



## Mr. James Paul Gross

January 19, 1957 - January 2, 2025

James Paul (Jim) Gross was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at his home after a short battle with cancer.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Sherry Ridgeway Gross; his son, Kent Gross of Fackler; daughters, Tisha G. Milligan of Hollywood, Jessica Talkington (Ricky) of Scottsboro, Season McKelvey (Lee) of Fyffe and Chynna Gross of Virginia.

Grandchildren are: Kody Gross (Bethany), Bryce Milligan, Brody Talkington, Kade McKelvey, Brantlee McKelvey, Kaliann Talkington and Kole McKelvey; Sister, Denise G. Gothard of Scottsboro. Nieces: Morgan Gothard and Kami Gothard.

Born January 16, 1957 to Billy P. and Barbara Kent Gross, Jim was a lifelong resident of Scottsboro. A proud member of Scottsboro High School Class of 1975, Jim played basketball throughout junior high and high school. He was a member of Randall's Chapel Methodist Church. Jim's love of the Crimson Tide started at a very young age and continued through his lifetime.

Jim was a multi talented individual who was skilled in fixing most anything. Various manufacturing facilities throughout Scottsboro benefited from Jim's skills. One of his great loves: automobiles. One of his most recent projects was restoring a 1952 Chevy Fire truck which was previously owned by Bridgeport Fire Department. Jim enjoyed buying and selling of heavy equipment and automobiles. It was often said that Jim could sell a unicorn a horn.

His love of nature, Jim and Sherry were actively involved riding side by sides. Many friendships have been established with people who enjoy riding side by sides.

In mid December 2024 and in between chemo treatments Jim enjoyed a ride. After the ride he stated that he really needed that! Little did we realize that would be his last ride. Above all, Jim loved his family and it was with his family and friends that he wanted to spend his time. Jim had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed telling stories of events in his life that kept everyone entertained for hours on end. Jim's stories of the most mundane event was turned into a one man comedy routine because Jim wanted people to laugh. Jim asked that his funeral service be filled with people wearing bright colors (preferably Crimson) and laughter! Jim's ability to make and keep friends is unsurpassed. He accepted people just the way they were and would extend a helping hand whenever possible. Jim was respectful of people and his word was his bond. He said what he meant and meant was he said. Jim enjoyed all types of music from the long haired bands of the 70's to more recent artist with some southern country thrown in. His favorite musician was Michael McDonald. Jim and Sherry attended many concerts throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Children's Hospital of Birmingham in honor of Kole McKelvey, his grandson,

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
(256) 609-8166

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home  
1502 County Park Road  
Scottsboro, AL 35769  
(256) 574-3965  
scottsbороfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.scottsbороfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 4.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I hate that Jim has passed & I just found out about it today, 1/7/25, & I missed his funeral! Jim was such a nice guy as long as I knew him, since we were children! He always smiled when I would talk to him! I never heard him say a bad thing about anyone! He will be missed!

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**Lynne Flarity** - January 08, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ I remember when you said you're still the one

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**Terry Tyree** - January 06, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ You were a great dad to your real kids.

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**Terry Tyree** - January 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM



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**Terry Tyree** - January 06, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ Life will not be the same without you. Thanks for the memories ❤️

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**Terry Tyree** - January 06, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ Terry Tyree lit a candle in memory of James Gross



Terry Tyree - January 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM

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“ My heart is broken 💔

Terry Tyree - January 05, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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Terry Tyree - January 05, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ Terry Tyree sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gross



Terry Tyree - January 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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Terry Tyree - January 04, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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“ Terry Tyree lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Gross



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Terry Tyree - January 04, 2025 at 09:07 PM

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“ Terry Tyree sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Paul Gross



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Terry Tyree - January 04, 2025 at 08:57 PM

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“ *My heart is broken* 🥀

Terry Tyree - January 04, 2025 at 08:51 PM

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Terry Tyree - January 04, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Jim was a friend of my brother Ray Dolberry that were close friends they both came to pensacola, Florida to Pay me a visit anyway we went down to the beach. It was hot so Jim lay down. It fell asleep. Let's play a trick on Jim so we went and got a bottle of sun and died his hair blonde. He woke up blonde on the beach. we laughed laughed. We had so much fun. Now Jim and Ray or in heaven together, cutting up laughing and having a good time, I'm sure thanks for all the good times my friend . Tom!*

Tommy Dolberry - January 03, 2025 at 07:22 PM

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“ *THOMAS M GAMBLE lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Paul Gross*



THOMAS M GAMBLE - January 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM

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“ So blessed to have Jim and Sherry as neighbors. Jim was always busy with a project but happy to lend a hand if needed. His generous spirit and warm smile offered unconditional friendship. He was definitely greeted in heaven with “Well done good and faithful servant”. Rest in peace dear friend.

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**Bill & Susan Thompson** - January 03, 2025 at 01:33 PM

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“ Jim will be greatly missed.



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**Debbie Green** - January 03, 2025 at 12:57 PM