



## James Curtis

August 15, 1959 - December 6, 2010

### Obituary of James Curtis "Gator"

James Arthur Curtis "Gator", 51, of Bushnell, Florida, died Monday, December 6, 2010 at his home in Bushnell, FL from Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was born August 15, 1959 at Travis Air Force Base, California. He was employed by Verizon as a Technician and a proud member of IBEW # 824 He was a cattle rancher. He was a master mason and a perpetual member of the Trilby Masonic Lodge # 141. He knew Jesus Christ as his personal savior. Gator was a man that once you met him he left you with a boot print on your heart, on your head, or both. As he would say, "It will be "awright" and I'll see you when I see you."

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Manning "Honey" of Bushnell, FL; although he had no natural children many fine men call him dad; his father, Richard Curtis of Webster, FL; sisters, Teresa Snead of Webster, and Brenda Greene of Ohio; many nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends that he considered family and his dog Dixie.

A gathering will be held in 2011 to celebrate his life. Anyone who would like to attend can please send an e-mail to [www.tcfarms50@aol.com](mailto:www.tcfarms50@aol.com). In lieu of

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### Services

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### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall

MI

“ He was one of the best. I loved him so much and will miss him greatly. I will never forget he called me dog face mike after i was born. He is now with grandma and Uncle John and just having the time of his life. We will all join them one day and then we will be back together. I am here if you need anything Aunt T. He was a rough person at times but the biggest teddy bear and lovable man. He always told me I was strong and independent and that I do believe. I have a son that will carry his name (Hunter James). I love him so much that I name my son after him. I have many wonderful memories of being with him. With all my love Uncle Jim will never be forgotten. Love you too Aunt T.

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**Michele** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Jim, you were definitely one of a kind. We first met when you installed the A/C unit in my mobile home when I first got out of the Marine Corps, and I knew you were special back then. From working together, to sitting across from each other in grievance meetings or sitting side by side on the tailgate drinking JD out of the bottle, you were one hell of a man and I am proud to have known you all these years. Theresa, you are in our Prayers and you have to know that Jim's life was so much richer because of you. Stay strong and keep the Faith.

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**Mike Tompkins** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ God Bless Jim Curtis. Theresa and family, we are so very sad to learn that Jim passed away. He was a very nice friend and we are very blessed to have met him and known him. So very sorry for your loss.

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**Terry & Jane Cheatham** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We have a lot of good memories and you will be missed!

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**Damon and Melva Kennedy and family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ he was 1 of a kind, very well liked and will be missed

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**victor gregory** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

UL

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. I am sure Gator will be missed by many. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.

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**Uncle Charlie Garlewicz & Loretta** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ Merry Christmas my dear sweet man

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**Honey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We feel a deep emptiness, a terrible sadness - a wish for one more day, one more phone call, one more email, one more laugh. We may not ever understand why Jim left this earth so soon, or why he left before we were ready to say goodbye. But, little by little, we will begin to remember not just that Jim died, but that he lived. And that his life gave us memories too wonderful to ever forget. He was a man that touched all of our lives. We will always mark December 6th on our calendar as the day Jim Curtis went to Heaven. Theresa, our love, thoughts, prayers and support are with you as you begin the journey of healing from this enormous loss.

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**Dad and Lexie** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I'm going to miss him a lot. He was one of the true friends I had.

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**Tyler Bauer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss. It is good to know in a time of grief that many thoughts are with you and that even Jesus thoughts are tuned to your loss. "This is the will of him that sent me, that I should lose nothing out of all that he has given me but that I should resurrect it at the last day." John 6:39 My deepest condolences to the family and friends.

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**Dolon Peete** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Tee, Uncle Dick, Thersa and Brenda My deepest symphy goes out to you all. Jimmy you was so kind and a wonderful person and cousin to be with around and we had good times when we were with you and your family. We will miss you so much you are all in my prayers Love carol

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**cousin carol** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I'll see you when I see you. I love and miss you! T, If there is anything you ever need, don't hesitate to call; we will be there! Love you, Mario, Emily, and Nevaeh

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**Mario, Emily, & Nevaeh** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ A man of his word and he lived by them! He would always say " If I say it,it would be so."Big Cuddley bear with a big heart. I will miss him so much. He was a good man and a good husband , but always my " Little Brother" to me.I will miss you,but I know you are living to the fullest now!!

