



James "Jayme" Donald Swafford

May 14, 1979 - December 30, 2015

James Donald Swafford

Jayme, age 36, earned his angel wings on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. He was a resident of Hammond, Louisiana, who was a very talented Crane Operator of 15 years, who could work circles around men with twice the experience. Jayme was a very dedicated and loving father who spent all of his spare time with his pride and joy, Brendan, who used the Superman symbol to represent themselves as the Super Swaffords. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting, golfing, fishing, singing, dancing, welding, woodworking, watch UFC fights, barbequing, and just having a good time with anyone that was around. Jayme was a big family man who would go on frequent trips to Virginia with his father and son, to make wonderful memories that will be treasured forever. He was the type of person who would give you the shirt off of his back, help anyone in need, never met a stranger, loved working with his hands, had a great sense of humor, and even stuck by the Saints when no one else would. Jayme was an all-around great person and the world will never be the same without his beautiful smile.

Jayme is survived by his son, Brendan Swafford; father, Carl Swafford; sister, Carla Alack and husband Michael; grandfather James Hurley; nephews, Zachary Swafford, Camren Thomas, Carson Alack, niece, Brenna Alack and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Brenda Hurley Swafford; sister, Carrie Everett; and his grandparents, Sue Tasker Hurley, Earl Swafford and Mildred Rose Swafford.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Celebration of Life Service on February 6, 2016 from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, at 4:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 3:00 p.m. Bro. Earnest Breaux will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, Memphis, TN 38101-2151.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CE

“Gone but not forgotten. Had good times together always thinking about you and praying for your family. Rest in peace

Chad Engle - January 01, 2021 at 01:27 PM

ET

“Please accept my condolences on the passing of James Donald. He will be truly missed. Please take comfort in knowing God is the Creator of life. The Bible calls Jehovah God “the source of life.” (Psalm 36:9; Acts 17:24, 25) The One who gave life to all living creatures is certainly capable of restoring life to someone who has died. I hope you find these scriptures encouraging to you at this time. Your family and friends are in my prayers. If you have any questions please contact me at the email listed.

Elaine Trahan - February 09, 2016 at 11:34 AM

MF

“Mark And Jeanie Reitz & Family lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford



Mark and Jeanie Reitz & Family - February 07, 2016 at 10:37 AM



Amanda Stewart

“Our thoughts are with Jayme's family and friends! Cade Martin Amanda Stewart and Jase



Amanda Stewart - February 03, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford.*



February 03, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ *I remember riding the school bus (bus 200-Ms. Hippard's) bus back and forth from school and home everyday with Jayme. He always sat catacornered from me towards the back of the bus. I remember talking to him and thinking what a nice person he was. I was not very popular in school and yet Jayme always had kind words to say to me. He never jumped on the band wagon (persay) of those people that would tease me and throw stuff at me. He always spoke to me with a smile. He had a gentle spirit about himself that always made me relaxed around him. Even so as we grew up. When I seen him later on in life at Melanie Wright's house, even then he acknowledged me and accepted me. Forever, I will remember his sweet non judgmental ways. Jayme Swafford, I never got to say thank you for accepting me and for being a good friend! You will be missed! Until we me again my friend!*

Amanda King Grimes - February 02, 2016 at 05:10 PM



What a beautiful memory!!! Just proves to show he never changed! He was always smiling and making others laugh. And making dang sure everyone around him was doin the same!!

