



## James Ferguson

February 16, 1955 - November 30, 2021

James Minter Ferguson entered the gates of heaven on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, embraced in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born on Wednesday, February 16, 1955 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Allan Franklin and Jane (Scoggins) Ferguson. James is survived by his wife, Janine, sons Patrick and Devon, Mother, Jane Ferguson, Siblings Laura & Bryan Elmore, Ed & Paulette Ferguson, Andy & Cynthia Ferguson, along with multiple nephews, nieces, other family and friends.

James was a 1973 graduate of Holland Hall high school. He spent 2 years at the College of the Ozarks before joining the Armed Services. He served in Germany for 2 years and was a veteran of the United States Army, 326th ASA Company. He met Miss Janine Hamilton on Freewill '93 bike tour. They were married on August 19, 1995 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. James worked as a Broadcast Engineer for Trinity Broadcasting. He had a mind for and enjoyed all things pertaining to technology, especially sound production.

James' love for the Lord radiated to others and when opportunity arose, he would share God's love with whoever he encountered. He was a member of Church on the Move in Tulsa where he volunteered for numerous activities. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family and helping others.

While James will be deeply missed by those left behind, we rejoice in the

knowledge that we will see him again.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Tulsa Chapter Disabled American Veterans.

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# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
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## Visitation

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1660 South Elm Place  
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## **Celebration of Life**

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DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## **Graveside Service**

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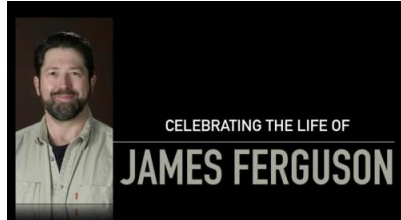
DEC 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of James Ferguson



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ James Ferguson

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 09, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ It was honor to work with James. He really knew his stuff! He was also very kind and helpful. A good Christian man who would do anything for you. If you spent anytime with James at all you would know that his family was everything to him. My prayers are with them during this very difficult time. James will be GREATLY missed! Until we meet again...

Ryan Mallory, KTBO - December 09, 2021 at 03:36 PM

ML

“ James was dedicated to service. Not long after taking over the CE position in Miami we encountered a major failure of our automation playout server. I contacted James while he was at the station and we started working on a fix. As the evening drew on, James said let me get home and I will call you back. He did just that and worked through the night to try to resolve the problem. His efforts were not isolated to that single selfless effort but was repeated many times without a single complaint and always with a calm reassuring demeanor. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts, prayers and gratitude to his family for sharing this amazing person with us all.

Mark Lewis - December 09, 2021 at 09:14 AM

DB

“ As a traveling consultant for TBN for the past 10-years I visited James at his worksite many times. He always was a pleasure to visit with and made me feel welcome. His interest in assisting and teaching his fellow engineers at TBN overcome technical challenges was legendary! Someone else will do James' job but his shoes will forever remain empty.

Dan Baldwin - December 09, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ James was a very good man, one of the most supportive and encouraging people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was a wonderful uncle to my sons. The best. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Renee' La Viness - December 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM

“ My big brother, James, was born February 16, 1955, the first child of our parents, Allan and Jane Ferguson. James’ amazing intellect, and curiosity were evident at an early age; an example was when around 3 years old, he poured sugar in a neighbor’s gas tank to see if the car could run on that.— no harm intended, but he learned the hard way it didn’t work! He was a voracious reader and absorbed the World Book encyclopaedia set. The 1960s space race was a source of fascination; he built intricate models and tried (unsuccessfully) to help me understand how it all worked.

James was incredibly artistic, winning multiple city art contests. Around age 12, he drew a three-dimensional building and when his amazed art teacher asked where he learned that skill, he replied, “I drew what I saw”.

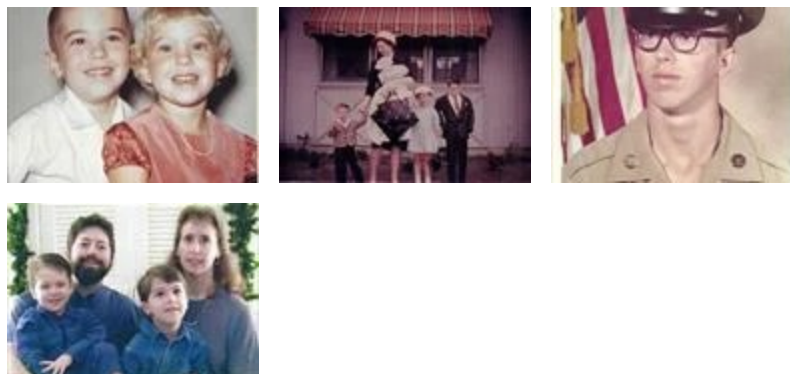
Dyslexic and hyperactive at a time it was not understood, James struggled in school. He entered Army Intelligence Agency and served in Germany for two years. (He scored the highest marks on the ASVAB test seen up to the time). After the military, he struggled to find the right job, and drifted for awhile. However, in his mid-30s he met Janine and it was immediately obvious that this relationship was the one!

