



James "Jimmy" Portela

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James Portela, 66, of Madison, formerly of Haymarket, passed away on Friday, January 14, 2011.

He was born in Havana, Cuba on Sept. 29, 1944 to the late Oscar and Lydia Portela (Crespo). In the early sixties he came to Miami through the Operation Pedro Pan. There he finished high school and later went to Texas to attend St. Edwards University. In 1963 he came to Northern Virginia. Jimmy later went to work for Dewberry & Davis. He began as a land surveyor and worked his way up to a project manager and supervisor in over 30 years with the company. He later worked for Bowman Consulting and the Engineering Groupe before retiring two years ago. Jimmy was an avid hunter, horseman and supporter of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Pat Portela; three daughters, Christy Portela, Jamie Navarro and Stacey Portela; one sister, Ana Glaze; three grandchildren, Garrett Portela and Sydney and Caylin Navarro; a nephew, Jim Glaze; one niece, Julie Koch. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Found and Sons Lee Funeral Chapel, 8521 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be expressed to his family at www.foundandsons.com.



Tribute Wall

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Found And Sons Funeral Chapels - Cremation Service shared a **Tribute Video**.



January 13 at 8:00 PM



Jamie Portela shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dad, life is changing and there are new additions to our families! Garrett has a new baby and a wonderful girlfriend who I'm sure you'd love, Stacey and Brian are married and Paisley is 2 years old now, super cute! And it feels like old lady Karma may just live forever. Mom is doing great and we sold our house in Bealeton and live with her in Madison now. It's a blessing and I feel truly blessed to spend every day with her. I love you and I think about you all the time. Miss you every day. Love you, Dad!

December 23 at 12:02 AM



Jamie Portela (Jamie.Portela@Gmail.Com) lit a candle in honor of James.



September 30 at 4:52 AM



Caylin sent a virtual gift in honor of James.



January 27 at 9:24 AM



Jamie Portela posted:

One of my favorite memories is the first time you took me to shoot a 12 guage. I was 11 or 12 years old. We walked out to the woods, you had me hold the gun ready and stood directly behind me and threw out a milk jug. I didn't understand why you were so close, right behind me. You said shoot so I did. I learned exactly why you were there. You kept me from falling on my butt. You were good at giving an instruction, but letting life teach the why. You did that so many times, and it was only once I was older I realized there's always a why. Thanks for being such a great dad and letting me learn the hard way sometimes. Love you.

July 29 at 2:16 PM



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JP

Jamie Portela posted:

Hi Dad, just checking in. Sydney found Lucas on google today because some of his pics were posted on your page a while back :) She is growing up so much. She is starting 7th grade on Aug 15th, Caylin and Alysse are starting 6th, Aryn is starting 4th and Lucas - kindergarten. Ben will be 16 mos. Aug 4th and we got a dog and named him Milo! Lol people say we are crazy but we are just blessed to have such a big family. Aaron is going back to school and working hard, me too. His Dad, George, lives with us now. I wish mom did sometimes. When Uncle Charlie passed away she took his dog, Bruno, who is old and big and happy lol. Penny is gone and DJ lives with Kurt and Diana and Jay. Its so weird how life changes. I'll add some newer family pics. Wish you were here. Love you sooo much, so much. Xoxo

July 29 at 1:40 PM

JA

Jamie posted:

Hi Dad, thinking about you a lot lately. Aaron's mom passed away In February and it was hard on him. They had a special relationship, it makes me think of you. We have one more addition coming. It's a boy and his name will probably be Benjamin Alexander. He's supposed to be here April 7th, no later. Mom's doing well, so are Stacey and Brian. Christy and Garrett are doing pretty well too. I don't see anyone as much because I work a lot and on the weekends we're busy doing family things with the kids, work is still great though. I miss you and I love you.

March 16 at 5:01 PM

JA

Jamie lit a candle in honor of James.



March 16 at 4:52 PM



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Dad, great news, Stacey got married a little over a week ago to a guy that I think is perfect for her, Brian. They both looked so happy and she was so beautiful. I'll add some pics once I get some. Julie had a baby, Lily, and Lucas was in love with her. A lot has happened in the last year. I still think about you all the time and miss you so much. Life is not the same. I understand you now, I have for a while. I feel the same way you did quite often. Life is lonely since you're gone but I have Aaron and the kids. :) Work is going great for now, I am fortunate. Oh, and we bought a small house in August!!! :) Alysse and Aryn love hearing stories about you and I'm sure Lucas will once he's a little older. I gotta go, Dad. It's late and I'm still out and about. Xoxox ;) gazookoo



October 21 at 5:12 PM

JN

Jamie Navarro lit a candle in honor of James.



