



James E. Sikes, Jr.

November 24, 1936 - December 17, 2012

James (Jamie) E. Sikes Jr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior at his home in Alleene, AR, surrounded by his family on December 17, 2012 after battling brain cancer for several months.

Jamie was born November 24, 1936 in Alleene, AR to Estel and Thelma Sikes. He attended Ashdown High School and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in Engineering. After college he worked for U.S. Steel in Birmingham, AL until he took a job working for General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Tx, as an engineer on the space program. He moved back to Alleene and went to work at Red River Army Depot in 1965. He became the CTX Supervisor for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle System. He and his team wrote the procedure manuals for tearing down and rebuilding Bradley tanks after field service. He retired in 1997 as a Supervisory Mechanical Engineer with 32 years of service at RRAD. After his retirement, he was active in the Alleene Community and involved in a number of volunteer projects. He was also a Mason, and served as Master of the Lodge in Foreman, AR, for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harold Sikes; sister, Estelle Stevens; and his first wife, Bobbie Ann Davis Sikes. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Shirley Ann Sikes; one son, James E. Sikes III and wife Stephanie of Kirbyville, TX; three daughters, Lydia and husband Lanny

Springer of Hooks, TX; Lynda ad Husband Mark Hartley of Marquette, NE; and Shey Maxwell of Texarkana, TX; step-children, Kevin and Shirl Simmerman of Gulfport, MS; Katherine and Apache Pedro of Downsville, LA; Douglas and Christy Simmerman of Cumby, TX;sister, Vyvian Spigner of Ashdown, AR; 12 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Celebration of his life will be at Winthrop Baptist Church Saturday December 22, 2012 at 11:00 am with Pastor Audie Dawson officiating. Visitation will be at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown from 6 to 8 pm Friday December 21, 2012. Burial will be in the Ashdown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alleene Community Center, P. O Box 83, Alleene, AR, 71820; the Ashdown Cemetery, P.O. Box 1135, Ashdown, AR, 71822; or the Winthrop Baptist Church (Youth Program), P. O. Box 190, Winthrop, AR, 71866.

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Sikes, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Merry Christmas Pops and Grandma Shirley.*

Kellie, Byan and Zach - Hooks, TX - Grandchildren - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jimmy and Lydia,*

Sorry to hear about your daddy. I know what a tough tough time this is for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was looking at the pictures and they bring back good memories. Stay strong and know that there is no pain in heaven.

Karen Sikes

Karen Sikes - Kissimmee, FL - cousin - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lydia,*

You, Lynda, Jimmy and your families are in my prayers. Your dad was a sweet man. I have such special memories of spending time at your house as a little girl. One of favorites was the mulligan supper/street dance - always had so much fun! He and your mom always made me feel so welcome. Love you big, sweet girl. Take care of yourself.

Kim

Kim Pickett Jordan - McKinney, TX - December 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Lynda, Jimmy and Lydia: My heart aches for you and your family during this difficult time. I know you all will miss him terribly but I hope you can find some comfort in the fact of knowing that many loved your dad and he made positive influences in so many other people's lives.

I will always remember Mr. Sikes as the smiling and kind hearted person he was. In my line of work, I come across many people on a daily basis and James was always the type of person you hoped more people could be like. He never had an unkind word to say and he always made you smile with his outlook on life. I remember my last conversation with James at my office and even after all he had been through at that time he was still smiling. It made me smile knowing that he was safe and sound with his family where he should be.

Hugs to you all!

Melissa Booth Brown - Ashdown, AR - December 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I never met Jimmy's dad, but If his dad was anything like Jimmy he was an all American hard working honest kind hearted person. I would like to send my deepest sympathy to all of the Sikes Family and may the peace of God be with all of you In this time of sorrow.

Leroy Fagg - Beaumont, TX - Friend - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Lydia our prayers go out to you and your family at this time of grief may the Lord be with all of you. Wish we could be there for your support ,but we are there spiritually

Jason and Candy Springer - Texarkana, TX - Lydia & Lanny's niece and nephew
- December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Shirley and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Jamie's passing. We worked together for all of those years and I remember and appreciate all he did for our organization and RRAD.

He was very talented and well known throughout the Army Materiel Command. There are so many great memories...from his support to Viet Nam in the early 1970's to Germany in the 1980's and 1990's. and all over the USA as CTX for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Jamie was just a great person and we will all miss him.

Dwight Byrd

Dwight Byrd - Simms, TX - co-worker and friend - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Shirley and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Jamie's passing. Jamie was my supervisor and dear friend at Red River Army Depot. I know its been years since I had seen him, but I will never forget him and you Shirley.

Stay strong and I will keep your family in my prayers.

Odessa.

Odessa Moore Bursey - Nash, TX - Co-Worker/Employee - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jimmy, So sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Our prayers are with you and your family. Our prayer is that God will hold you in His loving arms during this time while you are in mourning. Our love is with you, Sincerely, David and Mary Ann Monk

David - Beaumont, TX - Friend - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Lydia,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time!
Heaven has a new angel and your Daddy is watching over you now...
Hugs ad kisses
Xoxo
Theresa.

Theresa (Scafidi) Cacace - Murrells Inlet, SC - Friend - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM