



James Wren Gardiner

September 8, 1977 - May 20, 2023

James, age 45, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023. He was a resident of Independence, LA. James was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Hammond as well as an Eagle Scout. He was extremely outgoing and never met a stranger. James always made his presence in a room known, whether by cracking jokes or loud conversation you knew he was there. He enjoyed cooking and having people over to share meals and stories. James was an avid Saints football fan and never missed a game with his lucky jersey. He adored his daughters and was always proud to tell everyone about them. James lived life to the fullest and left his family with a ton of wonderful memories. He will be forever remembered and deeply missed.

He is survived by his daughters, Bailee Gardiner, Kylee Gardiner, Carlee Gardiner; parents, Lynda and Lee Gardiner III; sisters, Athena Thompson (Kevin), Malorie Landry; brothers, Garrett Gardiner Sr. (Sandra), Brent Gardiner Sr. (Susan), Anthony Love (Sarah); nieces and nephews, Victoria, Garrett Jr., Brent Jr., Kendall, Collyns, Kali, Kaci, Katherine, Lynlee, Patrick, and Adeline; and the mother of his children, Crysti Hesler.

James is preceded in death by his grandparents, Lee C. Gardiner Jr., Peggy Gardiner, Wardell Murphy, Martha and Fred Bork; and aunt, Michelle Ann Bork Lamb.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Odyssey House in New Orleans at www.ohlinc.org/donate.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70403 on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. President Michael Dohm will officiate with interment to follow in Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

25890 LA-442
Independence, LA 70443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Wren Gardiner*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - June 01, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of James Wren Gardiner*



Amy - April 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Wren Gardiner.*



June 02, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Wren Gardiner.



June 02, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of James Wren Gardiner.



May 31, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of James Wren Gardiner.



May 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Wren Gardiner.

May 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Wren Gardiner.*



May 27, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *James was one of the sweetest men I know. His joy came from helping others and making everyone happy. To know him was to love him. I am praying for all of you and we all know he is in heaven watching over ya'!!! Lynda is the sister I never had. I am here for all of you.*

Donna Jennings - May 25, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Sending big love and prayers to all of you! Not easy to process, but I do know he is at peace. May we all find that peace knowing we can be together forever.*

Robin Hutchinson Mangum - May 24, 2023 at 08:34 PM



Thank you Robin 🖤💛

Athena Thompson - May 25, 2023 at 01:04 AM



I am so sorry for your loss. I love you two so much. May you have sweet peace. I'm still in complete shock from your news that day. I truly love you Lynda & Lee.

Lynn Singleton - May 28, 2023 at 06:01 AM