



Luther Jefferson James Jr.

February 22, 1934 - May 13, 2017

LAKELAND – Luther (Jeff) J. James, Jr., 83, passed away at his home on May 12, 2017, surrounded by his family. Jeff had fought a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Jeff was born and raised in Lakeland, FL. He was married for 60 years to Barbara Britt James, who preceded him in death on May 15, 2016. Jeff graduated from Lakeland High School, Class of 1952. He served in the United States Army, being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserves after attaining the rank of Sergeant. He worked 41 years with the railroad, retiring from CSX Transportation in 1996.

Jeff is survived by his daughter, Vicki Spears of Lakeland; son Glenn James (Mary) of Polk City, FL, granddaughter Brittany Spears of Newport, NC; and 26 nieces and nephews. In addition to Barbara, he was preceded in death by his parents, L. J. and Clemmie James; brothers Dewey, Howard, Vernon, and Marshall; and sisters Daisy Blondena, Gilda, and Evelyn.

Visitation at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810 on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Alzheimer's disease research, Vitas Hospice or Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel

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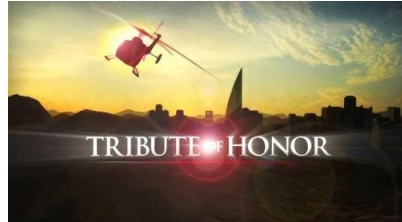
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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Luther Jefferson James Jr.



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - May 18, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luther Jefferson James Jr..



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“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Luther Jefferson James Jr..*



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“ *Back in 1988, my family, my mom, (his sister, Gilda,) went to Florida to visit Jeff and Barbara and spend some time at Walt Disney World. My son had brought a friend with him and we all stayed at Uncle Jeff's and Aunt Barbara's home. As you would have it, the tub became stopped up, the friend came running out and made a commotion. Then, Uncle Jeff took the boys outside to the septic system and showed them how to fix the problem. The boys thoroughly got grossed out and a lesson on septic systems! It was hilarious and was the topic of conversations for many days after. Thank you, Uncle Jeff, for a life long lesson! The boys still talk about it. Dedie*

Dedie Manitzas - May 16, 2017 at 10:41 PM