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James Orville Arms of Bradenton, Florida passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2025, surrounded by family.

James was born September 21, 1948, in Paintsville, Kentucky to the late Orville and Katherine (Conley) Arms. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Doris (Bob) Prince and Minnie Adkins.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Nicki Arms, daughter, Jamie (Ival) Shields and son, Josh Arms of Chesapeake, Ohio and daughter, Tori Danae Arms of Bradenton, Florida. Also surviving are his siblings, Betty (Jim) Ransbottom, Linda Conley, and Bill (Linda) Arms.

He was "Pop" to thirteen grandchildren and great grandchildren, Tanner (Jennifer) Arms, Katelyn Arms, Taley (Ryan) Berry, Luke and Leah Shields, Weston, Waylon, Redik, Kingston, Aspyn, Harlyn, JoLee, and Nolan. James was "Bubby" or "Uncle Jim" to many nieces, nephews, and kiddos who he considered family.

He was especially close to his great niece, Susan Grace Tibbott of Bradenton, Florida. James was a retired teacher of thirty-five years who also worked with the Manatee County Sheriff's Department. He loved history, John Wayne movies, British mysteries, National Parks, George Strait, checking the weather, and buying presents for his family.

The family will have a private celebration of life. James was loved by many and will be deeply missed. "Oh, the last goodbye's the hardest one to say, and this is where the cowboy rides away."



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KA

Kathleen A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



September 13 at 5:13 AM

LG

Lisa Galloway posted:

Nikki, your sadness is certainly shared by many. I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of his class in high school. He would always tell me to stand up....and I WAS standing! He would say that everytime I entered his class! You have so many good memories....hold them close to your heart always. Prayers to his family and friends. 🙏🙏🙏 Lisa Galloway

September 12 at 7:12 AM

MR

Mark Ross October 3 at 7:02 PM

"Only time separates us" blessings of comfort to you and your family. Mark

JD

Jim Daniel September 13 at 1:13 PM

James was one of my best friends from junior high through high school and was in my wedding. I spent many happy times at his house and his mother, Katherine, treated me like one of the family. James' athletic ability always amazed me, especially when it came to basketball. Thanks for all the good memories and friendship, James.

CH

Cheryl Hurlbut September 12 at 4:49 PM

I've known and loved the Arms family before it was a family. I have fun memories with Jim & Nicki and have loved Tori since before she was born. I am devastated to hear this sad news and my heart is breaking for all of Jim's friends and family. I'm so sorry.

LM

Lori Devore Morgan September 12 at 3:22 PM

I had mr arms in high school as my history teacher and study hall we have a family connections by his two late sisters Minnie Adkins and Doris Prince love and prayers

HR

Howard Robinson September 12 at 10:45 AM

Nikki we send our condolences to your family for your recent loss. I was in Jim's class in 77-78. I recall his teaching technique to be inviting and informative. I also worked for Jim at the pool in Lasage WV. One summer in the concession stand.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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