November 27 at 4:36 PM

JN

Jamie Navarro posted:

Nancy and Roy!!! Thank you so much for your kind words :) I'm going to look you up and give my mom your contact info! Dad, Happy Thanksgiving. The kids are growing and doing great in school. Sydney and Caylin are both being tested for GT and Alysse and Aryn and learning so much so fast. Lucas is going to be unwrapping his own Christmas presents this year. He is a cutie. Stacey is doing good, and so is Mom. I think about you all the time and I love you so much! I really wish you were here - I feel like I am so much like you and I have such a great understanding for why you did things and said things. I thank you for everything you did for me. I love you. XOXO ;) Gazookoo

November 27 at 4:34 PM



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RS

Roy And Nancy Short posted:

Jimmy and Pat Portela were our neighbors for 20 years when we lived on Contest Lane in Haymarket, VA. We moved away in 2000. Today, when we needed a reference for a surveyor in the Madison area and knowing they had moved there, Roy said "look up Jimmy on the internet, he'll know the best." We were shocked to find out that he had passed away!! Isn't it sad how we take it for granted that people are just a phone call away? One of our favorite memories when we lived there was seeing Jimmy ride down our driveway on his horse when he saw us working in the yard and taking a break to "chew the fat" with him for awhile. If I wasn't outside I could hear his hearty laugh with Roy all the way in the house. The two of them went hunting several times and stayed the night at our farmhouse in Luray. But my favorite memory was when I asked him to play Santa Claus at one of our last family Christmas parties before we moved. He didn't hesitate a moment and we started planning. I found out the "good" and "bad" things about the children in the family, gave him a Santa suit, a bag full of toys and what time to be there. On the selected night we heard horse "reindeer" bells and a "HO, HO, HO" coming from the roof (at least in the minds of the little ones) and Jimmy came through the door with a toy bag slung over his back:;) Didn't have to tell Jimmy Portela how to play a Santa. He took each kid on his lap, told them about each "good" thing they had done for their gift and reminded them not to do the "bad" thing again. The kids eyes were as big as saucers:;) How could he know all that?? :) So much fun, such good memories. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Pat and everyone in the family. We can see he'll be very much in their hearts and mind forever by reading the tributes. We didn't know his childhood history and can only say he's a perfect example of what a person can and should become when given a chance to come to our country. Rest in Peace, Jimmy. You deserve it. With deepest sympathy, Roy and Nancy Short and Family

January 17 at 5:09 AM

JP

Jamie Portela posted:

From Caylin: I miss spending time with you and having lots of times with you that we can both share. From Sydney: I remember when we all ate chocolate cake with you on your birthday. I loved it. Happy Father's Day Dad! Just wanted to say I love you so much, we all do, and we all miss you dearly but are so happy that you're in a better place now. We're thinking of you today! Love you :) xoxoxox

June 15 at 3:42 PM

JP

Jamie Portela posted:

Life has changed so much since you've been gone. I love you.

June 13 at 5:30 PM



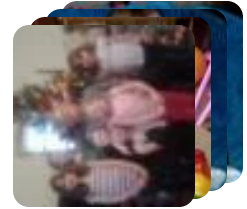
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Jamie Portela shared an album called **Family Updates**.



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June 13 at 5:02 PM



Leah Speno posted:

Somehow I just found this. I was googling my Dad, Gene Millar, and was lead to this site. So I'm a little late. I just wanted to say that my dad considered Mr. Portela, "The Cuban" as Dad affectionately referred to him, one of his closest friends. Dad talked about him often, always laughing. They were close. It was obvious that Dad really lived him and I have no doubt that Dad was one of the first faces he saw when he arrived at his eternal home in Heaven. I am so, so sorry for your loss. Your family will remain in my prayers. But it warms my heart knowing that Dad is now eternally in the company of his good friend, Jimmy. -Leah Millar Speno

December 22 at 7:59 AM



Jamie Portela June 13 at 5:01 PM

Leah thank you so much. It means so much to read what you have to say. And I think you are right. He was probably the only person missing at my dad's service. My dad talked about your dad the same exact way and he is someone that I will always hold close in my heart. Your dad's passing was probably one of my dad's hardest days. I find comfort in your words and appreciate them - I am happy that you know our dads are together and they will have each other to spend eternity with. Thank you, Leah. I hope you and your family are well.



