



James Edward Stevenson Jr

July 15, 2013

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“Wow this is my first time ever seeing and reading all this man thank you guys so much for all the love and support and everything this steal means alot and he still missed everyday thank y'all so much

Sincerely Lil James

Lil James - March 19, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MS

“For almost 7 years James was like an older brother to me. I don't know why he took me under his wing when I started working for the county, but he did and I am forever grateful to have know him. I know that I can never pay back all his kindness to me, but I believe he would want me to pay it forward onto those who need it. I will do my best.

God rest his soul and bless his family.

Matt Seeger - July 25, 2013 at 03:52 PM

JD

“ I first met James many years ago when I attended a meeting of the STS Crewleaders to answer questions that they had about the union. James wanted to know just what the union could or would do for them. When I asked what he was willing to do since he was the union, he got a look on his face that became a very familiar look to all of us who have worked with him. I discovered that was his "oh, let me think of all the things that we can do" look. That look was the start to his years as a steward and union activist.

AFSCME Local 34 is so much richer for the hard work that James devoted to his fellow crewleaders and to the union movement. He always had insightful questions and was willing to work with everyone to find the answers. We, as a union, will miss James. I, as a fellow union member, am going to miss him tremendously as he was my conscience. If it did not pass the James test, it probably was not going to be good for any of us.

So, to all of James' family, thank you for sharing him with us. You were always first in his thoughts and in his heart. We share in your loss.

Jean Diederich

Jean Diederich - July 24, 2013 at 02:40 PM

CS



Chamisha Stevenson - June 14, 2025 at 09:14 PM

FW

“ James always stopped by my office after crew. He would share a story, tell a joke or pull a "just teasing". I will miss him a great deal. I can't imagine how hard this has been for his family. James and I frequently discussed our children and his pride and love for you always showed, when he mentioned your latest accomplishment. James was a very proud father and grandfather. James was respected, appreciated and loved by many.
Faye



Faye Williams - July 23, 2013 at 11:50 AM

RB

“ When I first met James, years ago he was always bringing in a cookie, from the Cobalt Cafe, for Diane and saying 'Hello'. I got to know him fairly quickly and hit it off like I've known him for a very long time. 5-6 years later, James was bringing in 4-6 cookies now. For his 'Girls' he liked to say. Diane, LaRay, Gina, Deb and anyone else that would like one. I had the left overs. (Girls first) All of us here knew him and knew how nice of a man he truly was. It was always a running joke with him and I because we always wanted to get together and hang out. Numerous times we've tried. The weekend before he passed I was going to call him and have him come down to the house to play some pool. I now regret not making that call. I'll miss him coming around the courthouse after a hard day's work with the STS crew. Telling us the funny parts of his day. If you didn't laugh around James, you didn't know James very well. We will all miss this great man, but I look at it as if someone higher up must have seen what we've all seen and has bigger and better plans for him. :-)
With all my sympathy to his family and friends. Randy Byrne

Randy Byrne - July 19, 2013 at 02:40 PM

JK

“ James was a great sports fan and someone I could always talk about my teams. Now, "my" teams are the MN Lynx and Gopher Womens Hockey. James always knew who won the last game and who was the high scorer, which player had a off night and which player was doing really well. I will miss our conversations very much. He always took the time to talk. I will never forget this. Bless his family, bless his memory.

Jayne

Jayne Kainulainen - July 18, 2013 at 04:37 PM

DP

“ Whenever I was in the office James always stopped by to chat with me. He stopped by my office last Thursday and we laughed and talked, he said he would be working in the office, but that he missed working outside with his crew. We laughed and I encouraged him to take care of himself. James truly loved his children and his family. He showed me a picture of his grandson and was going on and on about how much he looked like him ;-). My prayers are with the family. Rest in Peace James!

Sincerely,
De'Vonna Pittman

De'Vonna Pittman - July 18, 2013 at 09:32 AM

CV

“ As a Union Brother, James taught me to be strong, hold to my values, take practical steps for improvement, and champion even the smallest success. He could lead by just "being." I will never forget how he used his finger to make a point, that he always had something profound to add, and that he would put himself in the middle to help others learn-literally and figuratively. He could be intense and then crack a joke. What a guy. He will certainly be missed, but he certainly left his mark on those of us who knew him.

Carolyn Vreeman - July 18, 2013 at 08:42 AM

CA

“ I am truly saddened by James's death. James was more than just a friend; he was a brother, best friend, coworker, an amazing person that I could talk to about anything. he was always so kind and considerate to us that we always welcomed seeing him at every opportunity.

His passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew him. James's memory will always remain deep within my heart. I will always miss my big brother, and may his soul rest in peace.

My deepest condolences to his family.....

caroline - July 18, 2013 at 08:30 AM

LJ

Awww awww thanks

Lil James - March 19, 2020 at 02:54 PM

MH

“ James will be missed here at Hennepin County as well as one of the most funniest guys and skilled UNION member. I am glad I got to sit at the table with him. He was a great man with a big heart. My dear brother and friend rest in Heaven!

Mara Hill - July 17, 2013 at 04:02 PM

LW

“ James will be truly missed.

Latisce Williams - July 17, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DK

“ Words can't describe the Loss of James. To know him is to Love him, the humor, smile, and hug's. God Bless his memory, he will live on in the many hearts he touched.

Dan Kantar - July 17, 2013 at 01:19 PM

MN

James was a great man, a great steward and a great guy to know. James will be missed by all.

Matt Nelson

Matt Nelson - July 17, 2013 at 03:56 PM

MS

Santiago (James in espanol, that's what I would call him) mi amigo, que Dios te tenga en su gloria!

Miguel Salazar

Miguel Salazar - July 17, 2013 at 04:10 PM

JM

James supervised the crew that mowed the city land next to my home. He was sincerely accommodating and always had a happy disposition. Through our brief conversations, I took an instant liking to him. We talked about a BWCA trip this year where we were certain to catch some fish. I will miss our conversations and the opportunity to get to know him better.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Joe May

Joe May - July 23, 2013 at 11:58 AM