



## James Milton Crawford Sr.

March 6, 1950 - September 4, 2021

James was born Monday, March 6, 1950 in Hot Springs, Arkansas to Alfred “Shag” Melton Crawford and Flossie Josephine (Hood) Crawford. He went into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from his Mead residence.

James is a graduate of Hot Springs High School. He married Cheryl Darlene Petty on April 17, 1972 in Dallas, Texas. They would have celebrated their 50th Anniversary in April of 2022. They came to Bryan County in 1999 from Mustang, Oklahoma. James worked in the Construction field for many years as a Superintendent until his retirement. He also served as a pastor for several years and was involved with the Victory Life Brotherhood and Victory Life Church in Durant.

James enjoyed building things, playing computer games and Dominoes. His greatest joy was being with his family.

James was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Darlene Crawford of the Mead home; children, Cathy L. Shuemaker and husband, Ray, of Mead, Charles Crawford and wife, Sheila, of Magazine, Arkansas, James M. Crawford Jr. and wife, Kristin, of Durant, Oklahoma, and Carol Young of Mead, Oklahoma; siblings,

Linda Jackson and husband, Charles, of Antioch, Arkansas, Kenneth Crawford of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Kathy Sligh and husband, Barry, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and last but not least his fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, and many good friends.

Funeral services to celebrate James' life will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Sept. 5th, at Brown's Funeral Home Chapel in Durant. Honorary pallbearers will be William Shuemake, Anthony Shuemake, Matthew Shuemake, Tyler Shuemake, Ray Shuemake and Michael Merriman.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [brownsfs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brownsfs@sbcglobal.net).  
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/T7J3N5X48X2QYCRP>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Milton Crawford Sr.*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - September 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *James Milton Crawford Sr.*

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January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *My papa was such a sweet and dedicated man. God chose the right man to come home. I love you forever and always.*



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**Marissa Scroggins** - September 05, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ *Bro. James asked me to preach my first revival in Hayes, Louisiana and he also preached revivals for me at Pumpkin Bend, Ar. We loved and appreciated him and Darlene. Our prayers and thoughts are for and with your family. ❤️*

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**Leonard Hodges** - September 04, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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*I went to school with James from 1st Grade to Hot Springs High School Graduation in 1968. James was a talented musician and singer (I had ambitions but NO talent). We were not always in the same classroom as Rix Elementary was very progressive and had 2 separate classrooms 1-6. I entered the military in 68 right out of high school and found myself in lots really bad situations in which I should not have survived. I am truly amazed that James is gone and I am still here... would certainly have thought the reverse. May God reward all the mighty things James and his family represent. He was certainly a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him.*

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**Rick Montgomery** - December 25, 2021 at 07:03 PM