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JP

Jamie Portela posted:

Hi Dad :) I have to say now I think I know how you felt when we were growing up. I feel like my life is a repeat of yours almost exactly...I'm stressed but I'm happy and have a lot to be thankful for. I have a great family and Aaron is also great. I just feel sometimes like I understand why you acted the way you did back when we were kids and a lot of the time I think I feel the exact same feelings you felt. I work a lot too, just like you and I'm so tired when I'm home...ugh. but I do it so we can get by and my family can have what they want. I guess I feel left out sometimes. Sorry I didn't understand you when I was younger. I know you only wanted the best. I wish you were here. I'm definitely a fifth wheel without you. Anyway, time for bed for me, gotta try to sleep when the baby does. Love you Dad.

November 9 at 4:13 PM

JP

Jamie Portela lit a candle in honor of James.



September 27 at 7:11 AM

JP

Jamie Portela posted:

It's your birthday this weekend. I'll be thinking of you. I think of you all the time actually....I think maybe we'll try to talk Mom into going to pick apples over near Prince Michel and then do some pies or something Sunday. Well....I love you and I miss you!!!! Think about you all the time. I wish you could see your grandson :) I see your face in him every now and then. Well, I love you Dad!

September 27 at 7:11 AM

JP

Jamie Portela posted:

Hey Dad, Life has been crazy and there have been things going on over the past two years you may not be too happy to hear of. But I've been doing my best to not let the things around bring me down. Me and the kids are doing great though. They have a new brother. We named him Lucas James Phillips, both after you and Aarons grandfather. Alex has gone to CA and has no contact with the kids, totally by choice though. Aaron is great. He reminds me of you in some ways. He is wonderful with the kids and loves them dearly. Ill post a pic of Lucas for you. He mostly looks like Aaron but sometimes you. He definitely has Portela in him. Anyway, I love you dearly and miss you incredibly but Im glad that you are where you are and wish you the best. Xoxo Dad, love you.

July 22 at 6:14 PM



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JP

Jamie Portela posted:

Daddy I wish you a wonderful happy day tomorrow. Im thinking of you and I miss you so much. We're all okay. Love you dad:-* Gazookoo

September 28 at 6:21 PM

JP

Jamie Portela lit a candle in honor of James.



September 28 at 6:10 PM

SL

Sherri Hazen-Leblanc posted:

Mr. Portella will always be in my heart. I am a good friend of one of his daughters and have been for many years. He always was very kind to me and made me feel like I was always welcome. I am forever grateful for meeting such a wonderful person. He will be missed dearly.

January 24 at 6:18 AM

JP

Jamie Portela January 25 at 3:40 PM

Sherri, you were more than just a friend to one of his daughters, you were a friend of his. My dad loved you and your family and he loved having the boys come over on those summer afternoons. Just please know how close you were to him and always remember it. Love ya



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JP

Jamie Portela posted:

In a letter from Sid Dewberry written to our family: Jimmy began working for Dewberry back in 1968 and stayed with us for over 33 years. He was about 23 years old when he joined Dewberry and about 56 when he left. Jimmy was one of those people who made waves in life. He got things done! No grass grew under Jimmy's feet! A good trait in a surveying manager - and I was sorry to see him go, for Jimmy was a very dedicated employee and someone I got to know well over time. In 1968, I knew everyone in the firm because we were a small outfit and I noticed Jimmy right away. He always got to work early and his crew ready to go well before the 7:00 a.m. kickoff. And no one - NO ONE - in Jimmy's crew, showed up late more than once. The second time and you were OUT OF HERE! The word got 'round pretty fast so Jimmy never really had to let anyone go for being late. When it came time for the survey crews to finish up for the day, Jimmy was one who just didn't stop in the middle of an operation. He'd continue until he got to a good stopping point - often time working well into the dark. Jimmy always wanted to make sure he and his crew gave the company full measure and that the client got what he paid for. He was a perfect example of how employees can sell work by doing an outstanding job for the client. Many times a client would ask for Jimmy for his job because he knew that Jimmy would go the extra mile for the project. If that made him one of a kind - well so be it. He helped make us one of the best in our industry. On the personal side, my family and I will always be grateful to Jimmy and his family. Our son, Michael, was born with a respiratory problem that developed into serious asthma - with an allergy to animals. And yes, we had a dog! Buddy, our Springer Spaniel was the love of the family but we were forced to give him up. Jimmy and his wife, Pat, were kind enough to take Buddy in and give him a good home for the rest of his life. He even fathered a littler of six, I think. We were brokenhearted to see him go but he was very happy with the Portela's and we were invited to visit anytime - which we did! Thank you, Jimmy and Pat, for your generous spirit and love of animals. My life and so many others have been enriched by knowing Jimmy and we will truly miss him. Our sincere condolences go out to Pat and the family. Sid Dewberry

