



James Joseph Mills

January 25, 1982 - May 25, 2020

An astounding husband, amazing father and son, loving grandson and brother, wonderful friend and a natural born leader, James Joseph Mills, III of Lady Lake, FL passed away in the early morning hours of Monday, May 25, 2020. Always striving to be the best person he could be, and guiding others along the way, James overcame many adversities to become the successful man he is today.

James is survived by his paternal grandparents Col. James J. Mills (US Army-Ret) and Carole Mills. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Col. Warren G. Love (US Air Force - Ret) and Carol Love.

Barbara Mills and James the love and light of her life, were preparing to celebrate their 12th year of marriage on June 14th. They have been together for 15 years, and along the way James was a loving father to Mariah, Dakota, Trinity Mills, and Danielle Copper. Two weeks shy of earning his MBA from LSU, he was set to take on the role of Human Resource Director at Babette's Furniture. Starting as a warehouse temp, James' value as an employee was immediately recognized and he continued working his way up in the company.

James enjoyed coaching his daughter Trinity's softball team. He enjoyed watching Mariah, and Danielle dance. He also loved to watch Dakota ride horses. James, Barbara, and his children had recently put the finishing

touches on their dream home. James was an active member of Heritage Community Church.

These blessings all became possible following a simple walk and conversation with God that changed his life forever in 2013. This year led him to a life of recovery. James' life is an inspirational story that has encouraged others and has shown that all things are possible through God.

Family of James -James Joseph Mills Junior(father), Jennifer Mills(mother), Angela Love(aunt), Melissa Love(aunt), Julie McCormick(aunt), Brendon McCormick(uncle), Kelly Mills(step mother), Chandler(brother).

A public viewing will be held at Heritage Community Church at 509 W. Berckman St. in Fruitland Park on Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Appropriate social distancing guidelines will be followed.

A private family Service will follow at 1:30 pm. Those that would like to virtually attend may do so by going to for the virtual viewing of the service with the following information on [www.facebook.com/Heritage Community Church](http://www.facebook.com/HeritageCommunityChurch) or [www.youtube.com/c/heritage Community Church](http://www.youtube.com/c/heritageCommunityChurch).

Burial will follow at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park. Friends are welcome to join family for the burial.

In lieu of flowers donations to Solutions by the Sea, 221 Francis Parkman Pl Daytona Beach, FL 32114, 386-265-5347 in honor of James Life would be greatly appreciated.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Hi Mi Amor, it has been a little over 3 years since you left us. You are always on my mind and I always thing about the what ifs. Our world has changed so much since you left, we are just now picking up the pieces. The family that once was is no more. It has been torn into pieces over selfish choices. The judgment and poor choices have made the divide even more. I am only a Mills by name, I am Barbara to our oldest and alienated from the friends and home that we both worked so hard for. I just follow your mottos in life knowing that this is just for a time being. You help create the mother and adult i am today and i love you so much. It is the little things that bug me, but I am working on that now to give it to God and keep moving. The girls and I love and miss you very much

Barbara Mills - September 11, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DR

“ The day I met James we seemed to be the same person in so many ways it was scary lol he had a heart like mine and always made sure even before we made good friends that i was taken care of and had what I needed, Me and James liked to laugh alot and sometimes at the expense of others but we sure did laugh alot and I always remember that big belly laugh he would let out that led me to just laugh harder. I started to watch james and i seen a fire burning to change and he took life by the horns. He never took no for an answer and he even started a company in the villages in which James took me under his wing and The company name is something he wasnt sure of until one morning he said " I got it" grandson for hire" and people LOVED it they LOVED james and one time all we did was change a light bulb for a very nice lady who was more pleased with our visit then the new light bulb. James then found a company and he climbed the ladder and did what needed to be done to become a manager. I remember coming to visit and him being swamped with work and school work but he always had time for his girls and friends and his best friend and wife Barbie. James over the years as he was on his mission to just be a better man would tell me all the time he would say "Dave My wife is honestly my best friend and my everything" I would always find a joke in everything and every year on his anniversary on facebook he would give a praise to his wife and i said James are you copying and pasting the same post and changing the year as time goes by? He first went silent and then started laughing and said yes i am. I cant fit all of my greatest times with james here but i can leave everyone with this.....James Mills changed my life forever and I struggled with the news of him being gone for a while but James did everything a man can do in 30 some years. He had a beautiful home a beautiful family and dedicated hard work to show each daughter that with hard work comes beautiful things. I love you buddy and I am very grateful for our years together and i am sorry I wasnt the friend I should of been.

david rihaly - September 17, 2020 at 09:34 AM

DU

“ Love you brother. I will see you on the other side.

David Underwood - May 31, 2020 at 10:54 AM

AM

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Amy Martinez/Underwood - May 30, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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Amy Martinez/Underwood - May 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ My memories of Joey are from back in his middle school years when I used to spend two or three nights a week overnight with his Mom Jennifer and him in Hampton, as I lived in Richmond and worked in Newport News as a middle school teacher (my first teaching job). Joey was about the age of my students so I could talk to him about the mind of the middle schooler!

He left an indelible impression on me because of his kindness, his maturity, his friendship, and his studiousness! (He was NOTHING like my students!). We weren't best buddies or anything, but we would watch TV, have dinner, and Jennifer would work with Joey on his homework every night while I planned my next day's classes.

I had already decided by this time (1991) that I didn't want to have kids, but for those two years, I very nearly changed my mind. He was THAT KID, y'know? He gave kids a good name!

When I finally moved from Richmond to Newport News, Joey was the most helpful of my volunteer movers (I shared the photo of he and my Dad next to the U-Haul). My father has always said he'd like his gravestone to say, "He was not easily impressed"; and yet he wrote on the back of this photo--"Alan and Joey Mills-the 'A' Team"; He was a kid that even impressed Cynic-Al Wormald.

My heart goes out to all who loved him. He was clearly a very special guy for the rest of his unfairly short life.

Keri Wormald - May 29, 2020 at 11:55 AM