



James Earl Cheek

January 24, 1963 - December 18, 2024

James Earl Cheek, age 61, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. He was born January 24, 1963, in Morrilton, Arkansas, a son of William Cleo Cheek, Jr. and Mary Virginia Grant Cheek. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James “Jay” Earl Cheek, Jr.

He graduated from Morrilton Devil Dog in 1981, UCA in 1987, and was a business manager. James was a member and Ruling Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton and a member of the church choir. He was also a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon and the Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Cowart-Cheek of Morrilton; children, Anthony Grant Cheek of Morrilton, John Cheek (Madeline Beck) of Bryant, and Elizabeth Maegan Cheek (Blake Lastovica) of Little Rock; sister, Laura Cheek Larson (David) of Conway; brothers, William Cleo Cheek III of Conway and George Richard Cheek of Morrilton; grandson, Boston R. Cheek; mother-in-law, Diane Cowart; and several nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 23, at the First Presbyterian Church with Doctor Peg Falls-Corbitt, Pastor officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the Harris Chapel. Honorary pallbearers will be Kirk Netherton, Jon Chadek, Maury Sanchez, Todd Horton, Dustin Sturgeon, and Buck Joyner. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1830 Highway 113
Morrilton, AR 72110

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Memorial Service

DEC **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Morrilton First Presbyterian Church
105 W. Church Street
Morrilton, AR

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Michelle, so sorry to hear of James passing. Prayers for you and your family. CC Phillips

CC Phillips - January 16, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DB

“ Dasey Burdick lit a candle in memory of James Cheek



Dasey Burdick - January 03, 2025 at 04:43 PM

TM

“ I will always remember how James treated me every time we meet in school as we grow up together he was a true caring man back in that time in my life and as we met at Bobby Long life celebration it still shows how great friendship can carry own through out all these years may the Lord bless him as he is payed to rest in peace 🙏



Timothy McDaniel - December 23, 2024 at 10:19 AM

KB

“ We want to express our sorrow for you Michelle and your family and assure you of our prayers as you grieve for James. Ken and Debbie Barnes

Ken Barnes - December 23, 2024 at 09:45 AM

GW

“ Honored to say he was my friend. My condolences and prayers are with his family.

Gary Widner

Gary Widner - December 22, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CK

“ Our condolences to the Cheek family and friends as we share your sorrow. Minus and Charlotte Kindle

Charlotte Kindle - December 22, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DG

“ Dot and Daniel Kazik and Tony Giovannini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Earl Cheek.

Dot and Daniel Kazik and Tony Giovannini - December 22, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DG

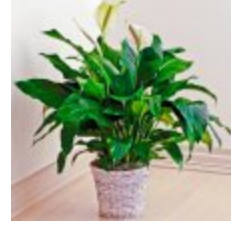
“ Dot and Daniel Kazik and Tony Giovannini purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of James Earl Cheek.



Dot and Daniel Kazik and Tony Giovannini - December 22, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ *The Lastovica family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of James Earl Cheek.*



The Lastovica family - December 21, 2024 at 11:27 AM

SL

“ *Big E as we called him in high school was one of my favorite people. The sweetest guy ever. I will hold on to those fond memories forever. What a loss for this world. My deepest condolences to all of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.*
Sherry (Trotter) Leece

sherry leece - December 20, 2024 at 09:47 PM

LG

“ *Richard I'm so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. May God give you and family strength during this time.*

Laura George - December 20, 2024 at 05:33 PM

NJ

“ *James was a wonderful man! He had a heart of gold. I'm so blessed I got to spend time with him this past year. He always knew how to make you laugh. It's so sad that a man so great is gone from us. He treated everyone so good, even those that didn't treat him so well, he still smiled and waved. We need more people like him in this world. My condolences to the family. I know he loved them all very much! He will be missed by so many. RIL James Cheek*

Nicole Jones - December 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

DH

W I knew and came good friends with James .. aka “ Cherjs “ at UCA ,, as some know UCA becomes a ghost town o holidays and wekends but some of us had to stay and either study (people wuyb real majors) or work (I had to Work at Pizza Hut ;) or families were ti far way (Montana / Wyoming) so we crated our own little family of “ misfits” as we called ourselves ;) who just got together at “Webber’s duplex ;) yi hf g out tell stories laugh (a lot of laughing) watch movies , play genes ;) anything that was free/ fun ! We had a LOT of laughs and fun ! , we would occasionally go to Morriltonto go to Yestetdy’s cause it was cheap and had species ;) Evfn and I a snow storm once inmy old cxr that broke ditn held way there ;(but it stared bag up , so we just jhpt going ;)) , why we cfne out of Yesterdsy’ the snow hsd piled up so Cheks snd others just pushed us up thr incline to hrt out ;) although. I hgcmt seen hi much since college iskeyd ci dusted hk A good friend and “ misfit @ Gamily ;) hr was anything but a misfit I real life ;) biggest hart ever !! I sure would like to have one more big ol Cherks bear hug !

Donna Noesser Hoover - December 22, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James Earl Cheek.



December 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM

RT

“ So sorry to hear of James.was surprised to hear it.here at Christmas is so hard.sorry for your your loss Anthony and family.you are in our prayers.Jesus has you I promise with love.RhondaTanner,Shaun Rhoades,and Kirstin Show



Rhonda Tanner - December 20, 2024 at 12:16 PM



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

December 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice* was purchased for the family of James Earl Cheek.



December 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of James Earl Cheek.



December 20, 2024 at 09:49 AM



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

December 20, 2024 at 09:49 AM

JA

“ James was the kind of person everyone wants to be, always so kind, giving, and honest. I am blessed I had the pleasure of getting to call James my mentor and friend. Life won't be the same without you, I'm glad I have some great memories to look back on. You will forever be missed and remembered 💕💕



Jasmine - December 20, 2024 at 08:46 AM

RZ

“ So sorry to the family for your loss. I have known the cheek family for many years. He was a kind hearted soul. RIP My longtime friend.

Richard W. Zachary - December 20, 2024 at 01:16 AM

TD

“ So sorry to see this. James and I were high school classmates. A wonderful person with a great spirit. Family you are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏.

Tyronne Davis - December 19, 2024 at 10:52 PM