



## James Lewis Bailey

June 20, 1961 - January 16, 2025

James Lewis Bailey, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away unexpectedly on January 16th. He died the way that he lived – selflessly and trying not to burden anyone. James gave more than he took to everyone, and he was generous to a fault. He was kind to every person he met, always knew their name, and taught his family the meaning of gentle kindness to all through the simple recognition of each person as an individual.

James was the cherished husband of Karen for twenty-four beautiful years. Together they built a life grounded in love, friendship, partnership, and mutual respect. They each believed wholeheartedly that God had sent each to the other to provide each of them exactly what they needed. James was not only a devoted partner but also a best friend and a source of strength and joy every single day. James and Karen started speaking the day they met when they finally broke the ice realizing they shared the same birthday, and there was not a single morning, afternoon, or evening when they had not spoken since that first day. His last words were checking to make sure Karen was ok.

Twenty-four years ago, James stepped into the difficult role of stepfather for Alexandria Lundberg and Samantha Bagwell, and just recently as Pop-Pops to Aurora and Dawson. After a late start he found the joy (and hardship) of parenting and adored his grandchildren. His last act was building a dojo so he could revisit his love of karate, samurai, and the life of the honorable warrior

with Aurora and Dawson. After years of life lessons held in quiet cars when the children were a captive audience, he ended it with one final lesson for Samantha in his last week – “Embrace every opportunity – the world is full of them for the taking, so don’t take a minute of it for granted. I want to see you as your journey takes you to amazing places and experiences.” His loved ones will continue to embrace every opportunity in his honor and know that he has a seat at the hand of God to enjoy every moment.

He renewed his relationship with his son James II, and took great joy in watching him embrace his potential in Nashville. His workshop is filled with welding and wood-working tools in his support of James II embracing his passions.

James found fulfillment in his work with his best friend, Bill Ferguson, and the infrastructure team at the bank that he loved. Those that knew him understood that nothing came between him and his obligation to get the job done. He also was passionate about flying and finding the best possible deal on every airplane and aircraft part he could buy. He recently renewed his passion for Japanese swords and the Samurai warrior. James would have been one of their finest and most honorable. He also loved renovating homes with his wife. They just completed their last project six months ago, and he declared that he had finally created the perfect home for their life and family.

He is preceded in death by his mother Flo, whom he adored, and whose name graces his Flora Bella home, his brother David Michael, and his son James II who also passed far too soon.

He is survived by his daughters, Alexandria Lundberg (Jonathan, Aurora, and Dawson), Samantha Bagwell (Connor Adams), Jennifer Evans (Fred, Maryanna, Autumn, and Katilyn) as well as his siblings, Carmen, Keith, Remona, and Rene. He leaves behind a legacy of love, caring, and an

indelible mark on every single person that met him.

A service to celebrate his life will be held on January 24th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home at 2707 Gallatin Pike in Nashville, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Nature Conservancy.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

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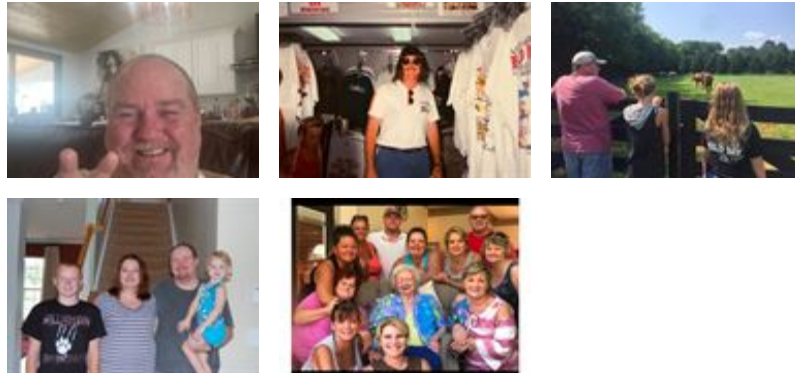
“ James was a good friend, co-worker, mentor, and a man who set a positive example for me and many others, he will be deeply missed. Our condolences to Karen and Family. God Bless. Love, Phil and Christina Alvarez



phil - January 27, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ 107 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - January 24, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MS

“ Michele Shepard purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



Michele Shepard - January 23, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MS

“ Michele Shepard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lewis Bailey.

Michele Shepard - January 23, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



January 23, 2025 at 01:19 PM

LM

“ I worked with James for over 20 years on the bank of America account. James was always a great guy we developed a great friendship over the years the news of his passing hit me hard, felt like a family member, wait he was to me. RIL my brother I will miss you. Karen stays strong God bless you and your family. Love LaMart Murdock

Lamart Murdock - January 22, 2025 at 02:28 PM

KK

“ Keith, Beth, Joshua, Ana, Jeremy, Kenzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lewis Bailey.

Keith, Beth, Joshua, Ana, Jeremy, Kenzie - January 22, 2025 at 02:05 PM

KK

“ Keith, Beth, Joshua, Ana, Jeremy, Kenzie purchased the Full Heart for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



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**Keith, Beth, Joshua, Ana, Jeremy, Kenzie** - January 22, 2025  
at 02:05 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to Karen and family! I worked with James on many occasions and will miss Speaking with and working with Him. He was always the consummate gentlemen. Rest in Peace James.

*Jeff Bucchin..*

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**Jeffrey Bucchin** - January 22, 2025 at 11:23 AM

RG

“ Rusty Wheeler and Jose Garcia purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



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**Rusty Wheeler and Jose Garcia** - January 22, 2025 at 11:07  
AM

DG

“ He will be missed good luck to you, family and friends.

*Edwin*

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**drs ing EHJ de Groot** - January 22, 2025 at 03:16 AM

VN

“ James Bailey was one of the finest gentlemen I’ve ever met. His deep love for his wife Karen and family, and his genuine and expansive generosity towards each and every life he touched (including mine) were beautifully and abundantly obvious. Rest in peace, James. And remind us in your unique ways how to live.

Vera Nicholas - January 21, 2025 at 11:44 PM

PN

“ RIP Sir, may God give strength to family



Parv Negi - January 21, 2025 at 04:13 PM

AK

“ Cody and I are sending our love to you, the girls and to the loved ones of James. When we talk about support and love of our partners, we are truly lucky to have those cherished ones by our side whether it's for 1 year or for 24 years. Hold onto the precious memories and the laughter. Sending you white healing light and love during this difficult time. Cody and I decided to plant a memorial tree in his honor, figuring James would approve and would speak to his nature based heart. 💙 🌲



Ashley Kelley - January 21, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lewis Bailey.

January 21, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DR

“ *Very sad to hear of James sudden passing. James was a great guy, and we all loved working with him and the BAIX team. He will be missed! My condolences to the Family.*  
*Daryl Redman*



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**Daryl Redman** - January 21, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Lewis Bailey.*



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January 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM

CW

“ *Christina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lewis Bailey.*

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**Christina W.** - January 21, 2025 at 07:51 AM

BP

“ *Bill & Rhonda Purtee purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Lewis Bailey.*



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**Bill & Rhonda Purtee** - January 21, 2025 at 02:57 AM

DN

“ I am so very sorry to hear of James passing. I had the honor of working with him here in NJ with Bill he was a treasure. He will be missed.

David Nye



David Nye - January 20, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



January 20, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lewis Bailey.

January 20, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Lewis Bailey.



January 20, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BA

“ *Barry, Michele, and Amelia Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lewis Bailey.*

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**Barry, Michele, and Amelia Adams** - January 20, 2025 at 01:26 PM

BA

“ *Barry, Michele, and Amelia Adams purchased the [Enchanted Cottage](#) for the family of James Lewis Bailey.*



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**Barry, Michele, and Amelia Adams** - January 20, 2025 at 01:26 PM