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**Teresa** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Tee, Uncle Dick,Theresa and Brenda My heart is filled with grief. My deepest sympathy extends to you all and to his vast extended family and friends. I will miss him greatly as he was not only my cousin but a friend. Your family has filled my life with many great memories. Jim, I am proud to to have known you not only because we are related but because you were a friend and I will miss you terribly. I look back through the years and remember all the nice times I have had because of you and your family. I was one of the lucky ones to have to have known not only your tough outer shell but your soft gentle caring side. It was a joy to see how happy you became after you met your lovely wife Tee. She was a blessing to you as you were to her. I am honored that I was with you when you went home to be with your mom and brother Johnny. I love you Jim

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**Cousin Sharon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Theresa, I am very blessed to have known Jim and yourself. Even though I have only known you both for just a few years since Steve & Sharon bought the river home I feel like I have known you both forever. I have never seen two people such as yourselves so much in love. Each of you worshiped the other. Your memories of good and bad times will sustain you. Jim is now at peace and with The Lord and he is going to absolutely rock heaven. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Patti** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38,39) God bless you "T"

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**Mike Reynolds** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Theresa, we really didn't know him as well as others, but we found out quickly that he was like no other. He was unique and you couldn't help but like him. You could tell right away that he was honest and had a real big heart. You could also tell that he thought that you hung the stars. His eyes jsut twinkled each tme he looked at you, his loving wife. I am glad that he had you and I am sorry for the loss of such a man. Earths loss an Heaven's gain. We love you Theresa, God Bless and keep you in his sights.

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**Bob and Jean** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ He was a good man and I am proud to call him my uncle I loved him like a lot of people and I am going to miss him he loved me and did a lot of nice stuff for me cause he loved me and Aunt t my love is with you and dixie

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**Caitlyn** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ "T", Dick, Theresa and Brenda. It is hard to understand a loss like yours, but hope you know that we are thinking of you and wishing you comfort and peace.

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**Wally & Lois** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *tho we just met we were very glad we were able to know him god bless*

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**mike and delores sukennikoff** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *MY PRAYERS ARE WITH JIM AND HIS FAMILY...MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL....*

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**JACKIE SPATH** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW HIM WELL. WE WILL KEEP HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS.*

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**SUZANNE AND JIMMIE** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Jim was a very unique person. We were blessed to have gotten to know him and spend time with him and Theresa and his friends (there were many) at the river house he loved and at the ranch. He became our friend, one we didn't know we would have in our lives. He touched our whole family in ways we cannot even describe. Jim, we love you and will miss you.*

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**Steve & Sharon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *"T" You know we loved Jim like he was our brother and we will truly miss him and his sense of humor and plainly speaking of whatever was on his mind. We will always be indebted for the help and mentorship. We love you too! God bless!!*

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**DAN&LOIS** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *T good luck I will miss him Big Dave*

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**Big Dave** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Theresa our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. No words can really ease the pain, but God will help you get through this time. Know you are loved. I know that Heaven gained a wonderful man this week. Love you Theresa.*

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**Roxanna Young** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I only met him once, but I feel like I've known him a lifetime..Open, honest, generous, sincere, and downright funny. My condolences to Theresa, and all his loving family.*

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**JD Lowe, Corpus Christi, Texas** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *The World has lost one of the Finest Men Ever! I am proud to have called him my brother. He will never be forgotten.*

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**Brenda Greene** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ *He was the love of my life*

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**Honey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Lisa Chamblee, Guardian Land Title** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Curtis*

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“ *My sincere sympathy to all the family for your loss. He was to young to go. At least he will be with his mother and the rest of the family who have gone before him. He is in a better place and we have to believe in that. All my love, Aunt Janice*

**Janice Curtis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We send our condolences to each and every one of Jame's family and friends .The last time we saw him, he was about 23 years old and so handsome in his cowboy hat and beautiful boots.I know his beautiful ,sweet Mama Jean was right there to meet him when he passed.*

**from second cousin Leona (Chase)Wilson-Patty** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM