



James Urel Kellen

May 2, 1942 - July 16, 2015

James Urel "Jim" Kellen

James Urel Kellen, age 73, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 2:00 PM, Thursday, July 16, 2015, at his home.

In addition to his parents, James R. Kellen and Doris Mae Culver Kellen, James was preceded in death by a step son, Scott Shepherd and a brother, Neil Kellen.

Jim grew up in Smith Mills, KY and graduated from Henderson County High School where he has been inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. He dedicated over 25 years to Alcan Aluminum on the pot lines. Jim served as a proud member of the U.S. Coast Guard. He was known for hosting cookouts for friends, which included his best friend, Paul "Cowboy" Sutton. Along with being a Jimmy Johnson Nascar fan, Jim also enjoyed country music and was known to visit famous music landmarks with his son while visiting Nashville. Jim was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Smith Mills.

Survivors include:

1 Son: James U. "Chip" Kellen II Nashville, TN

1 Step Son: Tom Shepherd Chattanooga, TN

1 Sister: Charlene Kellen Staples Robards, KY

1 Granddaughter: Breanna Shepherd Chattanooga, TN

Nieces and Nephews

Relatives and friends are invited to Jim's Life Celebration from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, July 19, 2015. The funeral service will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday at Benton Glunt Funeral Home in Henderson with the Reverend Hollis Marshall officiating.

Full military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, a Life Celebration Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentonglunt.com .

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

JUL 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Urel Kellen*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Will miss you so much! So saddened by this news. Only wish I would have came by more often. So busy with life. You will always be my #1 wine buddy! Love you greatly-Mandi&boys*

Mandi Goins - July 20, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ *condolences to Jim's family and many friends. I enjoyed the many cookouts and alot of laughs.*



Robin Arnett - July 19, 2015 at 03:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Urel Kellen.*



July 19, 2015 at 12:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Urel Kellen.*



July 18, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ *It saddens me to lose such an amazing man, however there is a great deal of comfort to know we will see Uncle Jim again. Love and Prayers to the family.*

Jerry - July 18, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *With all our love, Aunt Marilyn, and Mom purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Urel Kellen.*



With all our love, Aunt Marilyn, and Mom - July 18, 2015 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Urel Kellen.*



July 18, 2015 at 09:36 AM