January 17 at 5:09 AM

DS

Dana Sullivan posted:

Dana Sullivan: I worked for Jimmy for several years at Dewberry & Davis. He was a tough, but, gentle man. His bark was worse than his bite. I remember he would always send me to the gas station on the corner to buy him beer and tobacco and to Anitas for breakfast burritos for everyone in the office. Lots of memories at D&D. My prayers go out to Pat and the family.

January 22 at 9:44 AM

PA

Patty Arthur lit a candle in honor of James.



January 21 at 3:27 PM



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BS

Beverly Schultz posted:

I worked for Jimmy Portela for many years and Dewberry and Davis. He was rough and gruff on the outside, made a lot of secretaries cry, cussed a lot and spit a lot of tobacco, but on the inside he cared deeply for everyone, especially his family. Yes, he was even surly at times, but he really enjoyed it when you gave it right back to him. He had high demands and extremely short deadlines but that was just Jimmy. He was, he believed, the most important man in the office. A closed door on the conference room NEVER stopped Jimmy from going in and being part the meeting whether they wanted him there or not. I will always remember being nine+ months pregnant and Jimmy pulling out a \$50 bill and holding it vertically in front of me, telling me to put my fingers just beneath it and if I could catch it in mid-air I could have it. I never caught it, (believe me, he gave me chances every day it seems) but he laughed heartily watching me try to bend down to pick it up. His laugh was infectious and he truly lived life to the fullest. Something I read years ago is appropriate to say here that fits Jimmy: Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, totally worn out and proclaiming, "Wow, what a ride!" And what a ride it was. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to Pat, Christy, Jamie, Stacey and grandkids. Beverly Schultz

January 21 at 4:21 AM

PA

Patty Arthur January 21 at 3:25 PM

hey jimmy was a true friend I have known him since I was a young girl. the one thing he did at a company picnic was tell my husband he was shooting blanks. my son Aaron is 25 now thanks to jimmy. Steve and Patty Arthur friends forever

KM

Kenney Moore posted:

I came to know Jimmy here at Dewberry as a very vocal part of the Survey Department. I knew him for the past 30 years. Jimmy always had a thought or idea to add to a conversation. We developed a friendship I truly have cherished. I will always remember the smile and the laugh.

January 20 at 8:43 AM



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RB

Rick And Lee Buratti posted:

From The Buratti's
From Lee: So now I'll wait for the roar of that monster truck to come up the driveway no more. There are no silver sided words that can capture Jimmy. He was a man's man. He stood squarely on two feet, looked me in the eyes and said I was totally wrong about everything. In response, I would hand him a beer, ask his advice about the trees or the garden, and then I would do exactly whatever he said. Whenever we talked, he'd always begin with "How's the little lady of the house?" And he would grin that grin and his gravelly voice would grin, too. He knew I admired him for his independence, his forthrightness, his humor, and his caring about everything in his life from his family and his dogs to the guy next door and the four wheeler. Surrounding him always was his love of life -- without any fancy showiness, without any sentimental idealism -- life for whatever it brings. So I will remember Jimmy as a successful man, a man who didn't run from life but embraced it in sorrow and in joy, a man who worked hard, lived fully, loved deeply, and laughed an infectious laugh! He has been part of our lives for many years, and I will miss him.
From Rick: Oh, so long ago, the first time I met my neighbor Jimmy Portela, he came over to tell me that my boys were stoning ducks in his pond. He was obviously worried that I would be the defensive parent. When I wasn't, I must have passed his character test, because that began a true friendship. It was because of his willingness to help others that I admired him. Our hunting, for instance. He took this PhD. Northerner under his wing and taught him for 30 years, making sure that however much better he was than I, in the field I would be successful. These hunting lessons continued right up to our last hunting day together two weeks ago. (So, Garrett, don't think you the only one who got regular hunting lessons!) For me, as for Pat, Jimmy was Boss of the Woods. (I don't think he liked that sobriquet very much, as he knew he was just the boss, period!) I loved his quirks. There was never a hunting plan, for instance; no matter how we tried to make one. We would decide that I would go to one area and he to another; then at some specific time we would arrange to get back together, with him coming to me from my left. The only part of the plan I could be assured of was that Jimmy would not meet up as planned but rather he would most likely come at some other time and not from the left. Of course, Jimmy always a good reason: e.g., the wind changed, someone was walking through my hunting areas, he ran out of chewing tobacco, or it's time for breakfast. I would shake my head and he would grin. Then we'd go to breakfast. I'll miss those breakfasts. He'd get started on one of his great "too good to be true" stories and suddenly it would be lunch time! Jimmy's sense of humor and ability to tell a great story will be remembered by all of us, I'm sure. Four classic stories come to mind, and even a thumbnail title for each reveals how entertaining they were: there's the rubber snake story, the dead deer that came alive in the back of the pickup in the 7-eleven parking lot story; the bull that pulled the jeep story; and the infamous scoundrel who shot the game warden's mechanical deer story. What was amazing is that, as best I could tell, these stories may have been embellished over the years but they were all true stories. The real truth is quite obvious right now: my life will be lonely without that wonderful friend and neighbor of many years, Jimmy Portela; he was a very special man.

January 17 at 5:09 AM



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TC

Thomas Castle posted:

Jimmy was very instrumental in my success as a surveyor. He hired me in 1997 at Dewberry's Manassas office and I worked with him for 6 years there. Later I followed him to Bowman consulting and worked with him for another 3 years. He was a mentor and a friend.

January 20 at 7:39 AM

CG

Caye Glaze posted:

Oh, Tio...we miss you so much. You will forever be in our hearts and prayers. One of the times that makes me laugh most, is when I was very young (maybe 19 or 20). I had been dating your nephew (now my husband) Jim for a year or two. I had (yet again) locked my keys in my car in Manassas. I was thinking, "what the heck am I gonna do now" and who do I see out of the corner of my eye, but one of my favorite Uncles, Tio! He was there to save the day! He unlocked (or shall I say, broke into) my car and I was on my way. I can't tell you how relieved I was to see Tio that day. He has always been my family and always will be. I give my love to my Aunt Pat, his beautiful daughters, Christy, Jamie and Stacey, his grandchildren Garrett, Sydney and Caylin and to my Mama (my beautiful Mother-in-law) Ana. From, your loving neice, Caye.

January 19 at 3:59 PM

NA

Nieves Aulet May 3 at 10:17 AM

Sorry... the system shot me up before I could offer my deepest condolences to his wife and children, as well as to his whole family. I pray you all know he is in a better place.

NV

Nieves Aulet De Velazquez May 3 at 10:15 AM

It is with great sorrow that I am just now finding out about your uncle's passing. You see... my name is Nieves Aulet and when I was about 8 years old, I lived around the corner from Jimmy (Jaime), Anita (his sister) and Lupe (his cousin). I was madly in love with him (I thought at 8 years old...) and would spend hours and hours at their house just to get a glance at him. Then Castro came and we all got sent out of Cuba without telling even our best of friends. It had to be kept a secret. I came to the US as a Pedro Pan, like Jimmy, and didn't even know. Many a time I have thought about him and his family, our wonderful childhood and what could have happened to them. It is too late now to tell Jimmy how much I still love him (as a brother) but if you could put me in touch with Anita and/or Lupe I would greatly appreciate it.



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KW

Kathi Williams posted:

Tio (Uncle) has been a part of our family ever since his sister married my brother. He was always fun and easy to be with and always made me laugh. He will be missed. Love to his daughters, wife, grandchildren and his sister Ana. I am praying for all of you.

