



James Monroe Byrd

November 3, 1958 - May 29, 2023

James Monroe Byrd, 64, of Peoria, died Monday, May 29, 2023. He was born November 3, 1958, in Peoria, to Jesse H. Sr. and Bernice (Faulkner) Byrd. His parents preceded him in death along with his sisters Annette Robinson-Moore and Linda K. Byrd. He is survived by his son, Dr. Julius Byrd; daughter, Riva Byrd, and granddaughter Brilliance Drakes, his brothers Eddie "Easy" Jackson and Randy Byrd, both of Peoria, Jesse Byrd, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, and Kenneth Byrd Sr. Of Duluth, GA and his sisters Shirley Brown of Peoria, Betty Jordan-Henry of Las Vegas, NV, Linda Fay McBride of Orlando, FL, and Pamela Byrd-Moton of Peoria. His struggle with addiction was insidious and deep rooted however through the internal struggle he found joy in the world by his relationships with others. If you knew the last name Byrd there was a good chance James was responsible. He was known as a diehard Lakers fan always sporting a Lakers hat. He even took it upon himself to instill his son with the middle name Earvin. As he aged he was bestowed the title of grandfather by way of his daughter. He loved nothing more than being a grandparent. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the JOLT Harm Reduction non-profit located in Peoria.

A Memorial Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Friday, June 9, at Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service, 1625 Candletree Drive Ste. D, Peoria, IL 61614. On-line condolences and tributes may be made at www.schmidthaller.com

Cemetery Details

Cremation has been accorded.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services
1625 W Candletree Drive Suite D
Peoria, IL 61614
(309) 699-7208

Tribute Wall



“ James what a good man you were. I'm so sorry to his family. I found out about this very recently. I'm so very saddened. He was a man with a huge heart and loved his family. I hate addiction. Fly with the Angels James.



Susan Owen - February 14, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ James Monroe Byrd was a kind, loving, intelligent, respectful, handsome, and extraordinary man. He loved his son, daughter, granddaughter, and siblings more than anything. He was so proud of Julius and Reva Byrd. I thank God that I was blessed and given the opportunity to spend over twenty years with him. I learned so much from him about respect and love. He learned from his father how to be a man, respect all, not judge, and to love family. I want to thank his sister Pam for showing him so much love and kindness, actually I can't put it into words, the love she always showed her brother, like she does all of her family. He is at peace and his legacy will not be forgotten. Thank you James, for always being a man. Sincerely, Kristy Nicole Woods

Kristy Woods - June 08, 2023 at 05:31 PM

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“ Julius, we are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Sending hugs and love your way. Chris, Tasha, Isaiah and Kaisen



Tasha O'Brien - June 08, 2023 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of James Byrd*



Annette Lucy - June 05, 2023 at 05:06 PM