



James Albert Vail

December 8, 1961 - July 9, 2020

James Albert Vail was born December 8, 1961 in Pryor, OK to Albert L. Vail and Colleen (Huxtable) Brown. He entered God's Heavenly Kingdom on July 9, 2020 surrounded by his loving family after a hard-fought battle with FTD (frontotemporal degeneration/dementia).

After graduating from Dewey High School, he worked his way through Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1986 and earning a marketing/management degree.

At the age of 17, James started working with Safeway/Homeland as a sacker and continued advancing in his career and eventually became assistant manager at the time of his retirement in 1990 due to health issues.

Upon graduating from Oklahoma State, James married his best friend and love of his life, Patty M. Foote, and they were united in marriage on April 8, 1989.

He was a man of few words, but his kindness spoke volumes to those who knew him. Always willing to lend a hand, James' dependability was without question. James made a positive impact on those lives he touched. He never asked, but always gave.

Although a graduate of Oklahoma State, James could always be counted on to support the rival Sooners. Even though he loved sports, more important to James was his role in being a loving and supportive Uncle to his nephews and nieces with their many activities. Until health issues interceded, James was a constant presence at each event.

James is survived by his wife, Patty, of the home, his mother, Colleen Brown, mother-in-law, Audrey Foote, and his sister-in-law's and brother-in-law and their spouses, Debbie Gordon (Dr. Rick Gordon) Bartlesville, OK; Cheryl Bridendolph (Bill Bridendolph) Bartlesville, OK and Skip Foote (Stella Foote) Bartlesville, OK. He is survived by 12 nieces and nephews: Dr. Sarah Gordon (Joel Bernstein), Bartlesville, OK; Catherine Patton (Sean), Columbia, MO; Andrew Gordon, Bartlesville, OK; Hannah Gordon, Bartlesville, OK; Will Bridendolph (Ashley) Edmond, OK; Audra Bridendolph, Nashville, TN and Spencer Bridendolph, Austin, TX; Grant Foote, Bailey Foote, Levi Foote, Luke Foote and Jack Foote of Bartlesville, OK. Great nieces and nephews, Aman, Demekech, Eden and Indi Bernstein, Bartlesville, OK; Kaylee and Conner Patton, Columbia, MO; Grace Bridendolph, Edmond, OK. James is also survived by his Aunts, Louise Miller, Nowata, OK; Dee Merit (Larry) Grove, OK; Carolyn Harrison Tulsa, OK; Ginnie VanCleave (Bob Stouffer, Honolulu, HI. And numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Vail, father-in-law, Dr. John Foote, and his grandparents.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Hutchins and his staff, Dr. Jarrell and his staff for their care, support and compassion throughout the years. The staff of Grace Hospice met every need for James and the family in his final days and we are grateful.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Sunnyside Cemetery, 408 N. Hooker St., Caney, Ks.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to:

AFTD (Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration)

2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120

King of Prussia, PA 19406

Or online at www.theaftd.org

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside

Caney, KS

Previous Events

graveside

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sunnyside
Caney, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *James Albert Vail*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *James Albert Vail*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

“Patty our hearts are saddened and broken to hear of the loss of your wonderful and darling husband, James. He was a special person and we thought a lot about him. Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts. James has departed this earth but he truly has not left, for he is still alive in all of your hearts and minds, and through you and your family he lives on.

The agony of loss is great but yet you will stand it. Had you not loved so much you would not hurt so much. But goodness knows you would not want to diminish that precious love by one fraction of an ounce. You will hurt but you will be grateful for that hurt for it bears witness to the depth of his meaning, his compassion, helpfulness, kindness, caring heart, thoughtfulness, and his deep love of family and friends. He was a beautiful person and he will be deeply missed by many. And for that you will be eternally grateful. May our Lord bless and comfort you and all your family during this time of grief and may the love of family and friends comfort you during the difficult days. In ways we do not understand, our loved one will be present in our lives forever. God, family and friends will show you the way through this horrible pain and a way to smiling again. Something good will happen tomorrow or the day after that will bring wonderful memories of him. Just remember all the good times you shared with precious James and all the love he gave all of you throughout the years. A great soul like James never dies but will bring you together again and again. It's the little things, the small everyday occurrences that you'll remember--the laughs, the stories, and the smiles. And even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these varied memories that will help push the pain away and bring back the smiles. What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why he left this earth, or why he left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that he died, but that he lived and that his life gave you memories too beautiful to forget. May

the memories you have of James and the love that surrounds you help your heart heal. The heart remembers most what it has loved best. May these memories comfort you and bring you peace. Remember there is comfort in family and friendship, hope in prayer, and peace in love. We love you dearly, Patty, our precious and sweet cousin plus all of our Oklahoma family. We are sending you all an infinite amount of love, hugs and prayers. Xoxoxoxo

Donna and Emerson Coish - July 15, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Patty, my heart goes out to you and family. You were such a great wife and took great care of James and I know he felt that love every single day. Both of you have such sweet hearts and I wish I was there to give you a big hug. I am with you in spirit and love you and your family so very much.*

Gigi

Gigi Wilson - July 15, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JC

“ *May God comfort you Patty during this difficult time. James was so fortunate to have you by his side all these years. Praying for you and all those who loved James.*

Julie Cole - July 15, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Albert Vail.*



July 14, 2020 at 06:52 PM

AE

“ Give dad a hug for me!
RIP
At such a loss of words patty if you need anything I'm here. Big hugs

Angela Ellis - July 13, 2020 at 09:41 PM

PI

“ Patti Miller Ingram lit a candle in memory of
James Albert Vail



Patti Miller Ingram - July 13, 2020 at 07:16 PM

PI

I am sorry James life on earth was short due to illness. We have lots of memories to reminisce about as young kids and teenagers when we see each other in heaven. R.I.P James.

Patti Miller Ingram - July 13, 2020 at 07:20 PM