



James Ray Cifreo "Brother"

June 30, 1936 - November 9, 2024

James, age 88, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Saturday, November 9, 2024. He was a resident of Walker, Louisiana. James served in the Army as a Mechanic and was part of a Mechanic Fleet. He was assigned the job of taking care of his Colonel's car and painted it every two weeks. James later went on to own many businesses including Cifreo Automotive. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing on Blind River, gardening, watching and following his grandchildren through sports, and spending time with his grandchildren and his "Mini Cat". James had a special relationship with everyone who crossed his path. He loved to help others and often gave advice to anyone who needed it especially when it came to fixing things. Above all, James was a true family man who always put his family first. He was a proud father, brother, and "Pawpaw" who will be forever loved and missed by everyone who knew him.

James is survived by his daughters, Mary Anne Hodges (Randall) and Cynthia "Cindy" Lee Wainwright (Gary); sons, James Phillip Cifreo (Julie) and John Raymond Cifreo (Rhonda); sisters, Ada Frances Watson and Theresa Sidonie "Sister" Crochet; brother, Freddie Philip Cifreo (Gwen); sisters-in-law, Shirley Cifreo and Lynn Cifreo; grandchildren, Raylee (Sean Cascaddan), Kristen (Philip Simpson), Katelyn (Brad Sumrall), Dakoda (Shelly Cifreo), Karine (Jeremy Daniel), Kourtney (Tyler Baker), Cordell (Alise Wainwright), Linzey (Lana Bowers), and Kelsey (Devin Crain); and great-grandchildren, Kady,

Gavin, Pierre, Madalyn, Finn, Beckham, Kendall, Brooks, Cody, and one great-grandson on the way.

James is preceded in death by his loving wife of 36 years, Marion "Rita" Pendarvis Cifreo; parents, Joseph Harry Cifreo and Estelle Mary Phillips Cifreo; brothers, Harry John "H.J." Cifreo and Alcee Cifreo; sister, Judy Cifreo; grandsons, Garrett Oren Hodges and Cody Allen Hodges; and brothers-in-law, Charles Watson and Richard Crochet.

Pallbearers will be Brent Cifreo, Brian Cifreo, Craig Cifreo, Dakota Cifreo, Cordell Wainwright, Samuel Cifreo, Devin Crain, and (Little) Ronny Hart.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Ronny Hart, and Bubba Pendarvis.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to St. Joseph Hospice for their loving and caring hands, care, and compassion shown to James during his time with them.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 865 Hatchell Ln. Denham Springs, LA 70726, on Friday, November 15, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Palmetto Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Palmetto Cemetery

Walker, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
865 Hatchell Ln
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Mass of Christian Burial

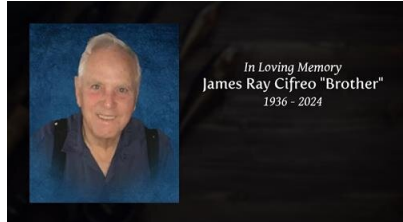
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Tribute Wall



“ Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ray Cifreo "Brother"



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - November 13, 2024 at 03:00 PM

MD

“ So sorry for the passing of Mr. Cifreo, he was such an inspiration to all of us he was always working in his yard never seem to be to hot are to cold. When he was offered help he would say "No I got it, that is what keeps me going". He will be missed.

Melanie Daisey - November 13, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ray Cifreo "Brother".



November 13, 2024 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Shelby McDonald and Joseph Wong purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Ray Cifreo "Brother".*



Shelby McDonald and Joseph Wong - November 11, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ray Cifreo "Brother".*



November 11, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ray Cifreo "Brother".*



November 11, 2024 at 02:24 PM

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“ *The Bowers Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of James Ray Cifreo "Brother".*



The Bowers Family - November 10, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



linzey bowers - November 10, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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“ I know pawpaw loved me and the boys more than anything 💙



linzey bowers - November 10, 2024 at 07:59 PM

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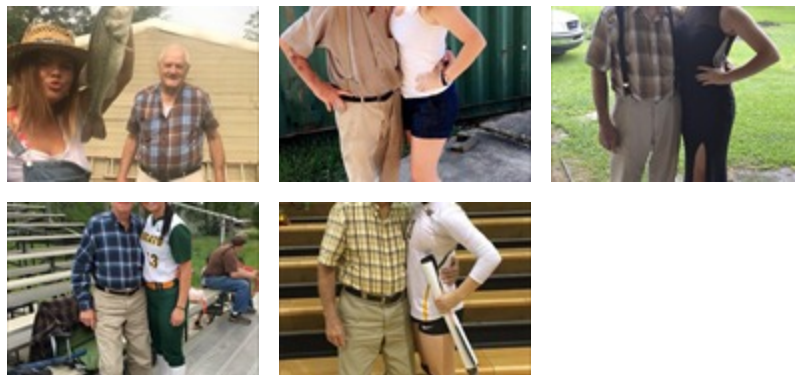
“ From day one Mr. James was the most loving, caring and generous man. He loved unconditionally and would do anything for anyone. After I lost my father 23 years ago he stepped right in and was everything to me and more. Thank you for everything. We will see you again one day. I love you with all of my heart.



Rhonda Cifreo - November 10, 2024 at 07:51 PM

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kelsey - November 10, 2024 at 07:45 PM