



James Wayne Ford

November 3, 1946 - September 23, 2014

James Wayne Ford, of Owasso, Oklahoma, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2014. He was 67 years old. Jim was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 3, 1946 to Herbert and Mary Jo Ford. Both parents and his brother, Jack E. Ford preceded him in death. Jim graduated from McClain High School in 1965 and attended Okmulgee Tech. After graduation Jim was drafted into the US Army and served in Vietnam. Jim began his 35 plus year career with Public Service Company of Oklahoma upon his return from service. There he met his wife of 31 years, Joella Basolo. Jim and Joella had two daughters JaneAnn Greene and Emily Ford, both of Edmond, OK. Jim briefly retired in 2003 only to pick back up with many familiar faces at Direct Energy. He enjoyed arriving extra early to make the coffee and harass his friends. Jim was active in the girls' extracurricular activities; he coached both girls in soccer and softball. He attended countless Verdigris sporting events and was a proud Cardinal supporter. If someone was winning and someone was losing, Jim was watching! He was a loving and devoted husband, father and friend. He had a cheerful disposition, always smiling with an infectious laugh that he shared freely. His family and friends will be forever grateful for the gift that was his life. Visitation begins 10:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM, with the family greeting friends 6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM, Thursday, September 25, 2014. A Celebration of James' life will be held 10:00 AM, Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Red Cross, <http://www.redcross.org> or the American Heart Association, <http://www.heart.org>.

Comments



“ Prayers and thought go out to all of you. Our daughters attended Verdigris together and you could always count on Jim being at all the activities. Always had a smile on his face. Sweet man. Sweet family. Praying for you all. Cheryl Blan

Cheryl Blan - September 26, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ Jim! will miss the humor and the mentoring that came my way both at DE & at CSW. I always chuckled with Jims desk always showing he was busy with work. To me he was a example of what all should strive to follow to be like.

Paul Creamer - September 26, 2014 at 08:52 AM



“ Jim will certainly be missed. I always counted him among my friends and enjoyed working with him for 20+ years. I was so shocked to hear of his passing.

Ralph Dietz - September 25, 2014 at 07:59 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family, Jim was a kind and patient man who was instrumental in the success many of my coworkers and I from Peace/Hansen and led by quiet example. A decent man that I will miss.

Mark Radix - September 25, 2014 at 07:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss...Jim was such a wonderful man always smiling! I will miss his laugh so much and drinking coffee with him. He was fun to work with and his knowledge was vast. Prayers to Joella and the entire Ford family.

Camille White - September 25, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ I worked with Jim and Joella for many years at PSO. Will always remember his great laugh and his doing the best possible job. Dennis Loegering

Dennis Loegering - September 25, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ Jim I will miss you and your knowledge as a coworker. However. I will miss your smile laughter and witty humor. Not the same in the morning not seeing you in the chair next to me with your cup of coffee and smile good morning! Deb BUsh

Deb Bush - September 25, 2014 at 10:59 AM



“ Today we mourn the loss of Jim. I will always treasure the memories of the little, somewhat shy, boy in short pants, the aggressive Little League baseball player, the man returned from war, the faithful and loving son of his parents and the loving husband and father of a wonderful family. My nephew Jim is no longer with us but wonderful memories of him will always be. Norman Goodman

Norman Goodman - September 25, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ Jim was a great person who was always willing to share his knowledge with others. He could fill a room with his laugh! I am so grateful I had the opportunity to work with him before I left DE. Prayers for your family during this time of loss.

Leah Shannon - September 25, 2014 at 08:13 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I feel fortunate that I was able to work with Jim from 2010 through 2013 and, even on stressful projects, all I remember is his ready smile, his boundless enthusiasm, and his genuine friendship. He has left us far too early and will be missed.

Alan Toft - September 24, 2014 at 09:44 PM



“ I have known Jim most of my adult life and being married to his brother and being a part of the Ford family is very special to me. I loved Jim for his kindness and his wit. He seemed to be always happy, and I think he was. Jim was lucky to have a wonderful loving wife and two beautiful daughters. A wonderful family man. He will be missed greatly by myself and my children. He is now in the arms of the angels with his parents Herbert and Mary Jo and his brother Jack.

Cathy Armstrong Ford - September 24, 2014 at 01:53 PM



“ Jim was a joy to work with. His huge smile, cup of joe, and stack of papers was a indicator he was on the job and had the answer. I have had the pleasure of working with Jim over these last 10yrs and he will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with Jims family and friends during this time.Candice Brown

Candice Brown - September 24, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ Jim will be missed. He was a great guy and always there to mentor and assist when needed. I worked with Jim for almost 10 years when I was living in Tulsa. Great guy to be around and we always wonder how much coffee he drinks a day. My deepest condolences and I am very sorry for your loss.Peng Low

Peng Seong - September 24, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ Jim was a wonderful colleague and over all great guy. I only got to see him once in a while when I traveled to Tulsa from NY but he always had a friendly smile when he said hello. I am blessed to have worked with him through some stressful projects over these many years. I remember that Jim loved his coffee and we use to joke that his coffee cup was a like a petri dish and he was immune to every disease on the planet. He will be missed greatly. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rohn Carlson - September 24, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ We shared some great times together both at work and in our personal lives, and I will miss you terribly, but I must turn my prayers for your family now. You are taken care of by our Heavenly Father! Love and miss you. Bill and Cary Reed

cary reed - September 24, 2014 at 12:33 PM