They married and were thrilled to welcome Patrick and Devon in the next few years. James found a niche working in sound engineering and design as he worked with our Dad, Allan, in Ferguson & Associates, designing and installing church organ and sound systems, in addition to volunteering at churches. He later accepted a position as Sound Engineer at TBN and was widely recognized for his knowledge.

James and Janine had Christ at the center of their marriage and have been involved at Church on the Move for many years, serving in multiple capacities. Their home has been a welcome respite to anyone in need, whether for a day or a decade. James’ love for the Lord radiated to others; he had no greater joy than sharing God’s

*love with who ever he encountered.*

*While James' presence in this life will be deeply missed by all of us, it is with joyful celebration that we await the reunion we know will come in eternity. Until then, James, give our love to Dad, our grandparents, Chuck and other friends who were there to greet you.*



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**Laura Ferguson Elmore** - December 08, 2021 at 12:01 PM



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - December 07, 2021 at 03:46 PM



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - December 06, 2021 at 04:17 PM

CB

“ To the Ferguson family...



*Ever since I became the automated master control operator at WMCF-TV 45 in Montgomery, Alabama, James had become my "Ace in the hole" when it came to working on, debugging, and keeping that antiquated computer system running until the studio closed down in 2018. When I became the interim chief operator for the station in 2019, besides my chief Walt Howard, it was Steve Hastings, Gene Seibel, and James that kept me from pulling my hair out when it came to working on the transmitter cabinets. (And I'm bald!) When Craig Nelson asked me to assist James with bringing KDOR's records up-to-date to help him out, I readily agreed to work with him throughout. I truly had no idea that when I spoke with him over three weeks ago that it would be our last time communicating. I'm thankful that we both worked for a company where we both believe and truly know that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," and I know he's truly rejoicing around the throne of our Savior. I offer my personal prayers to you all for your strength, peace, and comfort during this time of transition. We're gonna miss you, James! They truly don't make men or engineers like him anymore...*

*Cedric Barnett*

*Assistant Chief Operator, WMCF-TV 45 (TBN), Montgomery, AL  
Administrative Assistant, KDOR-TV, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

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**Cedric Barnett** - December 03, 2021 at 01:45 PM

SH

“ I had been working with James at the transmitter forever ! He was one dedicated individual and a heck of an engineer. Unfortunately I would have to remind him that it was "Only TV" and not to drive out to the transmitter durring blizzards or tornadoes ! (which he did more than once). They don't make them like him anymore, which is a quality that mankind will surley miss.

Now that he has moved on to hangout with "The Big Guy In The Sky" I would like to ask if he would take another moment out of his day & say a prayer for me and all of us grieving his departure.

Amen.....till we meet again.

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**Steve Hastings** - December 03, 2021 at 12:44 PM

PR

“ To the Ferguson's Family,

James were one of the the nicest guy that I have ever met. On February of 2020 I was hired at TBN. James was so helpful to bring me up to speed. He also would call and just check in on me to make sure everything was okay. I contacted him every week for advice until management asked me not to. We connected the moment we spoke. I guess because of our background in the military. This man was a helper to his heart. We need more individual like him. I say to you be encourage , because will don't understand what God is doing, but we must remember "Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in morning." May the blessings of the Lord be upon you, I bless you in name of Lord!

Love,  
Pastor Rhodes

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**Pastor M. J. Rhodes** - December 03, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JF

“ James' technical expertise with the former TBN systems was a great help when I was first hired with DigitalGlue in 2015. There were many phone calls with James during that time. The word "Titan" brings back a lot of memories. He will be greatly missed.  
Rev 4:1-11

Johnnie Freyermuth  
DigitalGlue Broadcast and Support Engineer.

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Johnnie Freyermuth - December 03, 2021 at 11:38 AM

SP

“ Working with James for roughly 11 years , I found him to be a Man of great Faith who loved his God, his family and his country. James gave his all in everything he encountered in life. Loving, giving, intelligent and a Man's Man. We shared a Bond due to our Cold War Service in Germany, and I will miss him.

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Steven Patterson - December 03, 2021 at 09:52 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 01, 2021 at 05:48 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Ferguson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of James.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 30, 2021 at 06:12 PM

RJ

*To The Ferguson Family  
James had integrity in his heart far beyond a lot of friends in my life. Jessie and were family to him and he meant it always. We love you James rest in peace my friend.  
Rudolph Simms Jr. & Jessie A Simms*

Rudolph Simms Jr - December 04, 2021 at 12:01 AM



*James was always ready to help when an engineering challenge presented itself. Such an intelligent man with a servant's heart. Rest in the Peace of Christ, friend. You will be missed by many here!*

Tom Doerner - December 08, 2021 at 05:55 PM