



James Ramsey Theil

September 30, 1953 - July 16, 2020

James R. Theil, 66, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in Blades, Delaware.

James, affectionately known as Jamie, was born in Charleston, West Virginia on September 30, 1953. He graduated from Seaford High School in Seaford, Delaware. He spent his career as a skilled painter.

Jamie is preceded in death by his father, George J. Theil, Sr., his mother Aulta O. Theil, and his brothers, George J. Theil, Jr. and Michael R. Theil.

Jamie is survived by a sister-in-law, Susie Theil; 1 brother, Jon (Maria) Theil; two nieces, Christina Theil and Elizabeth Theil; and a grand-niece, Ciana Lee.

A celebration of life service will be held by the family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be sent to Blades Volunteer Fire Department, 200 East 5th Street, Blades, DE 19973.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Comments



“My brother from another mother." I would tell people that if they asked if we were related. We kidded each other all the time and it was very unusual not to see or talk to him every day. He loved his friends and was very kind to animals. I relied on him for many things and it's sad to think we won't have his sense of humor and perspective on things anymore.

Allen Handy - August 08 at 07:29 AM



“David Bowland lit a candle in memory of James Ramsey Theil



David Bowland - August 02 at 10:32 PM



“Jamie will be missed by our family.He was always there to help with our parents.He could do anything (jack of all trades).Outstanding painter!!! Your turn to rest now.



Dawn Chaffinch - August 01 at 12:38 PM



“Jamie was a Good Guy worked for him and Teddy Hickey in the early 80's. Stopped by to check on Jamie a lot. He was really happy that I was in a Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Band from Virginia and wanted to come hear me play the bass. Well Jamie when we restart our shows in 2021. I WILL DEDICATE. FREEBIRD TO YOU !!! FLY HIGH FREEBIRD.

Kevin Mason - July 27 at 09:11 PM



“ Jon and family, I am so very shocked and saddened with Jamie’s passing. Jamie was the love of my life many years ago but our paths took us different ways. We spoke at least once every year since 1986. Only recently, we reconnected and had hopes of seeing where life might take us. We last spoke on July 10, 2020. He is forever a part of my heart and thoughts. Please know you are all in my prayers.

Bonnie Valeski - July 27 at 04:04 PM



“ Jamie was such a special friend to so many people. I've known him since I was 11 years old when he dated my sister, Kathy Roddey. In the past couple of years, I've been remodeling my entire house. Jamie has painted every room. I will always remember the running joke on my indecisiveness about the color of my livingroom and how many times Jamie re-painted it. He was not only an excellent painter- one who could paint ceilings and walls without a drop cloth and never leave a speck of paint on the floor, but also did odd jobs that proved he had good carpentry skills as well. As a nurse at Nanticoke, Jamie would check on me often with a phone call or text making sure I was "staying safe from covid ". It was typical Jamie to be a caring friend and it meant a lot to me. My son and his wife had Jamie paint their entire 2 story home- exterior and most of interior. Jamie was getting ready to remodel one of their bathrooms. He had become "uncle Jamie" to their kids. It was a shock to hear of his death, he will be dearly missed. I would like to think he is reunited with friends and family on the other side and I hope he realizes how many people love him and cherish the time we had with him.



Margie Willey - July 27 at 06:36 AM



“ I have not seen Jamie in many years , but I have all sweet memories of him. Most vivid memory is having Jamie's band playing music for my 16th birthday and us all dancing in the grass.

RIP, Jamie, and surround yourself with family and friends on the other side!

Donna Williams - July 24 at 01:47 PM



“ Several years ago Jamie, Ryan and I were fishing on Broad Creek past Bethel when we snagged a 6 foot sturgeon- Jamie grabbed a pole thinking whatever we caught we would land it. When that sturgeon came to the surface with Jamie leaning over the side Jamie almost cleared the center console on his jump away from the rail. Never laughed so hard in my life.
Bill Mulvaney

Bill Mulvaney - July 24 at 01:09 PM



“ Not a day goes by when I don't think of him. So blessed to have seen him a few years ago at one of our mini reunions. God speed Jamie! Michael Kaiser

Michael Kaiser - July 24 at 11:54 AM



“ Bill (Poppy, as Jamie ALWAYS called him), myself and our family are missing Jamie. He would either call or stop by almost every day to check on "Poppy" and see if I might have baked something sweet he could sample. He has painted our house, changed air filters, borrowed all kinds of tools, attended St. Luke's with us at Easter and Christmas Eve services, brought me cleaned fish he had just caught, shucked oysters with my kids, and spent many an early evening talking about many things, Jamie was quite intelligent, loved to read just about anything he could get his hands on and then discuss with "Poppy". He was like a stepchild to the family, one you wanted to wring his neck for doing something dumb, but at the same time hug for just being Jamie. He would do anything for us and I loved that he cared so much for Bill and worried about his health. We miss him.....Nancy and Bill Harper

Nancy Harper - July 24 at 11:20 AM



“ Jennie McCabe-Severs lit a candle in memory of James Ramsey Theil



Jennie McCabe-Severs - July 24 at 10:47 AM

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“ Jamie was just a really good guy. He would stop by often to chat with me and my wife. He was smart and funny. He was the designated painter for Martin Farms. I knew his whole family and had been at their home many times. We will miss him.

William Fleetwood - July 24 at 09:24 AM



“ TONI HILL lit a candle in memory of James Ramsey Theil



TONI HILL - July 23 at 10:48 PM



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Sherman Ward - July 23 at 10:42 PM



“ One of my lifelong friends. Jamie & I were runnin' together all through High School & our foray into college at U of D. Roomed together in the Derrs Apartment with Dave in 71/72...and general roustabouting over the ensuing years. I was a frequent flyer at the Theil Family newly constructed house there on the back of Woodside Manor. It was on the land that was once a Farm that was engulfed by the Woodside Manor development. I tortured Big George (Dad) by driving up the old driveway from Cannon Rd in their backyard to pick Jamie up until his Dad threatened to kill me. I picked Jamie up many, if not every morning for a lift into SSHS...where we reigned terror all day. Ours, & that of our cohorts, was the terror of comedy & nonsense...nothing dramatic as we face today. We stayed connected, not often enough, all through life. But when we saw each other it was like not a day had passed. As the song goes - "The road is long...with many a winding turn. That leads us to who knows where...Who knows where....

But I'm strong
Strong enough to carry him
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

Sherman Wrad - July 25 at 04:43 PM



“ So saddened to learn of the passing of another of our classmates. On behalf of the SHS Class of 1971, please know that Jamie was so loved by all of us. He wasn't one to make plans to attend our reunions, bur rather enjoyed just showing up unannounced -- which he did a few years ago at one of our mini-reunions! May he RIP and enjoy life on the other side. Until we meet again Jamie Lynn (Berryman) Lester

Lynn Lester - July 23 at 09:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear Jamie has passed. It seems like yesterday we were in high school going to class, dances, football games and proms! Jamie and I were in "homeroom" all 4 years of high school. Condolences to the family and friends!
Robin Mears, classmate 1971

Robin mears - July 23 at 08:41 PM