



James Clifford LeMasters, Sr.

October 11, 1947 - September 11, 2015

James Clifford LeMasters Sr., age 67, of Albia, passed away September 11, 2015 at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

He was born October 11, 1947 to James and Ruth (Thompson) LeMasters in Peoria, Ill. He graduated from the Galesburg High School with the class of 1967 before receiving his Associates Degree from Anoka Ramsey Community College. He enlisted in the United States Army several times between 1966 thru 1983. On December 24, 1973 James married Shirley Foglesong at the Galesburg Faith United Methodist Church in Galesburg, Ill. They shared over 30 years of marriage together before Shirley's passing on February 23, 2009.

James was a tour bus driver for most of his working life. He was a member of the VFW Post's 2257 in Galesburg, Ill. and 8729 in Lake City, MN. He was also a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed taking part in Civil War re-enactments, traveling, taking vacations with his family, attending the Minnesota State Fair, and sitting around a good bonfire. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his sons, James LeMasters of Moose Lake, MN. and Ronald LeMasters of Fergus Falls, MN; a daughter, Jessica (Jacob) Hoepker of Creston; grandchildren, Justina Blasi, Jeanette Blasi, Michaela Baker, Dustin Baker, Gretchen Hoepker, and Daphne Hoepker; 2 brothers, James

Thompson and Ronald Thompson both of Illinois; and a sister, Mary Rutledge of Galesburg, Ill.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ruth, and his wife Shirley.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, September 17, 2015, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. Burial will follow at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, IA.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 16, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. with James' family present.

A memorial has been established to James' family.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Clifford LeMasters, Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *James Clifford LeMasters, Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Think about you often, will miss our Facebook chats. Deepest sympathy for your fairy. You will be greatly missed.*

A friend - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry about your Dad he was a fun person! I'm praying for you all to get through this!!Love, Toni Blew*

Toni Blew - Watts, OK - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *SWEET "LOVEY"...MY CONDOLENCE TO YOUR FAMILY.*

JUDI (TURPIN) PETERSON - Hurst, TX - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Clifford LeMasters, Sr.*

A friend - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ RIP

Judi Turpin-Peterson - Hurst, TX - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Revel in the good memories left behind for you all. He was very proud of his family.

Lynnea Huddle - Galesburg, IL - High School friend - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ will miss you had a lot of memorys .did not think you were sick Love Jim and Char.

james t thompson - galesburg, IL - brother - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ May you rest in peace with family that has gone before you to prepare for your entrance into Heaven. May you also rest in the peace of knowing you were the best husband, father and grandfather, as GOD intended. The lessons, morals and love you taught them will be carried on through the generations and your little ways of doing things will show in them. You did your job and did it well!! You were loved beyond measure and will be missed forever. Love and condolence to you Jessica, Jake and all the grandbabies!! You are in my thoughts and prayers!!

Michelle Peters - NC - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I remember all of those times that we went swimming at Lake Storey. You helped me conquer swimming out to the raft, mastering all of the diving boards, and realizing that there really was sand at the bottom of the lake. You took me by the hand, and down we went to the bottom, and, then we swam back up to the surface. Boy, we sure we're proud that we did that together. You taught me that! The countless circles that we skated at the Grand Roller Rink!! Oh, oh, oh, the memories keep rolling in like the tide... Me, with three older brothers, I was the baby; however, everyone knew that you were the baby!!! Little Lovie... Those were certainly memorable times. 'Til we meet again, I will miss you, and, I love you. You're baby sister, Mary Ruth...

Mary Rutledge - Galesburg, IL - Sister - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I will always remember you as Lovie (nickname) that little brother who followed around Elmwood, Illinois. A fond memory was the time you followed us to the swimming hole and then jumped in, not knowing how to swim. We all got in trouble on that one. There are many fond memories to cherish. You will be missed by all that you've touched in life. Brother Ronnie

Ron Thompson - Oak Forest, IL - Half Brother - September 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am blessed to have you as my father and to have been able to spend your last hours and moments with you. You can rest peacefully knowing that you are loved by many, and most of all those who were closest to you. I take comfort in knowing that you are at peace and that the grandchildren that you had devoted your life to, will be well taken care of into the future.

Jessica Hoepker - Albia, IA - Daughter - September 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I am so glad that I got to spend that day with you at the hospital with Mom, your daughter, her husband, and your niece. I will always remember the time that you stopped by my house when I was taking care of Gram. You rolled up in the tour bus; and, golly, everyone thought that we knew someone famous. Gram sure had fun. She talked about that long after you had left. Be at peace now and know that your grandchildren will be taken care of. They are wonderful kids. You have raised them well; and I know that their Aunt Jessica will do you proud by caring for them. I love you; and, I will miss you! Your loving niece, Dawn Baker...

Dawn Baker - Henderson, IL - niece - September 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM