



James Sledge

September 18, 1951 - June 13, 2010

Services for James W. Sledge, 58, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Carter officiating. A private burial will follow under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Sledge passed away on June 13, 2010 in Tyler. He was born September 18, 1951 in Henderson to Ernest Edward and Dorothy Trueblood Sledge. James graduated from Henderson High School and attended Kilgore College. He was a member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. James worked in the natural gas industry for 30 years and was currently working as a field supervisor for Enbridge Pipelines in Longview. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Matt Sledge, brother, Dean Sledge and nephew Kyle Cassity. James is survived by his loving family including his devoted and beloved wife Betty Sledge of Tyler; sons, Jeremy Reed and wife Mary Jane of Houston and Scott Reed and wife Kristen of Costa Mesa, CA; daughter, Jennifer Hill and husband Tim of Cypress; sisters, Judy Cassity and husband Joe of Carthage and Rita Cox of Longview; sister-in-law, Louisa Adelung and husband Denny of Bellaire; brother-in-law, Don Watson and wife Sandy of Pearland; and grandchildren, Kobe Reed and Kaitlyn Hill. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Stephen Rains, Stephen McFadden, Billy Neal, Ken Bowman, Ryan Tandy, Jeff Jacks, Billy Calfee and Brad Tipps. Honorary pallbearers will be the Adult 3A Sunday School Class of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral

Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, in Tyler. Memorials in honor of James W. Sledge may be given to the Kyle Cassity Memorial Scholarship Fund, 418 CR 1151, Carthage, TX. 75633. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Betty, We are so sorry for the loss of your sweet James. I feel blessed to have known him, if only for a few years. I admired his positive, cheerful, and gentle spirit and the way you glowed when he held your hand. We will miss him. Please know you can call at any hour and I'll come running. We love you.

Karan Wroten - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Betty,
We are so very sorry for your loss of such a sweet, loving man. You two made such a beautiful couple. It is so hard not to question why he was taken, yet we know God always has the ultimate plan in store for each of us. It was very obvious that James loved our Lord dearly, and he faced this very difficult challenge so gallantly with God right at his side. You graciously helped him through this struggle with your tender, loving care. James will be greatly missed by each of us in Sunday School..... how I always loved to hear him pray. God Bless you & yours.

Our love, Diana & Donnie

Diana Baker - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Betty, the funeral was so special and it was so obvious how loved James was. What a tribute to his Christianity. My prayer for you today and in the coming months is that you have comfort and peace and know that you are loved and prayed for daily. You're family is beautiful and your grandkids are so YUMMY. Love ya lots and remember...we live close so call me and we will get together.

Patty Johnson - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ James was always a pleasure to be around, very humorous and joking! He pulled pranks on me at work and I pulled them right back on him. He was such a wonderful man and he will truly be missed. Betty, you are in my thoughts and prayers everyday!

Kacy Sullins - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Betty,

James was such a great Christian man and he'll be missed by everyone. You know we are all here for you and praying for you to get through this difficult time. Love you, Cathey

Cathey McCoy - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mrs. Betty I have not met you but I just wanted to express my deep sympathy for the lost of your loved one. I know you will miss him greatly. My prayers are with you in the weeks to come. Sincerely Janet Brown

Janet Brown - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I'm honored to be able to say I have been friends with James for almost 30 years. James was a very special person who was dedicated to his family, job, co-workers and friends. A true Christian. He will be greatly missed for the knowledge he possessed for his job and the kindness he had for his fellow man. I will miss him dearly but cherish the special memories.

Jerry Hill - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ James will missed by many. Please know that our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Dan & Kristy

Dan & Kristy Larrington - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Betty, just a note to share a little of my personal encouragement to you. The last three years have meant so very much to my life through our Sunday School Class. You and James are a significant reason I can say this. Knowing the love and support from you both has been priceless. James was so very faithful to internalize our Bible study and find ways to let its' truths shape his attitude and actions. Every time I sit and talk about James I come up with new things to thank the Lord for. We never catalog all the good things from our Christian relationships but they are never far from us when the dark days appear.

James continued to carry his love for Christ, for you, for the class and for family in a very visable way right through all the days God gave him. He was truly a mirror for the world to see God's goodness and Grace. What more can we be? Someone has said it's not so important what happens to us in this life but how we handle what happens to us. After all, that is the only thing we can really control. James did this so very well.

I must also tell you that he would be so very proud of the love and care you put into carrying out his wishes for our celebration of his life.

Let the SS class that he loved be a conduit for the love of Christ to work through in the days ahead.

We love you and will be praying for God's best for you and the entire family.

mike

Mike James - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I know there is nothing I can say to make the pain of your loss go away. My fondest memory of James and you, is you both have always greeted me warmly and made me feel welcome. I only wish I had been able to get to know him better.

My prayers are with you,

John Branham

john branham - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ James was one of the nicest people I've known. He was my friend and co-worker. God decided there was a better place for him. I will never forget him. He will be missed. My prayers go out to the family. May God Bless you.

Kenneth Starling - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for you!

Alicia Rodriguez - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Jennifer, Tim and Kaitlin,

We know this is a difficult time for your family. We love you and will continue to pray for God's peace and comfort during this season of your life.

Ann Aguilar - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ James was one of the happiest and most positive people I knew. We will miss him greatly. My love and prayers go out to Betty and family. May God bless you.

Stephanie Thornton - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Betty,
I am so very sorry for your loss. James was "one of a kind", and he will be greatly missed.

May God keep you and bless you in your time of sorrow.

Steve Turner - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Betty, Judy and family.

I do not have the words to take the pain away but I do know God will help you through this now and the days ahead. My friend, Judy, I know how close you and James were and I will keep you in my prayers daily as well as the other members of his family. Betty, lean on God, family and friends. God Bless,

Gwen Hill

gwen hill - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Betty,

We are so very sorry to hear about James' passing. He is in a better place now and cancer free.

If there is anything you need please feel free to call on us.

We are wishing you God's Peace. Be strong.

Sincerely,

Gene & Mary Popelar

Mary Popelar - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *His zest for life was infectious.*

His strength and faith... unwaivering.

His legacy...everlasting.

I am just one who is blessed to have known him.

Melinda Garner - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I can not believe that James is gone. I was James's stepsister, Diane and I had hoped that one day we could have been able to see each other and reconnected! I just can not believe that he is gone! I can only say that I'm sad for your lost! Please tell Judy and Rita my heart aches for them as well...diane*

diane morrison - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I've heard a lot about James. I's sorry I didn't get a chance to meet him. Elmer spoke kindly and highly of James.
I will keep your family in my prayers.

Ed Gardner - Elmer's Friend - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ It is so difficult to say goodbye to such a kind & sweet friend. It doesn't seem right for good people to be taken when there is so much bad still left in this world, but I know God has a plan for us. Gene and James are with Him now. Betty, I will be praying for you. I do know what you are going through; I miss Gene everyday & some days still seem unbearable. Please let me know if you need anything or just need to talk..we can help each other.
My love and prayers are with you,
Martha

Martha Baxendale - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ For the time I knew Mr. Sledge he was always a pleasure to be around. He was always willing to help in anyway he could. Mr. Sledge made time for you and was always very easy to communicate with. Mr. Sledge added his good sense of humor to our everyday duties. Mr. Sledge was a man we will never forget. He was an inspiration to all of us. Mr. Sledge will be missed by me and others at Enbridge.

Thank you for sharing him with us.
Barry

Barry Bodle - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. My family has found much comfort in *Isaiah 57:1* during the burden of grief. God bless and keep the Sledge family.

Mike Taliaferro - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with our friend Jennifer and the family.

Kevin Thornsberry - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28)*

Dad, we love you and miss you, but we know we'll see you again!

Scott Reed - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jennifer and family,

So sad to hear the news of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tim, Kaitlyn and your other family at this very difficult time. Please let us know any need that you may have and we will keep uplifting you in prayer.

*Love,
Carolyn and John Lawrence*

Carolyn Lawrence - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To Betty: My heart goes out to you and your family. I know where you are at this time and only time will heal your heart. If I can do anything for you and your family, please let me know. Misty Baten and family.

Misty Baten - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Betty,

You are one of the sweetest, kindest friends I have and I don't get to see you enough. Bo enjoyed knowing James and he had a great sense of humor. Sometimes Bo mentioned something he said in Sunday School he thought was funny. I'm sorry a person like you has to go through this. James was such a wonderful person and I feel it's a waste when a strong Christian person is not here anymore. I felt that way about Bo's passing. I think death is an arbitrary event, caused by the world and sin. God didn't take them, but I'm not an expert--I'm not sure of that. If He did, He had His reasons, but I don't think He would because He loves us. My prayers are with you. Could we get together some time? I'll give you a call in about a month or a few weeks?
Love, blessings, peace, and prayers,
Lauri

Lauri Jones - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Betty, I am so very sorry for you and all of the family on your loss. James must have been a great guy because I know you loved him very much. I pray God will be with all of you and send you comfort and peace now. You will be in my prayers.

Cynthia Watson - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM