



James S. Russell

December 6, 1964 - February 14, 2022

James Sumpter Russell was born December 6, 1964 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Vernie and Margaret (Sumpter) Russell. He passed away Monday, February 14, 2022 at his home in Sherman, Texas. He grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Memorial High School. He completed his education with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Oklahoma. James's early professional career was in the field of corrections. He was a probation and parole officer for the state of Oklahoma based in Tulsa and a US probation officer based in Little Rock. In the early 2000s, he moved to Texas and began a career in the tech industry starting with Texas Instruments. He remained employed in that field although he worked for a few different tech companies over the years. Approximately seven years ago, he began employment with II-VI Incorporated in Sherman. He was the Manufacturing Manager and loved his job. James was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret, who passed away in 2018. He is survived by his father, Vernie, who lived in Tulsa for 50 years prior to moving to Fort Gibson ten years ago; his sister, Shelley Parker and husband, Brandon; nieces and nephews, Cody and Hope Parris, Madeline Parris and Madison DuPont, Hunter and Kate Parris; grandnephews, Reid and Hudson and grandniece, Sunday Rose, all of Fort Gibson; aunt, Rose Russell of McKinney, Texas; aunt and uncle Thelma and Carl Sumpter of Oglesby, Oklahoma, numerous cousins from both the Sumpter and Russell families; along with many friends. A memorial service is scheduled 10:30AM Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Clifford D Garrett Family

Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Justin Kinman officiating. The family of James Russell has entrusted his service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Russell*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *James and I met while working as Probation and Parole Officers for the Dept. of Corrections in Tulsa, where he took me under his wing and we became fast friends. We wrote pre-sentence investigations and did field work together. We took road trips to Macon, GA in search of an author we both had an interest in, Dannion Brinkley, and Spring Hill, TN for the Saturn reunion. On several occasions we drove to Krebs for dinner at Pete's Place or Isle of Capris. He never missed saying happy birthday on my special day, and often reminded me I was someone that a guy would easily write bad checks for. He knew I was a bit on the insecure side and was always building me up as someone incredibly special. He would do anything to help someone in need, and if you were his friend - you knew it. I am so grateful for being among those he cared deeply for. My heart is with you, Shelley and family, and I pray for your comfort in this time of great loss. James, your memory, and friendship, will always be a blessing. Godspeed my dear friend, know that you are loved and have made my life better through your care and friendship.*

Anna (White) Lehrke - March 07, 2022 at 08:10 PM

TC

“ December 12, 1988. James and I began our Probation and Parole journey. We made this “our anniversary” date. Regardless of our calls, texts, meetings throughout the years, we always spoke on 12-12. We attended CLEET together, did field work, made arrests, and were team mates. For a period of time, we were co-owners operators of Bowtie limousine. Above all, we established a lasting friendship, kinship. James was sweet, funny and dry witted. There are so, so, so many memories and stories to share. If I were asked to pick just one, I couldn’t. Undoubtedly, I will miss him. I often refer to him as little Jimmy and thought of him as a brother. To Shelley and family, may your memories sustain you in your grief. Peace.

Toi Clymer - March 05, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James S. Russell.



March 04, 2022 at 12:19 PM

MS

“ I was privileged to work with James at II-VI in both Allen and Sherman Texas. James was absolutely delightful to work with, I had many laughs with him while we worked hard. Please know he was well liked and will be greatly missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers – Melinda Schooes

Melinda Schooes - March 04, 2022 at 09:53 AM

KS

“ I use to work with James and Shelley at DOC, Probation and Parole in Tulsa. I use to tease James about his fear of being touched and germs. We had a great time at work. His clothes always looked like he just got them from the dry cleaners.

I remember telling him about how God healed Shelley's baby before birth. I told him that God loves everyone and His Son, Jesus Christ healed the precious baby. Family, please know that I love and pray for you and your family, and everyone daily and throughout the day.

Love always, KaTonya "Payne" Samuels. ❤️🙏😊

KaTonya M Samuels - February 28, 2022 at 08:57 PM

JB

“ I had the honor of working with James at ii-vi for 3 years. He was so kind and always had time to talk to you. He will sincerely be missed. Prayers to his family. June Bell

june Bell - February 27, 2022 at 08:09 PM