



James "J.R." Dillard

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JR Dillard, 56, of Broken Arrow, passed away on August 8, 2021. He was born February 19, 1965, in Calgary, Alberta Canada to James Dillard and Carol Davis. JR was preceded in death by his grandparents Austin and Eunice Dillard and Carl and Clara Margaret Jones. JR is survived by his wife, Sheila, together for 20 years, married for 14 years; his mother Carol Davis of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and his father Jim Dillard of Cleveland, Oklahoma; his sisters; Jan Cook and her husband David Cook of Cleveland, Oklahoma and Jill Dillard of Waco, Texas; his nephews; Clint Dillard, Benjamin Dillard, Jefferson Cook, JD Sparks, Josh Sparks, Jeremy Hathcoat, and Jordan Hathcoat.

A Celebration of Life for JR will be held at Floral Haven, 6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 10:00 am in the Main Chapel. Immediately following the service, a celebration luncheon will be held in the Floral Haven Family Center from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you contribute to Pete's Pet Posse to honor the two things he loved the most, his dogs, Gundy & Coco, and OSU. <https://hr.okstate.edu/pet-therapy/index.html>

JR Dillard, who became one of the top tight ends in Oklahoma State football history in his time with the Cowboys from 1983-87. Dillard spent five seasons at OSU, redshirting as a freshman in 1983 before going on to catch 53 passes for 513 yards and four touchdowns. In the 1987 Sun Bowl, his final game with the Cowboys, he made three receptions for 18 yards and caught a touchdown. OSU won the game over West Virginia, 35-33.

Dillard was an all-state pass catcher at Cleveland (Oklahoma) High School, where Dave Wannstedt, Jimmy Johnson, and Larry Lacewell were among those who came to watch him play, both on the football field and the basketball court. When Dillard chose OSU, he followed in the footsteps of his father Jim, who rushed for 1,840 yards and 13 touchdowns for the Cowboys from 1959-61.



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After his college career, Dillard had a brief stint in the Canadian Football League. After football, Dillard went into social work with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as a County Director and celebrated his 28-year work anniversary in July.

JR enjoyed most of all spending time with his wife, Sheila, and their two dogs, Gundy and Coco. He loved turkey, dove hunting, and fishing on the White River and Buffalo River in Arkansas with his cousins. He and Sheila enjoyed many miles riding their Harley's across the country. JR met and kept many friends from all walks of his life.

For those that cannot attend the service in person webcasting is available at the following link:<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/58370/hash:84BF6AC4E01BA762>





Events


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Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony

 **Saturday**, August 14, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





Tribute Wall

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VB

Veronica Booth lit a candle in honor of James.

This past year showed me how caring you really were. I will miss our talks and know I will see you again some day my friend. R.I.P. JR.

August 14 at 9:30 AM



NC

Nancy Atkins Crenshaw lit a candle in honor of James.

August 14 at 7:09 AM



RB

Robert And Stephanie Bradley lit a candle in honor of James.

RIP brother! Robert and Stephanie Bradley

August 14 at 6:36 AM



LF

Larry & Cynthia Favos posted:

Sending our love to our Cleveland family whose boy made us proud as a Tiger and @ OSU. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

August 14 at 6:26 AM

MP

Marilyn Parker lit a candle in honor of James.

JR was always my friend. He will be truly missed.

August 13 at 5:51 PM



MJ

Marilyn Jackson lit a candle in honor of James.

I had the awesome pleasure to work with JR in the DHS office in Tulsa. He was an awesome guy who loved his job and was very fair to his workers. He was an amazing supervisor to my daughter. He was always JR no matter where you saw him. I know he will be truly missed.

August 13 at 2:49 PM





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DH

Danny & Roberta Hazen sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

Our love and prayers going out to all the Dillard family! JR was a very special young man and special young men grow up to be very special adults. He will be missed. We are deeply sorry for your loss. God Bless.

August 13 at 1:33 PM



GW

Greg And Jo Williams lit a candle in honor of James.

August 13 at 12:51 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Dillard family.

August 13 at 10:26 AM



BB

Betty Brown lit a candle in honor of James.

Sincere condolences to the Dillard family.

August 13 at 9:30 AM



IC

Iva Clements posted:

Praying for peace & comfort for JR's family & friends. JR has been my county director since 2012 and he will definitely be missed by the entire office.

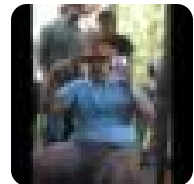
August 13 at 6:47 AM



Tammy Hunt shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Fly with the angels my friend!!

August 13 at 6:18 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dillard family.



August 13 at 6:16 AM



Tony Wilkins posted:

My heart was hit hard Sunday when I got the news. JR was great guy and terrific roommate in college. Outstanding Fb player. My condolences go out to his wife and family . I know he will be missed tremendously!Teammate and friend Tony Wilkins

August 13 at 6:02 AM



Carol Davis posted:

So sorry to hear of JR's passing. I hired JR when he came to DHS in the Tulsa Child Support Office. I retired many years ago, so was not aware of his progress thru DHS. It's always makes me happy to see one of my former employees become a success. When trying to get a desk for him to use, we had to put 2 Tulsa phone books under the legs of the desk. He was quick to point out there was no "I" in team. I know he shall be missed, as we did when he moved to the Tulsa County Office.Carol Davis

August 13 at 5:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Dillard family.

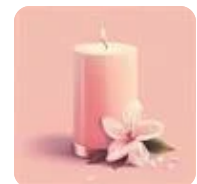


August 13 at 3:12 AM



Amber Scott lit a candle in honor of James.

This CRIMSON candle is for you JR because I always refused to come into your office to chat and would make you come to my desk because the ORANGE hurt my eyes and made my skin burn lol.. The POKES have the best guardian Angel they could ask for now, Rest easy mister!! Hugs- Amber & Will Scott



August 12 at 6:26 PM



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Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Dillard family.

August 12 at 5:12 PM



Shannon Philpot Toth lit a candle in honor of James.

Goodbye JR

August 12 at 11:47 AM



Scott & Galeene Dixon sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Dillard family.

August 12 at 9:17 AM



Freda Moore posted:

My prayers and condolences goes out to the Dillard family!!!! Our weekly office virtual meetings will never be the same without you.

August 12 at 5:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Dillard family.

August 12 at 2:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dillard family.

August 11 at 6:02 PM





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Christopher Tucker posted:

My prayers and condolences goes out to the Dillard family, this one is hard for me due the fact that I was in the hospital in June with pneumonia and I had communicated with him on Facebook to let him know I was in the hospital. I had posted a few pictures on Facebook after getting out the hospital and then his Facebook account was closed I didn't know what was going with him and was concerned about him only to find out yesterday he died Sunday which is very heartbreaking news. I remember when I first met JR he was funny but a great guy a great man good people, he always called me Big Tuck back then I would it would be little tuck to him he was a very big guy lol...but a kind heart he will be truly missed, I hate he didn't get the opportunity to try none of my BBQ SMOKED CHICKEN WINGS that I post on Facebook he sure did wanted some of my wings well he finally got his wings not my wings but the wings God has for him love you bro ☐

August 11 at 10:37 AM

TW Tony Wilkins August 13 at 5:58 AM

Yes he was a great guy and college roommate. Even though I haven't seen him in a long time my heart took a heavy blow when I got the news he passed. Love all you guys Tony wilkins



Anonymous sent a Sentimental Dreams to the Dillard family.



August 11 at 8:33 AM



Webco Industries sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Dillard family.



August 11 at 5:40 AM



Kneko Cornwell (Marilyn Parker'S Daughte sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

RIP JR

August 10 at 6:20 PM





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Anonymous sent a Bright and Beautiful Spray to the Dillard family.

August 10 at 5:22 PM



Bobby Baxter lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 4:35 PM



Jerry & Sharon Brand posted:

Sharon and I are saddened to hear of JR's passing. We still cherish the memories of Mark and Mike playing football with JR. May God be with the Dillard family.

August 10 at 3:33 PM



Montgomery sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

August 10 at 1:24 PM



Mark Brand lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 11:50 AM



Russell Hockenbery lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 11:21 AM





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XR

Xan Robertson lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 11:17 AM



CD

Charlene Reinking Donley lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 8:28 AM



LP

Laticia Price lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 8:25 AM



JH

Justin Hager lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 8:11 AM



DT

Diane Twist lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 6:43 AM



KL

Kyle Litterell lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 4:53 AM





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BO

Beverly Ogden lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 4:44 AM



LC

Linda Carnes lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 4:36 AM



BO

Beverly Ogden lit a candle in honor of James.

