



James Clarence Outten Jr.

April 12, 1954 - January 24, 2020

James Clarence Outten, Jr., of Charlotte, died Friday, January 24, 2020 at the home of John and Ann Gillette. He was born on April 12, 1954 in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Westinghouse High School and Dervy University College with an Associates Degree. James worked in office machine maintenance and repair, most recently for CRG at Lowes, Inc. in Mooresville.

James was predeceased by his wife, Lena Mae Davis Outten, his son, James Outten, III, his sister, Silena C. Outten, his mother, Eleanor Lorraine Outten, and father, James Clarence Outten. He is survived by his aunts Ruth O. Godwin, Dolores O. Brooks, Rachel O. Bennett, and Margaret O. Kidd and a host of friends and extended family that love him and will miss him greatly.

In 2015 James moved from Chicago to Charlotte. In December 2016, James connected with CrossWay Community Church where he befriended many and left a great impact with his bright smile, genuine interest in others, and upbeat attitude.

James was full of life, constantly cheerful, uncomplaining, perseverant, and a man with whom people were immediately drawn. He enjoyed watching movies, going for drives in his car, staying physically active, any social gatherings, visits to the library, watching ball games, and on the weekends spending time with his friend Reggie.

After many years of valiantly fighting cancer James passed away peacefully at the beginning of 2020. Friends remember his hold on life and how he fought hard to the end.

James regularly expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude for the love and care shown to him by his friends, church family, his co-workers at CRG, and the teams at Hospice and Levine Cancer Institute. He said that after losing all his immediate family members, he prayed for a family that could care for him when his final days came. He was grateful to God for answering his prayer.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Crossway Community Church, 6400 Prosperity Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28269, on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 PM. Pastor Joe Lechner will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Urban Ministry Center,
<https://www.urbanministrycenter.org/>

James Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Crossway Community Church

6400 Prosperity Church Rd., charlotte, NC, US, 28269

Comments



“ We met James thru work at CRG and Lowe’s. He was such a kind and sweet man. Quick witted and liked/loved by all. He always had on his dapper hat looking sharp as always. He will be missed.

Debbie Moseley - February 11 at 09:38 PM



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John Gillette - February 11 at 08:17 PM



“ We counted it a privilege for James to live with us and become part of our family. Lots of fun memories! He will be missed.



John Gillette - February 11 at 08:13 PM



“ James found his way to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte a day or two after arriving in Charlotte. There is a service of Morning Prayer every week day morning at 8:00. He came regularly to pray with us and he was welcomed and loved. We continued to pray for him when he no longer could come to us. His faith was inspiring to all and he and his beautiful smile will not be forgotten. He was a blessing to us all.
Ruth Woodend

Ruth Woodend - February 11 at 01:43 PM



“ When it was time to 'share the peace of Christ' with one another, I could count on being gathered in for a warm hug that conveyed that peace from one who knew it at a very deep level. Edith

EDITH TESCH JOHNSON - February 11 at 03:29 PM



“ James' spirit and love of God showed through his smile and his hugs. He brightened our day every time he was able to worship with us. He radiated a "quiet confidence" and positive attitude. He will be missed but his memory lives on. Roberta

Roberta Farman Stein - February 13 at 09:51 AM



“ James often told us how much he enjoyed joining the St. Peter's prayer group on weekday mornings, and how much love and kindness you expressed toward him.

John - February 13 at 11:15 AM



“ I never met James but he was often the subject of conversation when I talked to my brother Reggie and my sisters Tina and Phyllis. Reggie talked about his smile and lively spirit and how the Gillette's had become his anchor in the storm. God Bless them and may James rest in peace.

Renee Prewitt - February 15 at 10:29 AM