



James Alan Craig

March 5, 1958 - October 29, 2025

James Alan Craig, Sr, of Fort Payne, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at the age of 67 after an unexpected illness and discovery of cancer.

A retired Captain of the City of Fort Payne Fire Department, James dedicated 26 years of his life to public service, bravely answering the call when others ran away.

During his career, James, best known as Possum, was known for his dedication, compassion, sense of humor, and laugh that could bring a smile under the most challenging circumstances. James was a mentor to a vast number of young firefighters, and his commitment to excellence left an unforgettable mark on all who had the privilege to work with him.

He also had a deep love for fishing, motorcycle riding, and Crimson Tide football. Above all, James was a compassionate, loving person who never met a stranger, had a bigger than life laugh, and deeply loved his family.

Funeral services will be 2:00pm, Sunday, November 2nd, at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brian Harris officiating. Burial will follow in the Fischer Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 12:00 noon until the 2:00pm hour of service at the funeral home.

James is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vickie; three children, James Allan Craig Jr. (Melissa), Joey (Jenny) Gravitt, and Bridget (Chris) Graham; grandchildren, Joshua (Adrean) Gravitt, Keelyn Graham, Jayla (Peyton) Smith, Anabel Craig, Connor Motes, Aidan Motes, and Brookston Graham; great-grandchildren, Jay Karter Van Gravitt, Azzie Kate Smith, and Rollins Tate Gravitt; brother, Tim (Sherry) Craig; and sister, Debra Ann King.

He is preceded in death by his father, James H. Craig; mother, Jessie Mae Craig; daughter, Brooke Craig Motes; and brother-in-law, Richard King.

Cemetery Details

Fischer Cemetery

1321 Fischer Road NE
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (cst)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry for your loss, Vicky. We thought the world of James and loved him dearly. Lane and Joanna Killian

Joanna Killian - November 02, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Alan Craig.



November 02, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of James Alan Craig



Cheryl Little - November 01, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Alan Craig.



November 01, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ The Chatfields planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alan Craig.

The Chatfields - November 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James Alan Craig.



November 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM

RP

“ One of the best and only true friend ever. Love you brother. Ricky Phillips

Ricky Phillips - October 31, 2025 at 08:09 PM

UB

“ Uncle Jim and Lori Bailey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Alan Craig.



Uncle Jim and Lori Bailey - October 31, 2025 at 04:12 PM

VA

“ Vulcraft Alabama purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Alan Craig.



Vulcraft Alabama - October 31, 2025 at 09:48 AM

SA

“ Sincerely, Jerry & Kim Arias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alan Craig.

Sincerely, Jerry & Kim Arias - October 31, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Alan Craig.



October 31, 2025 at 09:16 AM

RC

“ Vickie, so sorry for your loss. I will pray for peace and comfort over you and your family. Love you sweet lady and may your next few days be filled with wonderful stories of your James. Take care 🌹

Rita Clinton - October 31, 2025 at 08:37 AM

JB

“ Vickie, so sorry to hear about the loss of your family and my friend/brother. You know I really loved being around him, you and your family. We have too many shared memories to mention but none to regret. Joe Blackwell

Joe Blackwell - October 30, 2025 at 09:01 PM