January 19 at 1:07 PM

JL

Joe And Jocelyn Lampert posted:

We have known Jimmy since the early years of Dewberry & Davis in Lake Ridge and over the years our business paths have crossed frequently, but in the last 4 or 5 years, we have come to know the true Jimmy Portela and are honored to call him our friend. He was gruff and outspoken and sure to give you his opinion on any subject, but he enjoyed life, was quick with a big laugh and would give you the shirt off his back without you having to ask. He will be truly missed and we offer our sincere condolences to Pat and their family.

January 18 at 2:04 PM

EL

Elden Lehman posted:

Oh, where do I start, perhaps 35 plus years ago, when I first met Jimmy at D&D, if you ever met him, there would be no forgetting him. Over the years, I worked for Jimmy and he worked for me... never, ever, did we have an argument, or harsh words. He was such a tremendous person. I can remember the many times I would hide his tobacco on him, or I would hang it from the ceiling (he was short in height, but tall in stature) he would go around the office, yelling at me in his sweet Cuban accent. If you knew him, you can still hear him yelling at me. But, as many times as I would do this, he never got really angry, he knew it was because we loved him. And, so I say goodbye, too such a gentle man, to a friend, we will no doubt be working together again.

January 18 at 9:07 AM

DN

Donna Norris posted:

So many memories of the days at Dewberry with Jimmy. It's truly the end of an era with his passing. I can just see him and Gene Millar catching up and telling stories with each other. We will always remember you and you will be missed. Condolences and prayers to his family.

January 18 at 3:47 AM



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Dianne Thomas lit a candle in honor of James.

Jimmy was such a charismatic, completely unique individual. Although he was very dedicated to his work, he could play just as hard. He loved a good time or a joke and would laugh the loudest if the joke was on him. He was a devoted family man and a loving and caring individual who always had time for a friend. I remember his deer stalking tales, chili cookoffs and pig roasts for our office staff and clients and his wonderful, Cuban accent. He was well respected by his associates, superiors, and clients. We will miss him. Dianne Thomas



January 17 at 3:59 PM



Warren Watkins posted:

Jimmy was one of the first people I met when I moved to Virginia and also one of the funniest. We both enjoyed hunting and spent many days together in pursuit of deer, ducks or geese. He had a knack for finding good places to hunt. Most of all Jimmy loved people and always took the time to find out how you were doing and what you were up to. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Pat and family.

January 17 at 1:21 PM



Warren Watkins shared a photo to the **Photos** album.



January 17 at 1:09 PM



Patrick And Carol Lyons lit a candle in honor of James.



January 17 at 6:20 AM

Patrick Carol Lyons January 17 at 6:30 AM

Jimmy was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. He taught our grandson, Garrett, many things about life and how to be a better person and Garrett had the upmost respect for anything Jimmy told him. Jimmy, you and your family are in our prayers.



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Richard Greene lit a candle in honor of James.



January 17 at 5:09 AM



Richard Greene January 17 at 5:55 AM

Jaime' -Jimmy- was my freind and business partner.Unlike many, he lived his life with integrity, honesty and a firm belief in Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior.He helped many in need with his charity, including me. I will miss our time together. He was a true American who lived the American dream. He was a true family man that was always their for his children. He was the most knowledgeable and experienced Land man that I have ever known. Jimmy was a hulk of a man that stood up for what he believed. He lived life caring for others, sacrificing his time and talants for others, always there to care for his freinds and family in need. Whether taking a 80 year old freind, bound in a wheel chair hunting and fishing, or teaching his Grandson Garrett to hunt, or driving 8 hours after a full days work to help a stranded daughter; Jimmy was there for you. (Always) Acts 16:31So they said,"Beleive on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."Jaime' We will miss you and we will see you again!John 3:16For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