Amanda Stewart - February 03, 2016 at 05:00 PM



I meet Jayme just before Christmas we sat on the porch and talked about his son,his dog in fishing. Jayme was a very polite and so respectable a very fine young man.I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to Jayme son and to his parents you raise a fine young man

Darline Cashman - February 04, 2016 at 09:19 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Boersma lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Kathy Boersma - February 01, 2016 at 09:20 PM

SM

“ *Jayme was one of the best people you could have ever had the pleasure of having in your life. He touched so many people's hearts. He would do anything he could to help anyone who needed it. His heart was pure gold. He loved so many and so many loved him. We was a true angel here on earth. You won't find another person like him. He was an amazing father to Brendan, he was a loving son, brother, cousin, and he was my friend. My best friend, and a wonderful friend to so many others. He was taken too soon and for that only God knows why, but he'll never be forgotten and he'll forever be loved and live in our hearts until we meet him again.*

Shana Mitchem - February 01, 2016 at 12:11 PM

TO

“ *Tonya lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Tonya - February 01, 2016 at 08:51 AM



Brandie Walker

“ *Brandie Walker lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Brandie Walker - January 29, 2016 at 09:36 PM

KC

“ *Karen Cutrer lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Karen Cutrer - January 29, 2016 at 03:07 PM

TT

“ How can you put into words what a person meant to you? How do you define all of your feelings into not only limited space but into little black typed words on here? Jayme meant so much to me. He was like my own baby, when I was 11 and my aunt handed him to me at 4 days old and I started babysitting him and his 2 sisters. Jayme made a little noise and I was right there for him. I watched him grow up to be a playful, spirited, lovable, kind man. Oh he could get riled up sometimes but 99% of the time he was all lovable. How do you continue to go on when someone has touched your life so deeply? He and his 2 sisters were like siblings to me growing up. Normally cousins are close but we were different. Raised together on a large piece of land and living next door.....we were always together, always around each other. Like a "clan". I have to remember the many he was and not the tragic way he passed on to be with his momma and Carrie. Jayme was one of a kind. He will be missed as much as he was loved. Watch over us all sweet Jayme. Give my Carrie and Aunt Brenda and Grama hugs for me. I love you. Teresa

Teresa Theard - January 29, 2016 at 10:32 AM

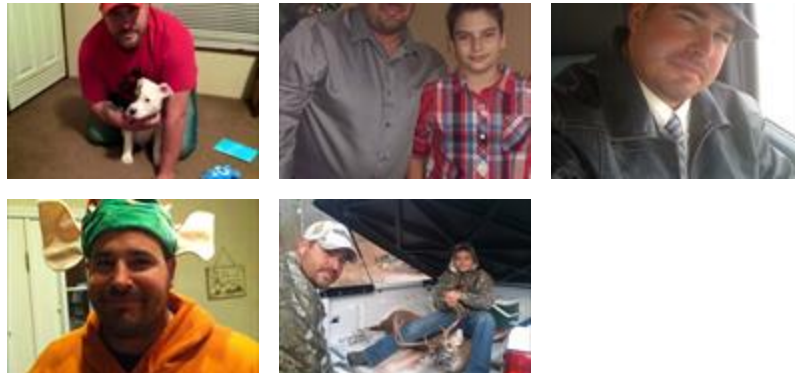
TH

<3 Beautifully stated, sister.

Tammy Hardiman - January 29, 2016 at 11:18 AM

TH

“ 20 files added to the album *Our Angel*



Tammy Hardiman - January 29, 2016 at 09:37 AM

JL

“ *Truly one of a kind. He is the best friend a man could ever have. My heart will forever be branded with love for him. He was superman to me. I will forever hold the entire Swafford family dear to me. Forever and beyond I love you Jayme.*

james lemoine - January 29, 2016 at 07:30 AM

JL

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*




james lemoine - January 29, 2016 at 07:24 AM

 Tabitha
Hughes

“ *Tabitha Hughes lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Tabitha Hughes - January 29, 2016 at 06:39 AM

