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Robert L. "Bob" James, Jr., 83, formerly of Dresden, Ohio died Sunday morning, November 5, 2017 at Genesis Morrison House in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born August 26, 1934 in Unionville, Missouri he was a son of the late Robert L. James, Sr. and Dollie Pearl Elizabeth (Snyder) James and he was a 1952 graduate of Dresden Jefferson High School. Mr. James was also a graduate of Ohio University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Education. He proudly served our country in the U. S. Army. Bob retired in 1998 from Tri-Valley Schools where he taught Physical Education and Health and he was a school bus driver for many years. He was also a well-known coach at Tri-Valley, coaching football, softball, baseball and track. After his retirement from Tri-Valley he was a shuttle bus driver for the Longaberger Company and he delivered meals to the Dresden Senior Center. Bob was active in the Jay Cee's and was a very avid fan of all Tri-Valley sports. He enjoyed antique cars, having owned several over the years. His motto to family, students, athletes and friends, was "Anything worth doing, is worth doing right". He will be truly missed by our community.

Surviving is his loving wife of 63 years, Shalah L. (Stuller) James whom he married November 6, 1954; one son, Todd (Stacy) James of New Albany, Ohio; two daughters, April (Mike) Holmes of Coshocton, Ohio and Brooke (Jamie) Sands of Zanesville; seven grandchildren, Baylee James, Blake Sands, Sophie Sands, Simon James, Regan James, Eliot James and Joseph Holmes and one great grandchild, Carter Holmes. Also surviving are two sisters, Nancy (Gary) Williams of Frazeyburg and Linda (Larry) Miller of Winter Haven, Florida; two sisters in-law, Barbara Callahan of Zanesville and Kathy (Raymond) Griffiths of Colorado; several nieces and nephews and his two "best friends", his dogs, "Rita" and "Bogey".

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by four brothers, Wayne "Jesse" James, Harold "Pete" James, William "Bill" James and Larry James.

Calling hours will be 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street. Calling hours will also be for one hour prior to the funeral service.



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Funeral services will be NOON Thursday, November 9, 2017 at the funeral home with Pastor Mark Granger officiating. Burial will be in Dresden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muskingum County Animal Society, 1430 Newark Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or to the charity of one's choice.



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Anonymous posted:

To the family of Mr. James: What a great man he was! I will always remember his motivation to the worst of us during the Marine's Test, and his kindness to those of us that were never going to be great athletes. He looked out for the underdog, and yes, his rounds on that Peg Board will always be infamous. It makes me sad to think of him gone- my heart and prayers go out to you-Jennifer (Cohagen) Hawkins

November 15 at 1:27 PM



Amy Cannon posted:

Sorry for your loss Brooke and family. He was a great guy. I'll miss his smirk, his walk, and his speedy bus driving. Haha. He'd always get us there in one piece. I remember him pulling out a can of Right Guard deodorant when he was trying to teach us the positions of a football team. I still can't remember any other position than right guard (and maybe quarterback). He's someone I won't forget. I'm sure he gave you guys tons of memories too. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Amy Cannon

November 13 at 4:07 PM



Sheryl Williams posted:

Shalwar and family, and the James family, I send my deepest sympathy to you and families at the passing of Bob. He was loved and left a lasting mark in the hearts of many. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Lovingly, Sheryl Starner Williams

November 12 at 9:50 AM



Tami Williams posted:

With much sympathy to the family. Lots of fun memories of physical education classes and riding on his bus.

November 8 at 1:08 PM



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JS

Jill Standeford posted:

My sincere sympathy in your loss. Mr. James was my favorite teacher and coach of all time. I often made reference to him as I worked with our coaches at Bloom-Carroll. A true mentor to young athletes and the development of character in young people. He made a difference in my life and many others. R.I.P Coach.

November 8 at 9:22 AM

BB

Bob & Lois (Pritchard) Beers posted:

Shalah, Bob and I were sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Prayers to you, Linda, and all of the James' Family.

November 8 at 6:39 AM

RW

Ramonda Williams posted:

Brooke and family. So sorry to hear about your dad. thoughts and Prayers are with all of you

November 7 at 12:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

God has given us a life span of 70 and 80 years if we are strong. May you celebrate a life well lived and loved by many. Psalms 90:10

November 7 at 12:24 PM

JW

Judy (Craig, Patrick, Amy And Rebecca Romine) Phipps-Werker posted:

Shalah and family...Nancy and Linda...sending you heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Just sitting here having such fond memories of all of you and what you meant to my children and myself...how you touched our lives in so many ways. It will never be forgotten. Please know we're holding you in prayer as you tell Bob good-bye. What a legacy he has left.

