



Mr. James Penton Pool

May 11, 1935 - October 1, 2020

James Penton Pool, 85, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on October 1, 2020. For more than eight years he had gracefully fought cancer and won the battle to enjoy most of those years. He lived his life to the fullest up to his last month's enjoying the love of his adoring family and host of friends. He epitomized "fighting the good fight of faith" through every stage of his well-lived and well-loved life. He never met a stranger and made everyone's life richer for having known him.

James was born on May 11, 1935, in Arab, Alabama, to Naaman and Irene (Reynolds) Pool. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynell (Harper) Pool and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Walls Stewart), whom he married on September 2, 2006 and his four loving daughters Pam Myres (Larry), Knoxville, TN; Sherry Pool, Huntsville, AL; Sheila Wright (Darius), Arab, AL; and Leslie Ryder (Jeff), Marathon, FL; a step-daughter, Betty Terrell (Phil), Arab, AL; eight grandchildren, Heather Myres Luckadoo, Matthew Myres (Jordan), Jessica Edmondson Miller (Rhett), Lauren Wright King (Richard), Benjamin Ryder, Mary Ryder, Jody Terrell Lemaster (Chris), and Alisa Terrell Alldredge (Jordan), four great-grandchildren, Lucy Luckadoo, Austin Lemaster, Ila Lemaster, and Colt Alldredge; one great-great grandchild, Cora Lemaster; one brother, David Pool (Brenda), Rome GA; and several nieces and nephews.

James' love for his family and friends defined his life and in turn has left a lasting impact on those who loved him. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He loved farming and raising cattle, as well as, the more than 40 years he spent working as a rural mail carrier for the Arab Post Office before he retired in 1994. He made lasting friendships of his co-workers and postal patrons over the years. He loved playing Rook with family and friends as well watching football every chance he had. He is one of the founding family members of Old Brashiers Chapel United Methodist Church where he spent much of his life serving his church. He truly enjoyed his song ministry.

In celebration of his storied life, a graveside service will be held Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 2pm at Brashiers Chapel cemetery, with Rev. Nicky James officiating. Pallbearers will be Matthew Myres, Benjamin Ryder, Rhett Miller, Richard King, Chris Lemaster, and Jordan Alldredge. Due to COVID restrictions, face covering and social distancing is required.

A special thanks from the family to wonderful caregivers, Lynn Alexander, Rita Murphy and Gwen Price, as well as, the kind nurses from Encompass Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Marshall Cancer Care Center, 11491 US-432, Albertville, AL 35950. The family appreciates the kind and caring treatment by Dr. Ewing, Dr. Payne, and staff at this facility.

Cemetery Details

Brashiers Chapel Cemetery

2701 Brashiers Chapel Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Arab, AL 35016

Tribute Wall

JR

“ To the girls and Virginia, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of James. From the Toley Penton and Minnie Lee Reynolds children, James was the oldest of the cousins and I was the youngest. I have a treasured picture of me and James together to document this fact. He was such a sweet, sweet man and all who knew him loved him. He took such good care of Gaynell when she got sick and I remember him coming almost every day to see daddy when he was in the hospital. I remember all the good times as a young child of us visiting their home yo play Rook and I remember when he added the big family room on the house and had a pool table. Trips out to the barn with James and daddy were always a treat to see the cows or to go across the road to check the corn crop progress. Most of all I remember Route 5 Arab where I grew up and he was our mailman. He will be greatly missed but we know he is in the presence of the Lord and we will see him again soon!!!

Jeff Reynolds - October 04, 2020 at 07:04 AM

EM

“ We are so sorry to hear of James passing. He was a role model to all of the people that knew him. We are praying for all of the family for peace and comfort.

Eddie Miller - October 03, 2020 at 09:52 PM

 Sheila Wright

Thank you Eddie

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:04 PM

ML

“ I remember Mr Pool from when I was young. He would bring the mail to our house and everyday I would meet him so that he could hand it to me instead of placing it in the mailbox. He always had a smile and sweet words for me!

Melody Wilks Lusk - October 03, 2020 at 02:24 PM

RO

“ Reanee Onder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Penton Pool



Reanee Onder - October 03, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JE

“ James and I saw James and Virginia eating lunch at Granny's just a few weeks ago which was always a delight. Friendly, sweet and caring is a way we will always remember them and we will miss those pleasant visits. We are so sorry for your loss of such a dear man. James and Juanita Edmondson

Juanita Edmondson - October 03, 2020 at 12:28 PM



Sheila Wright

Thank you Juanita ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:10 PM

DI

“ James Pool was a fine Christian man who was always happy and smiling. He raised 4 amazing daughters. He will forever hold a place in my heart.



Diane - October 03, 2020 at 08:04 AM



Sheila Wright

Thank you Diane. ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:09 PM

SM

“ So sorry to learn of James death. I always loved his smile. Really glad we got to see him when we were there for Helen's birthday.

Praying God's comfort for each family member. Sara Mitchell

Sara Mitchell - October 02, 2020 at 06:31 PM



Sheila Wright

Thank you Sara ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:10 PM

LM

“ Loretta May lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Penton Pool



Loretta May - October 02, 2020 at 06:31 PM

LM

James was a wonderful neighbor and friend, and I will miss him profoundly.

Loretta May - October 02, 2020 at 06:33 PM

 Sheila Wright

Thank you Loretta For being a wonderful neighbor to daddy we appreciate all you did for them. The flowers you gave them were beautiful a month or so ago. He loved them. you were so kind to help him out through the years. Thank you for all of us!Sheila

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:02 PM

RC

“ *Ray Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Penton Pool*



Ray Cobb - October 02, 2020 at 06:26 PM

RC

What a wonderful person to have known all these years! He will be missed tremendously.

Ray Cobb - October 02, 2020 at 06:28 PM

 Sheila Wright

Thank you Ray ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ *Great uncle James was the best. He was such a great guy and his family loves him dearly. He will be deeply deeply missed. 😞*

Diana Pool - October 02, 2020 at 06:18 PM



Sheila
Wright

Thank you Diane. ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:08 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of James' passing. We loved him and love all of you. He was a lucky man. He had the love of a wonderful woman in Gaynell, and after her passing, he was lucky enough to have the love of another wonderful woman, Virginia. And of course, he had the love of all of his beautiful girls.

I will never forget how good he was to Daddy when he was sick. Every time I was there, he and Virginia came to visit, and they always brought good food.

As a child, I remember his house always having music...Pam playing the piano, and everyone singing along at the top of their lungs. It was a happy household.

I know you will all miss him terribly and my heart goes out to you. I hope you find some comfort in knowing he is at peace and no longer sick, and someday you will meet again.

Debbie Clayburg - October 02, 2020 at 05:40 PM



Sheila
Wright

Thank you Debbie. That was such a heart warming tribute. ☐

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:07 PM

MT

“ To all the girls and David I send my love and sympathy. I loved my sweet cousin and have many special memories of him throughout our childhood May god comfort you during this time of sorrow. Love Mary Taylor.

mary taylor - October 02, 2020 at 05:33 PM



Thank you Mary. □

Sheila Wright - October 03, 2020 at 11:08 PM