 Grace
Ag

“ *I only met Jayme a few times as a child/young man, and when he came from Hammond to Biloxi for my Dad's funeral. Jayme embraced anyone, no matter how tenuous the connection, as family. He loved everything about his life--work, family, hobbies, but especially his son. In every photo together, both faces are aglow with love. His life was too short but he never wasted a minute of it, waiting for this to happen or for that to improve. The dash between his dates is solid gold. He left several lifetimes of great memories. And those memories will bring healing from the hurt. I will share one: one New Year's, we were all together in Hammond around a campfire watching John, Carl and Jayme set off fireworks. Dad and I were some distance because of his knee and not taking a chance on flying sparks. Jayme was a teenager and who thinks about old people when there are dragon rockets to launch? I mean, seriously. But Jayme kept coming over to tell Mr. John what firework they had just launched and what they were doing next. Even at that young age, Jayme's fun depended on everybody having fun, no one left out. And he never changed.*

Grace Ag - January 29, 2016 at 05:07 AM

HP

“ I have never met Jayme but just from being friends with one of his cousins I have followed his story. Just from his pictures I can tell he was as fun and loving as his family says. He has a bright sweet smile that showed he loved life. My condolences to his son and father and the rest of his loving family. Prayers through this rough time.



Holly

Holly Perrault - January 28, 2016 at 09:50 PM

TT

Thank you so much for that Holly. You have become such a good friend.

Teresa Theard - January 29, 2016 at 10:33 AM

VL

“ Vicky Hurley Linn lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford



Vicky Hurley Linn - January 28, 2016 at 09:29 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the family, may God bring you peace during this difficult time in your lives.



Debra Henry - January 28, 2016 at 08:31 PM

TH

“ Ohhh my dear sweet cousin Jayme...
You were more like a little brother to me. You were always there when this "old widow" needed a hand. I never heard anything but love from anyone whose life you crossed paths with. I am glad the river gave you back to us and I know because God has your sweet soul, we will see you again. Give your mama, Carrie Sue and Grandma Sue a hug and a kiss. Love, Tammy Hardiman.

Tammy Hardiman - January 28, 2016 at 08:19 PM

DH

My deepest condolences to your family. I pray for God's healing for you all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debra Harris - January 28, 2016 at 08:30 PM

TO

I remember the first time we Met after moving down old RedBird lane we were standing outside One morning u told Joe to hit Carrie in her chest as hard as you can I remember joe saying no and Carrie telling him come on hit me. hard as you can after a min of carrie callin him scary he did! then I remember him screaming iiiii and everyone laughing because Carrie had her chest plate on .and Carla teaching me a couple piano notes and ur mom's rice pudding was the best. Crazy how we all became a one unit family. but most of all I'm thinking how I was blessed to watch you go from a child of God to a child of two mothers and a father a brother who was a bigger brother but younger brother at the same time .a friend who was there no matter what.then r teen years well we going to skip over that.Then there was that day not only was u all these great things but now a father.A father to ur own not only that but a hero you became in the small impressionable eyes of a young man named Brendan.so I'm sure u could have imagine our surprise when we heard the newsThat the lord had called home one of the great blessing he had loaned.makes one wonder what's really going on for the Lord to take such a blessing back home.So to u r dear friend Jayme Donald swafford we say thank you for being such a blessing and reminding us that we never truly stand alone. R.I.P father,son, brother, friend, HERO u will Truly be missed

Tonya - February 01, 2016 at 08:37 AM

TB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jayme was a wonderful man.i will miss his amazing smile. May God wrap his arms around you all and help you through this difficult time..I Love You all.

Tammy Colegrove Bodie



Tammy Bodie - January 28, 2016 at 08:11 PM

TR

“ *Tymbra Recatto lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



Tymbra Recatto - January 28, 2016 at 07:33 PM

TH

“ *In the short time I've known Jayme, I quickly realized he was a one-of-kind guy with a beautiful personality. His love and dedication to his son and family made him even more beautiful (inside and out). Sending my thoughts and prayers to his entire family during this time of coping with this tragic loss of life.*

Tammy Hano - January 28, 2016 at 07:13 PM

RS

“ *Robert Stafford lit a candle in memory of James "Jayme" Donald Swafford*



robert stafford - January 28, 2016 at 06:59 PM