



James L. Franklin "Lloyd"

May 20, 1934 - March 27, 2020

James Lloyd Franklin(85), affectionately known as Pops by his loved ones, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 in Houston, TX. He was born in Amity, Arkansas on May 20, 1934. James was the third of ten children born to Albert and Jessie Franklin.

He married Virginia "Ginny" McKinney in 1955, shortly before he had to leave for the Army. While Lloyd was in the army, Ginny moved to Houston with her family. When Lloyd got out of the Army in 1957, he moved to Houston with her, where they would stay and raise 5 girls. Lloyd was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather that believed his purpose in life was to take care of his family. He worked hard his entire life to take care of those whom he loved.

Not only was Lloyd loved and admired by his family, but also by numerous other people he met throughout the years. One place he left his mark was on the softball field. Lloyd helped not only build but also run the Jacinto City Girls Softball Association. In his time with the league, he made an impact on many players and coaches who still hold him dearly in their hearts all these years later. He gave many years of his life to the league, even long after his girls had stopped playing.

After retiring from his job of 35 years at Curtin Matheson Scientific, Lloyd went on to the next phase of his life. He went to work for the Houston Astros. In working for the Astros, Lloyd continued to create great friendships and relationships not only with his coworkers, but also with those attending the games. He truly loved working for the Astros for all of those years. He was a true Astros fan, and was so happy to get his World Series ring! When the time came for him to stop working, it was amazing how his presence was truly missed by those that had come to know him at the stadium.

James Lloyd Franklin was a man who truly brought joy to the lives of those who knew him. His presence in this world will be missed greatly. He was a person like no other.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, and seven of his siblings. He is survived

by his loving daughters, Sherri Wyont, Terri Mohle, Lisa Shuptrine, Traci Dearing and Kimberly Babbitt; his grandchildren, Mesha, Kyle, Aaron, Michelle, Taylor, Mackenzie, Brandon, Brittni, Brittan, Jesse Ray JR, and Shelby; and great-grandsons, Caiden and Luke.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ I worked with James with the Astros. He loved his job at Minute Maid but he loved his family more. He spoke of his daughters often. He was just a good friendly guy who loved to talk. He will be missed.

Mary Ann

Mary Ann - April 01 at 09:56 PM



“ Mr. Franklin, Was a great guy/man, he coached both my girls during their softball years and made an impact on their life. he was very patient with all the girls he coached and they always remembered him years later!! may you Rest In Peace, Teri Key

Teresa-Teri Griggs-Key - April 01 at 04:15 PM



“ I don't think I have had the privilege of knowing someone like Mr. Franklin. He was always at the JC girls softball field when we were younger either with the team he coached or assisting others. He loved being there for his family. I learned a lot from him and Mrs Franklin, they both were awesome people. I am so blessed to have been a part of the Franklin family. RIP Mr. Franklin & say hello to Mrs Franklin for me!

Michelle Hazlett - April 01 at 03:30 PM



“ James was a great man that will be dearly missed. My sisters and I played softball in Jacinto City and he was always there to greet everyone. He always had a smile on his face no matter what. I strictly remember him letting my and my twin sister Sherri go up to the announcer box and help call plays. I have lots of great memories with him and I will miss him dearly.

Terri - April 01 at 03:26 PM



“ Pops was such a special guy! Always welcoming us girls into his home, showing up for my pageant (lol), allowing all the popcorn balls to be made in the kitchen (by Kim), and always being such a sweet soul. I know his girls will miss him very much, but love that he is back with their momma. Love, Angie (Falkner) Jatzlau

Angela Jatzlau - April 01 at 03:19 PM



“ James loved his Astros along with all if us at Minute Maid. It was a delight to work and to know Mr James. He loved to talk! He will be missed. May you rest in peace James.

Virginia Katsaounis - April 01 at 02:37 PM



“ My Daddy was the best father/man anybody could have known. He was strong and generous and loving to all. He loved his family dearly. He also never met a stranger and he could talk your ear off. I guess that's where I get it from. He loved my kids with all his heart and he is gonna be missed everyday. We love ya Pops. Miss ya Daddy.



Kim Babbitt - April 01 at 02:18 PM



“ I worked with James at the Astros for 14 years. I enjoyed sitting at the table with him talking about everything and anything. I will truly miss that. He was a good friend and a great co-worker. My prayers go out to the family. James I will miss you but I know you're in a better place. Rest In Peace my friend. Judy Simpson

Judy Simpson - April 01 at 02:16 PM



“ My first year with the Houston Astros was an eventful one at that it was 2017 season. I was apart of the Shooting Star team. I made friends with Mr. James instantly on my first day on the job. He had this kind heart about him that just gravitated me to see him every game and give him a huge hug and talk about his family. I do want to share one moment that I had with Mr. James during the postseason that I remember so vividly. That time was tough for him and he was taking a break and I saw him sitting in a stairwell by himself and I ask him what was going on and he processed to tell me about his health and we sat in the stairwell share sad and happy tear and prayed and discussed my fathers passing. Every moment I saw him was full of smiles and laughter. I wanted to share this photo when I came to see him at his seats in 2019.



Amanda Katherine Schell Myers - April 01 at 01:47 PM



“ He was a great man and loved helping young people all my girls played softball and he kept things go for the league he will surely be miss my his family and friends

Lucille - April 01 at 01:44 PM



“ What can I say about this man? He was a great person all around. He would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. Loved his family more than anything in this world. But to me he was my true friend and I will miss his smiling face. Love you Mr Franklin RIP.

Gail Deason - April 01 at 12:45 PM



“ My Dad was quite a man and I owe so much to him and my mother. I could not have asked for better parents. There are so many happy memories that I will cherish and I'm so grateful for all of our time together. Love you

Tdearing - April 01 at 11:56 AM