



## **JAMES WELDON RUSHING, JR.**

February 5, 2017

James Weldon Rushing, Jr, lovingly known to many as PeeWee, Papa Bear, and/or Bucka, peacefully passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2017, surrounded by family and loving friends after a long battle with congestive heart failure and COPD.

James was preceded in death by his father, James Sr, his granddaughter, Taylor Jade, and his son in law, Anthony “Don” Yannetta.

James is survived by his loving wife, Donna, his daughter, Misty Yannetta, his bonus daughters, Gloria (Todd) Dille and Charro (Brian) Hanahan; grandchildren, Dustan & Grace Dille and Chase & Mackenzie Hanahan; his precious mother, Laudice Rushing; his siblings Pete (Pat) Welch, Stanley Rushing, and Mary (Oscar) Boles, a special aunt, Geraldine (Clay) Morris, as well as his nieces and nephews, many cousins, and friends too numerous to count.

James was a one of a kind person, and he could set any room into laughter. His friends were numerous, and many have been lifelong. He made friends easily, loved big, and those friends have taken his family into theirs—some becoming the embodiment of Clarence Oddbody. Thankfully those precious souls know who they are, and the family is forever grateful to them for their love, support, and friendship.

The family has arranged a special memorial service for Saturday, February 11, at Concord Highlands Baptist Church (100 Concord Highlands Drive, Bessemer, AL, 35023). Visitors will be received from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm,

with the Memorial Service to be held at 12:00 pm. Brother Keith Ellis and Brother Randy Norris will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that donations be made in James' honor to the American Heart Foundation OR to the Concord Highlands Baptist Church cross fund.

# Tribute Wall

FH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Frances Shepherd Headley - February 07, 2017 at 11:18 PM

RR

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Regina n David Roeding - February 07, 2017 at 09:17 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met him and we became friends 18 years ago. He was such a good person, funny, loving and giving. He will be missed. Prayers for his family and friends.

Kathy Levesque - February 07, 2017 at 03:20 PM

AT

“ It has been my sincere pleasure to visit and talk with James for the better part of two years now when I was part of the Alacare team. Always a special treat spending time with him.

Alan Thompson - February 07, 2017 at 02:52 PM

SG

“ I can't begin to describe what an honor it was to have known this wonderful man. He was an LVAD brother to my husband through our journey, and at all times an inspiration and an uplifting spirit to us both. Heaven received another beautiful soul that day and I am sure my Larry welcomed him home !

Sharon Glover - February 07, 2017 at 02:34 PM

MD

“ Prayers for the family, Pee Wee will be missed .

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**michael dedmon** - February 07, 2017 at 02:13 PM

GY

“ I am so sorry praying for all of y'all

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**Gloria Gonzales Yonts** - February 07, 2017 at 01:33 PM

LD

“ Pee Wee you were truly one of a kind and you will be missed dearly. You never changed always was the person who could make you laugh even if you were down. Continuous prayers for Donna and family.

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**Linda Edwards and Big Daddy** - February 07, 2017 at 01:17 PM

KT

“ Donna and family - Thoughts and prayers are with you. Pee Wee was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Such an inspiration to us all and I can't wait to see him along with other loved ones in Heaven. Love you.

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**Keith, Sharron, Jake, Kelsey, Nick and Tayla** - February 07, 2017 at 01:05 PM

KR

“ James was a kind person and one mean words with friends player.

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**Kenyata Rodgers** - January 01, 1753 at 11:23 AM