



James Edward Hodge

May 20, 1943 - March 24, 2024

James Edward Hodge of Danville, Virginia, went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Born May 20, 1943, James was the son of James Avery Hodge and Ora Dalton Hodge who predeceased him.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Lindre Bowling Hodge, his daughter, Katherine Hodge Patterson, both of Danville, and his granddaughter, Katherine Holland Patterson (Holly) of Knoxville, Tennessee, his sister Carol Hodge Hudgins and brother-in-law Barry Lee Hudgins, nephews Barry Lee Hudgins, II and wife Amber, Richard James Hudgins and wife Merrill and their children Rachel, Richard and Rebecca. He is also survived by his chocolate lab, Reese, rescued from a tornado in Appomattox, Virginia.

He was a Quality Assurance Engineer for Goodyear Danville and was Manager of the Chemical and Physical Testing Labs and the DOT Lab.

After his retirement from Goodyear, he became a full-time volunteer with God's Pit Crew and logged almost 25,000 volunteer hours before his illness. He traveled with God's Pit Crew to every major disaster across the United States and assisted with numerous site clean-ups, renovations and rebuilds. He was Treasurer of God's Pit Crew, a Director and then Director Emeritus.

He received numerous awards for his tireless efforts to serve our community as well as communities in multiple states. In 2017 his service was acknowledged by Resolution presented to him by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 2020 God's Pit Crew created a Hero Award for the volunteer most representing the qualities and commitment to the mission of God's Pit Crew and James was the first recipient.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to our dear family, friends, God's Pit Crew, David Henderson, the staff of Mountain Valley Hospice and countless others that have gone above and beyond to show James and our family so much love and been so supportive to James and us as we have tried to navigate this difficult illness.

A celebration of life will be held at God's Pit Crew, 132 Brentwood Drive, Danville, Virginia, on Thursday, March 28, 2024, with visitation from 12:30 to 1:45 and the service to begin at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to God's Pit Crew.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Hodge Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

God's Pit Crew
132 Brentwood Dr
Danville, VA 24540

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

God's Pit Crew
132 Brentwood Dr
Danville, VA 24540

Burial

MAR 28 (ET)

Highland Burial Park
1658 Piney Forest Road
Danville, Va

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. Patricia Edna Hodge-Stephens (NYC) lit a candle in memory of James Edward Hodge*



Ms. Patricia Edna Hodge-Stephens (NYC) - October 11, 2025 at 04:13 AM

HR

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of James Hodges. He will be missed by his family and friends, especially from the family of GPC. I too was a volunteer of GPC for 13 years. James was not only a hard worker in the warehouse but he was definitely compassionate of the work that was done by GPC there at the warehouse but also during Crisis Response alerts.*

He was kind of a quiet person but he took his job seriously. Nothing could keep James away from doing what he could do to help at GPC, even when his back was telling him to slow down he kept on working like nothing was hurting him.

I'm no longer with GPC, know going on 4 years do to health issues but I miss being part of GPC family. I leave you, family and friends, with a deep sorrow on the Homecoming of James. A good men, a men of God. a family man. RIP! Hope Rich

Hope Rich - March 30, 2024 at 04:18 PM

JW

“ James and my late husband David Watson, rode together for Gods Pit Crew, going to disasters, they work side by side and learned to love each other in the Lord. I Jennie Watson met James when he came to our home after David had heart surgery. He was one in a million, always serving others, one of Gods blessings to us all. Sorry for the lost I will be praying for the family.

Jennie Watson - March 26, 2024 at 08:27 PM

BF

“ Deepest sympathy to all the family during this time of loss. James was a goo, kind man, who had a heart for serving. May God cover the family at this time with comfort and peace! 🙏❤️

Bill & Linda Finch - March 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM

JB

“ Sure sorry to hear about the passing my friend James Hodge. Worked at goodyear with him and he was a fine gentleman. Always had a kind word for everyone..Prayers are with the family.

John Barker - March 26, 2024 at 05:14 PM

MM

“ James was a true servant leader. He gave of himself selflessly and led a life devoted to helping others when they needed it most. I consider myself privileged for having known him. We can all learn from the example he set. Rest Easy James, we will take it from here my friend. -Sheriff Mike Mondul

Mike Mondul - March 25, 2024 at 09:09 PM

RT

James Hodge was a good Christian man who loved and served God, loved, provided and protected his family and lived a life as a Servant. Always willing to lend a helping hand to someone in need. James I new you for several years along with your family. You were truly a trooper. We're gonna miss you but God knows the Bigger Life Plan. We love you James. Now you can rest in the arms of Jesus.

Ricky Tuck - March 25, 2024 at 11:28 PM

AW

A great Boss and FRIEND. Prayers are with the family. AJ and Betty Wade

AJ and Betty Wade - March 26, 2024 at 08:57 AM

BW

James was like a brother to me when I was going through a difficult time he was there my Daddy was dying with Multiple Myeloma James came every day to help me he truly had a servants heart. Today he is receiving his great reward with a new body. Love Betty

Betty Willis - March 26, 2024 at 09:20 AM

JW

James was a great mentor to me when I started working at Goodyear. He was a dedicated, trustworthy leader and impacted the lives of those with whom he worked. We send our condolences and sympathy to all the families. May God's peace and comfort sustain you during this time. Blessings, prayers and love. JoAnn and David Walter

JoAnn and David Walker - March 27, 2024 at 10:49 PM

JS

*“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Jackie Smith*



Jackie T Smith - March 25, 2024 at 08:51 PM

GS

James was a fearless encourager and recruiter from day one of my involvement in Volunteer work beginning since 2005 . He loved his family at home and the rest of us ' in spite of ourselves.'

gary stein - March 26, 2024 at 04:06 PM

NG

To the family, my deepest sympathy. The life he lived is the testimony to the man he was.

With love to you at the loss of this precious husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Norma Gray

Norma Gray - March 28, 2024 at 06:58 AM