November 7 at 9:20 AM



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KD

Kisha Cohagen O'donnell posted:

My good thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. He will be missed and thought of fondly. Especially when doing my exercises, "one, two, three, one"

November 7 at 9:03 AM

TB

Trish Beaumont posted:

Rest in Peace, Mr. James, I still tell my kids about the peg board in gym class at Frazeyburg Jr. High. My prayers for the repose of your soul and for the comfort of your family and friends.

November 7 at 5:10 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the James Family, sorry to read of your loss. Your Family are in our prayers. Coach James gave many Tri-Valley athletes the inspiration and values to succeed, those being great effort, compete, and regardless the outcome good sportsmanship. He will be missed. Randy Lincicome

November 7 at 5:05 AM

JM

Jim And Karen Mullinnex posted:

Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

November 7 at 4:13 AM

WB

Wayne Blizzard posted:

Mr. James: Great teacher & the Best Bus driver ever! Thoughts & prayers for the family. RIP

November 7 at 4:06 AM

DS

Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh posted:

Bob James Family: We were saddened to read of Bob's passing. He was a great teacher for Tri-Valley for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time.

November 7 at 3:28 AM



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FF

Fraya Frampton posted:

Tom and I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With heartfelt sympathy
Fraya Taylor Frampton and Tom Frampton

November 7 at 1:14 AM

SH

Sarah Mcdonald Herbert posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. James's passing! I have so many great memories of him when I was younger. He did so much for my self-esteem from 2nd grade on. I was, quite possibly, the WORST biddy league softball player Dresden has ever seen. But he never, ever treated me that way! He made me catcher, and nicknamed me Sarah Bench (and also explained to me how wonderful of a player Johnny Bench was!), and I'll never forget it! And I'll never forget him teaching me that everything that is worth doing is worth doing right. I love that you included that! I still quote him! He was a great man! I'll miss him, despite not having seen him in so long. Prayers to the whole family, and all the friends and community members he has touched! We lost a good one!

November 6 at 4:08 PM

RH

Robert Harrison posted:

Mr. James was amazing. Always had so much fun in his class. He will truly be missed!!!!

November 6 at 3:18 PM

MY

Michael Yingling posted:

Sending prayers to the family in dealing with their loss of a loved one. I will always remember some of his quotes. Anything worth doing is worth doing right. You can always do one more. "Push" now exercise! And of course the peg board. - Michael Yingling & Family

November 6 at 3:10 PM

SR

Suzy (Muse) Rezac posted:

Shalah and Family, I have so many fond memories of Bob from PE to driving the school bus to my sister, Karen, babysitting your kids. I will always be grateful for Bob teaching me how to dive and ultimately inspiring me to go into the Health and Fitness Industry. He was an inspiration and such a leader to the whole community. My prayers and condolences to your family.

November 6 at 1:58 PM



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DM

Daryl Miller posted:

My deepest sympathy to the James Family. 1969 Tri-Valley!

November 6 at 1:33 PM

EH

Erin Waite-Hoak posted:

Remembering Mr. James as a wonderful teacher. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

November 6 at 12:59 PM

SB

Shelley Spragg (Bice) posted:

Mr. James was my favorite in middle school. He always pushed us to do our best in PE and made it fun. Going to the Frazeysburg pool was the best even though I had PE 1st period. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by many. Prayers to his family.

November 6 at 12:32 PM

MC

Mellony (Miracle) Cahoon posted:

I have many wonderful memories of Mr. James that I will always cherish. He was my Physical Education teacher, as well as my bus driver for many years. He always had a kind word, was fun and loved time spent with all us kids. I've often thought about him since graduating high school in 1978. Will remember him as a great man. Many prayers and condolences to family during this difficult time.

November 6 at 11:37 AM

PL

Paul Lacey posted:

Dear Shalah and all the Jame's families, So sorry. Bob was a special guy and what a gift to the Dresden Community. He will be missed by many. My prayers are with you all.

November 6 at 11:00 AM

SD

Susie Ripple /Daniels posted:

Todd, April, and Brooke: So many fun memories of "Mr. James". I loved his Phys. Ed. classes and the Marines Test! Such a great role model for an active lifestyle.

November 6 at 10:32 AM



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NN

Nikki (Steve) Neff posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to Brooke and the entire family and friends. Thinking of you during this difficult time hoping you find peace.

November 6 at 10:25 AM

KN

Kindra Neff posted:

Shalah, and family, I am so saddened to hear of Bobs unexpected passing. My memory of him is when you and I worked at Dresden Plate and he would walk your little yorkie up to see us! He was always very nice and pleasant.. My heart hurts for you but in some small way, I hope knowing that your friends care deeply will help!

November 6 at 6:53 AM

DC

Donald Cullins posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

November 5 at 6:02 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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