently a Medicare Representative doing what he loved most - helping others in their time of need.

James enjoyed the simplicities of life, like watching college football on Saturdays, relaxing in the pool, video games, Dungeons & Dragons, his favorite movies, and spending quality time with family and friends. He had an unmatched heart and was often called a gentle giant. Generous and kind, with a wonderful sense of humor and an unrivaled knowledge of history and trivia, James had a soul and mind that will forever be missed.

James is preceded in passing by grandparents James and Jane. He is survived by his parents, Michelle (Charles) and Doug (Karen), his brothers Matthew (Kaelyn) and Nicholas (Ashley), nephews Beckett, Rockston, and Owen, grandparents Arretta and David, and step-sisters Jenifer (Trent) and Ashley (Bryan).

We invite those who loved James to join the family for visitation at 10 a.m. at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home on Bartow Road, with service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to any one of the following organizations:

ASPCA: https://secure.aspca.org/donate/2023-eap-oct1-web-T1-P1?ms=wb_hom_position1-nf-oct1-20231017&initialms=wb_hom_position1-nf-oct1-20231017&pcode=WEB1HOM&lpcode=WEB2HOM

Lighthouse Ministries:

<https://www.lighthousemin.org/financial-gifts>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James David Leonard*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 20, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the Leonard Family. James was an amazing, funny, and warmhearted co-worker, always helping us with our questions and making us laugh when we made mistakes. He is very missed at CVS. I pray for his family through this difficult time.*



Lynette Hockaday - October 25, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.*



October 20, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.



October 20, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.



October 20, 2023 at 10:50 AM



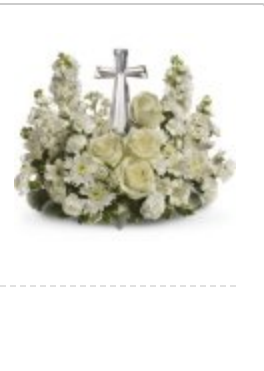
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.



October 20, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.



October 19, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.*



October 19, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *We are saddened to know you've lost James. Your family has always been so dear to ours. We cannot imagine the loss you are feeling at this time. Know that we are sending love and prayers up for him and each of you.*

The Mercaldi Family- Rick, Dana, Austin & Peyton

dana mercaldi - October 19, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Sharon and Dwayne Sanders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James David Leonard.*



Sharon and Dwayne Sanders - October 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.*



October 19, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DJ

“ James was always the warmest and most hilarious person in the room. I will miss him dearly. He was a staple in my life in my early 20s. Always kind, willing to listen, and always there to cheer me up and look at the bright side of things. James, Tiny, you will never be forgotten. Love you, buddy. -Dee

Deanna Jones - October 19, 2023 at 12:37 PM

JL

“ I first met James through my brother Charles, who married his mother, Michelle , so I guess you could call him my step nephew. From the first time I met James I felt a real sense of kinship. He was a gentle giant with a heart of gold who was always ready and willing to help others. I will truly miss watching college football on Saturdays with him. He always made you laugh or smile when you were in his presence, and I am going to miss his big smile and his jolly laughter. To know James was to love him and he enriched the lives of all who knew him. I love you James, and will truly miss you! Jerry Lee and family



Jerry Lee - October 19, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CV

“ Christina V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James David Leonard.

Christina V. - October 19, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James David Leonard.*



October 19, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I remember my little guy singing the Kit Kat song in the car so I would stop to get him a Kit Kat bar on the way home. I loved James and his Michael Jackson impersonation. I will miss him very much. Mom Mom & Pop Pop.*

David & Arretta Lent - October 19, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Morgan Family , Joseph, Laura , Emery ,Greyson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James David Leonard.*



Morgan Family , Joseph, Laura , Emery ,Greyson - October 19, 2023 at 09:13 AM