



James Leon Munford

January 12, 1947 - December 1, 2025

Mr. James L. Munford, an adventurous soul, was born in Anniston, Alabama on January 12, 1947. He was the son of Gladys Munford Cowan and was raised by his grandparents, Carl and Lizzie Munford.

James received his formal education in the Anniston City School System and was a proud member of the Cobb Avenue High School class of 1965. After high school, James served his country in the United States Navy for three years until he was honorably discharged in 1968.

James' journey through life is a testament to his tenacity and free spirit. He embraced every entrepreneurial opportunity that came his way. With his boundless energy, James was able to build relationships and leave a lasting impact on all who knew him. The role he cherished the most was his role as a grandfather.

On Monday, December 1, 2025, James transitioned to his next great adventure. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Cowan; grandparents, Carl and Lizzie Munford; grandchild, Caden Munford; uncles/brothers, Alfred Munford, Sr., Willie L. Munford, Richard Munford, and Robert L. Munford; and aunt/sister, Carrie B. Dye.

James Munford's memories will forever be treasured by his daughters, Tanya

Munford, Courtney Munford, and Jana Tolliver; sons, Maurice (Mary) Wade, Michael Brooks, Roderick Williams, Carl (Roshando) Munford, Sr., and Damion (Evelyne) Boyer; grandchildren, Juwan Hammock, Ryan Pitts, Taylor Bradford, Maurice Wade, Jr., Tiera Wade, Justin Wade, Darien Wade, Michael Brooks, Jr., Makaila Brooks, Porscha Williams, Carl Munford, Jr., Jordan Munford, Ervin Munford, Dane Boyer and Nola Boyer.; sister, Karen (Derrick) Blackmon; brothers, Fred Cowan and Anthony Cowan; and uncle/brother, Charlie (Trudy) Munford.

As we say our goodbyes, we will carry forward his warmth, love, and indomitable spirit. Let us celebrate the life of a wonderful man who truly lived on his own terms-and who will be deeply missed by all.

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met James not long after he joined the military, he was first stationed at the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California. James first saw me during the annual Mid Winter Fair. As my friends and I were walking home from school, James and his friend drove up, parked, James immediately came over and introduced himself to me. He walked with us for about a block, long enough to get my phone number. James soon began to call me, and I liked him pretty much! He was so funny, that like grew to love. After 2.5 years, a horrible accident happened, the navy sent James away unbeknownst to me. We lost contact for many years, eventually through FB, we reconnected. That laughter and love was reprised as if we never skipped a beat. Once again, James had to leave, this time I know he loved Jesus and I believe I'll see him again, and it will be forever without end. I love you James Leon Munford. ❤️

Linda Osborne - December 07, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JL

“ Mr James Mumford one of the most generous, funny man I knew. He will truly be missed

Jacqueline Larry - December 05, 2025 at 01:40 PM

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“ Linda Osborne purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Leon Munford.



Linda Osborne - December 05, 2025 at 10:18 AM

EB

“ I remember James as always being a jokester, He had a unique personally and was always smiling. He was the life of the party. May God give peace and comfort to the family.

Eddyer Brown - December 02, 2025 at 07:01 PM

CK

James was a surrogate BIG Brother to me. We had many MANY laughs over the years. He will be sorely missed. My condolences, prayers, and thoughts are with his family and friends.

Cheryl Kendrick - December 07, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ James was a very unique human being! His sense of humor was unmatched by anyone I've ever known I knew him all my life and he will be missed by everyone. May God's everlasting love be with his Family and the class of 1965!!

Tim Frederick - December 02, 2025 at 01:14 PM