



James Arthur Needham

February 15, 1959 - June 9, 2018

James Needham, 59 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died June 9, 2018, at his home. Born February 15, 1959 in Riverside, California, he was the son of Clarence Needham and Juanita Davis Needham. James married Christina McMullan on September 18, 2010. He was a mechanic at McKee Foods.

James was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Carol and one brother, Ray.

Survivors include his wife Christina of the home; son Trenton Driskell of Gentry, Arkansas; daughter Chloe McMullan of Gentry, Arkansas; sisters Tammy Flanery of Delaware, Arkansas, Wanda Wallace of Rudy, Arkansas, Mary Russell of Texas and Joyce Barnett of Subiaco, Arkansas; brothers Leonard Needham of New Blaine, Arkansas and Jackie Needham of Dardanelle, Arkansas.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Decatur Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 3:30 PM (CT)

Decatur Seventh-day Adventist Church
790 E. Roller Ave.
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

SN

“ I never met you but my dad talked about you how courageous his younger brother was how hard he fought to build himself from young. Skinny to huge man that had drive like no other i truly wish i could met you sir. Steve needham son of ray needham

Steven ray needham - October 15, 2019 at 12:54 PM

RD

“ James, I am overwhelmed at hearing of your passing. You were always in my thoughts and prayers though we grew apart over the last several years. You were my best friend and unofficial brother. We did everything together when we were younger . We were the best men in each others weddings and ALWAYS knew what each other was thinking without having to say anything. I hate that life had gotten so busy that i forgot to take the time to keep in touch. There is no going back in time to fix that and i will always regret the time we should have stayed in touch. Until we meet again, my dear friend and brother. - Ricky Davis.

ricky davis - December 28, 2018 at 06:05 PM

SJ

“ I knew James from years ago. Wish I had known him more recently before he was gone. He is in heaven from what I had known of him

Sjeryl - August 12, 2018 at 09:33 PM

JC

“ With our deepest sympathy, we are sorry for your loss. James never new a stranger and was a genuinely peaceful and friendly man. He always, made us feel like part of the crew and was never to busy to stop and visit.

He will be truly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayer.

*Walden Security
Gentry Facility*

John Cook - June 13, 2018 at 05:39 PM

BR

“ *I am sad beyond words at the Loss of James. He was one of the nicest people I've ever met. RIP big man.*

Bill Reed - June 13, 2018 at 04:15 PM

WT

“ *Wanda, Mary and Tammy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Arthur Needham.*



Wanda, Mary and Tammy - June 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM

AZ

“ My heart is saddened by his lost, going to the gym every morning will never be the same. Not a day went by we didn't talk about our families, he's kids were always on his mind, our friend was nothing but a kind and caring individual, his ability to motivate you was like no other. James "BIG MAN" Needham left a mark in the heart of many who love health and fitness, in fact he was the reason I decided to compete in bodybuilding always making you feel bigger than you ever were even though the lights dim everytime he walked in to the Gym. My friend I will honor and remember you forever until we see each other in the resurrection.

Abraham Zamayoa - June 12, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CB

“ I loved James . He was one of the best men I have ever known. He always had a grin on his face and always had a joke to tell. He was always willing to help me on my machines even when I did something dumb. He loved his family and always talked about his kids. I never saw him get mad or in a bad mood. I will miss him a lot. I worked with him for a long time and it won't be the same without him. He was also most generous and always ready to lend a helping hand. RIP James.

Carol Boling - June 12, 2018 at 05:53 PM

JB

“ My brother was kind and nice to everyone he loved his family more than anything never hurt anyone he didnt have to he was so strong just to look at him you didnt mess with him but he would never have hurt you I am going to miss him very much he was taken to soon but God wanted another angel so he got the best prayers to all his family

Joyce A Barnett - June 12, 2018 at 10:25 AM

SH

Oh yes a kind and nice person Joyce I think back in the 70s when I knew him he may have called you Joycey Sheryl Owens

Sheryl Owens Hampton - August 12, 2018 at 04:15 PM

SH

He was a friend a friend would like to have

Sheryl - August 16, 2018 at 08:21 AM

DT

“ I'm sorry for the loss of James. He. Was a fine person ,to talk too.



Deanne Tucker - June 12, 2018 at 07:49 AM

EW

“ Christina, Trenton and Chloe you are in our thoughts and prayers, through this time of sorrow. Darin & Elaine

Elaine Wall-Alexander - June 12, 2018 at 07:14 AM

DL

“ On a float trip, I was conned into sneaking up behind James to pull him off the raft into the water. He could have drowned me with one hand, instead he just laughed. I don't think I ever met a more humble human being that had every reason not to be. I still talk about those days 15 years ago when I worked out with him at the McKee gym. Nearly every day I had to take a “get sick” break. On one leg day I decided I was going to increase the same weight James did on every set. I couldn't start as heavy, but if he jumped 70lbs between sets so did I. I've never hurt so bad for so long in my life from a workout. He inspired me to push myself more than I ever imagined I could. I was so grateful & honored that summer that he let me work out with him, yet James made me feel like I was helping him out, that he was happy to have me there. I will always remember him with that big smile he wore every where he went. Even though it's been years since I've seen him, today I am broken hearted.

Damon Lee - June 12, 2018 at 06:30 AM

F"

“ James was such a nice guy. I still have trouble wrapping my head around the fact that he is gone. Christine - hugs and prayers for you and your kids. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

Flora forrest "flo" - June 11, 2018 at 08:17 PM

 Jimmy Main

“ James had the kindest heart of any man I have ever met. Always greeted me with a smile, plus almost always had a joke for me. I will miss him very much. Rest in peace my friend.

Jimmy Main - June 11, 2018 at 07:06 PM

LH

“ Christina & family---I am so sorry for your loss. James was such a sweet/ornery guy that will be missed a lot by all who knew & loved him. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.



Lana Hurt - June 11, 2018 at 06:25 PM