August 10 at 4:19 AM



IC

Iva C lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 7:22 PM



CC

Curtis Carrington lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 5:29 PM



WW

William Wilson shared an album called **Memories Album**.

August 9 at 5:28 PM





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JH

Jacque Haskett lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 2:53 PM



RC

Rebecca Coopet lit a candle in honor of James.

Lifting all the family up in my prayersTommy & Becky Cooper

August 9 at 2:33 PM



MR

Marsha Robinson lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 1:25 PM



RT

Robert N. & Jennifer Tamplen lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 1:16 PM



JA

Janet Allen lit a candle in honor of James.

August 9 at 12:52 PM





Media

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Tammy Hunt shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 13 at 6:18 AM





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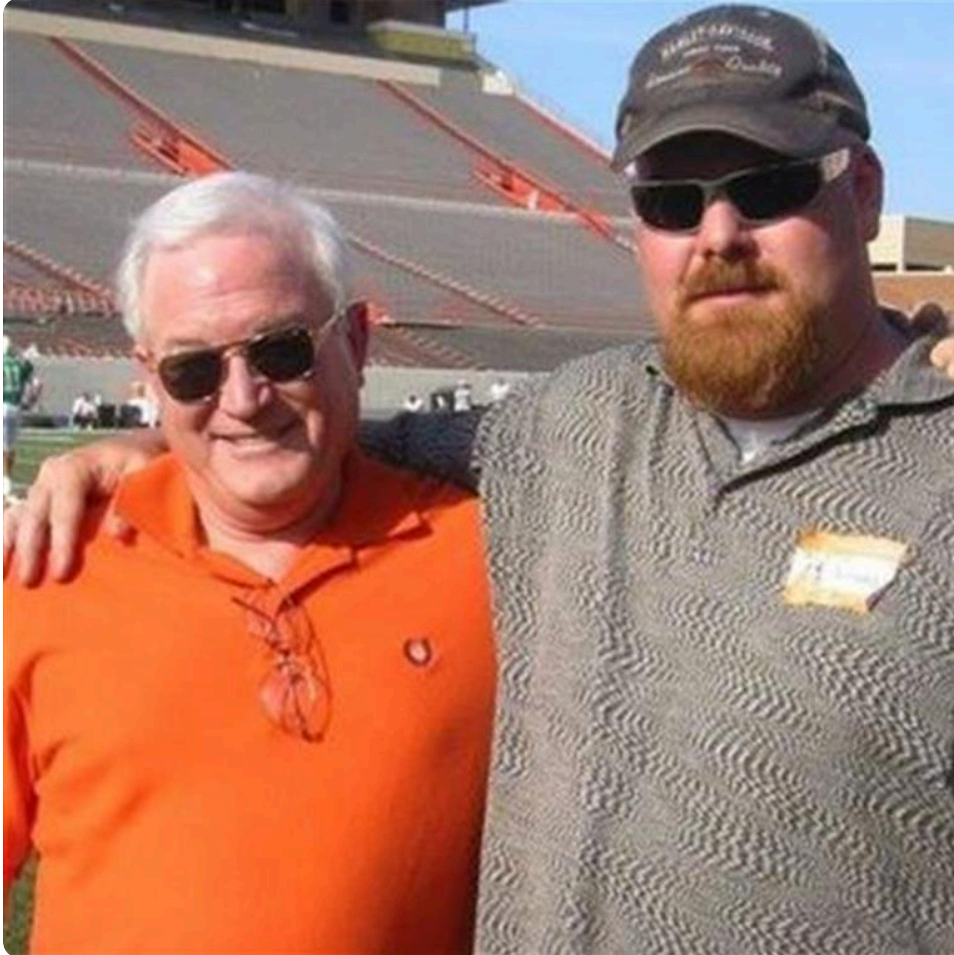
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William Wilson shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

August 9 at 5:28 PM



Bill Wilson and my OKDHS friend, J.R. Dillard at an OSU spring game



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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