



JAMES W FRANKLIN

July 16, 2021

James Winfred Franklin walked into the presence of his Lord on July 16, 2021 at the age of 77. He will lovingly be remembered as PawPaw, Daddy, Brother James, Mr. Franklin and Honey (by his wife). Survived by his best friend and wife of 58 years, Linda Franklin, loved sister; Nancy Head, daughters; Paula Austin and Tricia Franklin, grand daughters; Dakota Argo and Ashley Corley and soon to be great grandson Joseph Argo and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dessie and Winfred Franklin, brother; Billy and beloved daughter Jamie Denise. James was imaginative, artistic and creative. He loved God's creation and dearly enjoyed fishing and hunting. In his years, he was known as a taxidermist, artist, woodworker, cabinet maker, deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. He was a welder at Pullman Standard, an Alabama State correctional officer and retired correctional Sergeant from Homewood Police Department. Most importantly, he was a man of God who loved and cared for people and a strong witness for his Lord! The funeral will be Sunday July 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. at Union Hill Baptist Church with visitation prior to the service from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. The burial will be at Oak Grove First Baptist Cemetery, Mike Stevens officiating.

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“ Dear Linda and Family, What a blessing to have been a part of your lives as one of your previous pastors. Let me say first that James will be greatly missed. His testimony was so powerful among those he walked with in this life. He could truly say with the Apostle Paul that "I am not ashamed of the gospel." Secondly my dear sister you two were a perfect example of what a family should be. You will never know the impact that the two of you lovebirds have had on other people until you reach the golden shore. I too feel the hurt in my heart that you are experiencing. I know those girls that called James daddy are hurting beyond measure. The good thing all of you can be assured of is that you do not have to say goodbye at the services tomorrow, but you can with great faith say until we meet again. Even though I cannot be with you at this time, know that I will be praying for you. Bro. Wallace is a phone call away if my wife Teresa and I can ever help you. The Lord knows I love the Franklin family. Dear Father, thank you for the life James lived. Thank you for the friendship and influence he had with so many people. Lord, please undergird my precious friends. Hold them tightly in your arms. Give them GRACE for the days ahead. Let them know they are loved. Even so come quickly Lord Jesus. Amen

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