



## James Leroy Hand

June 11, 1949 - February 18, 2018

James Leroy Hand age 68 of Athens, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Vanderbilt Hospital. Mr. Hand was born June 11, 1949 in Plant City, FL to William Herman Hand and Martha Mildred Rogers Hand.

Services will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:00 p.m., at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with Donald Terry officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 11:00 until 1:45 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Wayne Hand.

Survived by his wife of 48 years, Paulette Hand of Athens; two sons, James Lee Hand and Jeromey Hand and wife, Paula both of Athens; one daughter, Michelle Helms and husband, Chris of Elkmont; grandsons, Gunnar, Braxton, Cade, Parker and Tyler; granddaughters, Emeril, McKenzie; one great-granddaughter, Londyn; two sisters, Jackie and Joanna both of OK; two brothers, Bobby Hand and wife, Ruthie of Toney, AL and Ray Hand of CA.

Mr. Hand served as a Police Officer for over 28 years; he worked as Security at Athens State College for 35 years. He was a member of Truth Baptist Church. He loved life, enjoyed fishing, camping and helping others in their time of need.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Crabtree, Thomas Townsend, Donnie Johns, Trevor Harris, Brett Constable and Stanley McNatt.

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *paulette; was so sorry to hear about james. he was a fine person*

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**jimmy hargrove** - February 23, 2018 at 03:25 PM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hand family in their time of sottow. We lived across the street from James and family for quite a few years. you could not ask for a finer man and family.so sorry for your loss.*

*Debbie and Missy Pack*

*Bill and Judy ( Pack) Roller*

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**Judy Ann Roller** - February 21, 2018 at 09:45 PM

RC

“ *Paulette, Sorry to hear this news. Prayers for you and your family.*  
*Regina Crawford*

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**Regina Crawford** - February 20, 2018 at 10:37 PM

KB

“ *So sorry for the loss. Our prayers are with you all.*  
*Love Kay, Joe, and family.*

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**Kay Biggs** - February 19, 2018 at 07:42 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of James passing. He was a great man! He and I worked 3rd shift at Athens-Limestone Hospital, at the same time. Back then (early 80s) ,on nights that weren't busy ,we played chess, along with others. Always had a sort of laid back disposition, always, friendly to everyone. I had just seen James ,last week. My condolences to the family, and to everyone who knew him.

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**Joe Mark Sowell** - February 19, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BC

“ I will always remember that sweet smile and friendly hug he always had for me. I will miss him greatly. Fly, warrior, Fly.

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**Becky Constable** - February 19, 2018 at 04:30 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for y'all's loss..I pray that God wraps all of you in his arms and give you the comfort and strength to get you through this difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. He was our neighbor for a very long time when we lived on Astor Lane. We all loved the Hands on Astor Lane..He will truly be missed!

May God Bless you all,  
Gail McKnight  
Jimmy Gatlin II  
Dakota Kimbrough

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**Melinda McKnight** - February 19, 2018 at 04:06 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for comfort for all the family.

Sandra Mayes

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**Sandra Mayes** - February 19, 2018 at 01:49 PM