



James Fred Stanton (Gator)

December 12, 1941 - September 14, 2019

James Fred (Gator) Stanton passed away to meet his Lord on Saturday, September 14th in Little River Nursing Home. He was born in Hope, Arkansas on December 12, 1941 and grew up in Saratoga, Arkansas. He grew up with the Church of Christ and was a Christian. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nash and Thelma Stanton, his brother Nash Tipton (Tip) Stanton his step son SFC Richard J. Henkes II and great granddaughter Isolde Elise Romero.

He is survived by his wife Chris Stanton, his son Paul Mac Stanton, his daughter and son in law Cindy Stephens and Jeff Stephens, two grandsons, Corbett Stephens and Carder Stephens, his step daughter and her husband Linda Bass and Allen Bass, step daughter Rev. Tamara Henkes, step granddaughter Cassidy Case, step granddaughter Isabel Henkes, step great grandchildren Guinevere Adelle Frederick and Achilles Nickolas Vallet.

Jim attended Ouachita College in Arkadelphia on a full scholarship and later transferred to the University of the Ozarks. He worked for Reynolds Metals Company for 36 years where he was transferred out of the country many times, his latest being Nigeria, West Africa.

He met his wife, Chris, in 1987 when transferred to the Troutdale Oregon plant and they soon married in 1987.

He also leaves behind many special cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be at Madden Funeral Home on Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown, AR

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and burial will be at the Saratoga Cemetery after the service. David Formby will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Saratoga Cemetery Association, PO Box 114, Saratoga, AR 71859-9036.

Cemetery Details

Saratoga Cemetery

Saratoga, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James Fred Stanton (Gator)

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Fred Stanton (Gator).



September 17, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ 44 files added to the album Memories Album



Madden Funeral Home - September 16, 2019 at 04:00 PM

RS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Family. James Fred was always there for me as I grew up. He would take me up to the nearby school in New York and shoot hoops. He got me my first motorcycle. He helped me to get my first job in Arkansas at Reynolds and found an apartment. He opened his house for my wedding. We shared many duck hunting and fishing trips together. Many hours were spent reminiscing Reynolds Metals and Alcoa experiences. I'll miss him.



Rodney Stanton - September 15, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JH

Prayers for family

Joyce Treece Hignight - September 15, 2019 at 08:24 PM

CS

Mr. Stanton was one of the most humble men I've ever met. And with his candor & knack for understatement, he was a good role model for any young man. I'm proud to have shared a duck blind with Fred (even though I thought the whole hunting party wouldn't make it across Lake Millwood on the ride out) and call him my friend.

Chip Sexton - September 17, 2019 at 04:04 PM

RG

My prayers go out to Gator's family. Gator was a great person and I enjoyed working with him at the Reynolds Gum Springs Plant. My condolences on your loss. R. Golden

R. Golden - September 18, 2019 at 10:02 AM