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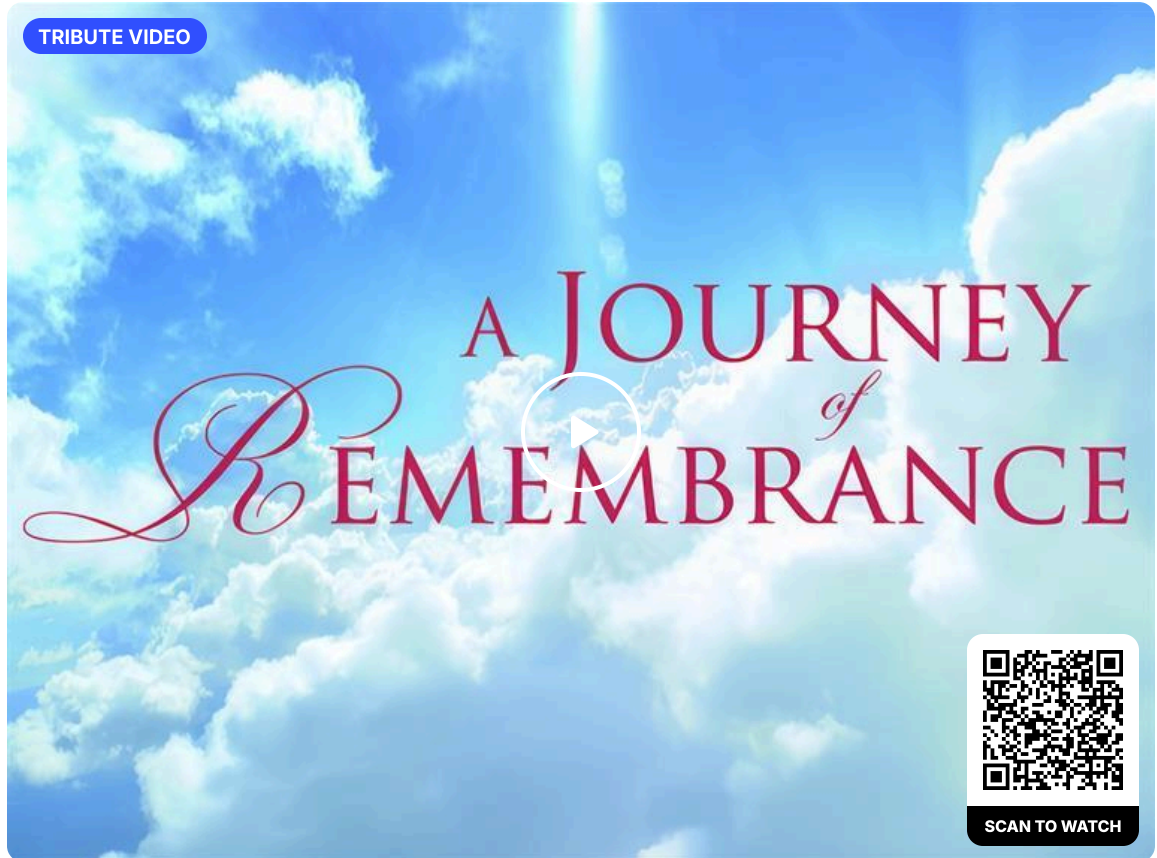
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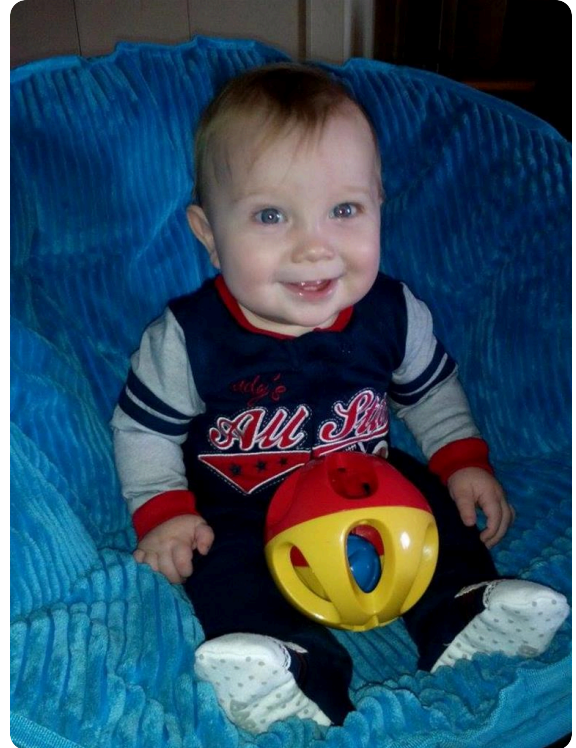
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Jamie Portela shared 4 photos to the Family Updates album.

June 13 at 5:19 PM



Latest Addition - Lucas James 10 mos.



Christmas 2013 with everyone together



Warren Watkins shared a photo to the **Photos** album.

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Knotts Island, NC 2003 with friends Warren Watkins, Ted Brewer, Pete Ebert and all in 2003



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